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Curriculum Vitae
Western Theological Seminary
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EDUCATION

Th.D. Theology and Ethics, Duke University, Durham, NC. 2022.
M.Div. Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. 2016.
B.A. Theology, Minors in Philosophy and Chemistry, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL. 2012.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Interim Director of the Hispanic Ministry Program, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA 2023 – Present.
Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA 2022 – Present.
Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University, Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina, USA, Jan. 2022 – July 2022.
Advisor, Presbyterian/Reformed House of Studies, Duke University, Divinity School, North Carolina, USA, 2021 – 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

J. Todd Billings, Suzanne McDonald, and Alberto La Rosa Rojas, ed. *Generously Reformed: Rooted Deep, Reaching Wide* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic Press) Forthcoming.

Book Chapters

“A Migrant at the Lord’s Table: A Reformed Theology of Home” in *Reformed Public Theology: A Global Vision for the Life of the World*, ed. Matthew Kaemingk (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2021).
“The God Who Elects Leaving” in *Before the Face of God: Essays in Honor of Tom Boogaart* (Grand Rapids: Historical Series of the RCA, May 2019).

Book Reviews and Other Writings

Tisha M. Rajendra, *Migrants and Citizens: Justice and Responsibility in the Ethics of Immigration* in *In All Things*, August 9, 2018, Available URL: <https://inallthings.org/telling-truthful-narratives-a-review-of-migrants-and-citizens/?highlight=rajendra>.
Matthew Kaemingk, *Christian Hospitality and Muslim Immigration in an Age of Fear*, in *Perspective: A Journal in Reformed Thought* 33, no. 4 (2018): 21-24.
Robert W. Heimbürger, *God and the Illegal Alien: United States Immigration Law and a Theology of Politics* in *Reading Religion*, May 23, 2018, Available URL: <http://readingreligion.org/9781107176621/>.

Judy Chan, *No Strangers Here: Christian Hospitality and Refugee Ministry in Twenty-First-Century Hong Kong* in *Reading Religion*, May 23, 2018, Available URL: <http://readingreligion.org/9781532604157/>.

Matthew Kaemingk, *Christian Hospitality and Muslim Immigration in an Age of Fear* in *Reading Religion*, May 23, 2018, Available URL: <http://readingreligion.org/9780802874580/>.

M. Daniel Carroll R. & Leopoldo A. Sanchez M., Ed., *Immigrant Neighbors Among Us: Immigration Across Theological Traditions*, in *In All Things*, March 6, 2018, Available URL: <https://inallthings.org/immigrant-neighbors-among-us-review/>.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020 - 2021 HTI/Lilly Dissertation Fellowship, Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton, NJ
2020 - 2021 Religions & Public Life Graduate Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
2020 - 2021 Golieb Fellowship in Interfaith Education & Engagement, Duke University
2019 - 2020 Graduate Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
2016 - 2021 Th.D. Doctoral Fellowship, Duke Divinity School
2014 Systematic Theology Award, Western Theological Seminary
2014 Hebrew Reading & Exegesis Award, Western Theological Seminary
2012 Lincoln Laureate, Trinity Christianity College

INVITED TALKS

“Reconciling Migration and the Longing for Home” Break-out session at the Summer Institute for Reconciliation, Duke Divinity School, May 11-13, 2022.
“Reformed Public Theology and the Global Church: Challenges and Opportunities” Panelist with Ruth Padilla DeBorst and Agnes Chiu, hosted by Dr. Matthew Kaemingk, Kuyper Conference, Calvin University and Seminary, April 5-7, 2022.
“Christ and the Immigrant’s Body at the Lord’s Supper: Toward a Theology of Migration and Place,” Hope College -Western Theological Seminary Theology Seminar, Hope College, Holland, MI, March 8, 2019.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“Migration, the Longing for Home, & the Christian Life,” A Public Lecture at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. April 7, 2022.
“Religion, Migration, and the Longing for Home,” Religions and Public Life Graduate Fellowship Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, May 6, 2021.
“Placemaking and the Preferential Option for the Displaced,” Society of Christian Ethics, Washington DC, January 5, 2021.
“Participation in the Indwelling God: Toward a Theology of Home,” American Academy of Religion, online, December 9, 2020.
“Toward an Ethics of Migration and Home: A Christian Response,” Kenan Graduate Fellows in Ethics Research Workshop. Duke University, Durham, NC April 27, 2020.
“The Migrant’s Longing for Home: Toward a Reformed Theology of Home,” Theology and Ethics Colloquium, Duke University, April 3, 2020.

“Calvin, Eucharist, and Migration,” Theo-Ted Talk Presbyterian/Reformed House of Studies, Duke University, November 11, 2019.

“Where is Jesus From? A Reflection on Karl Barth and Jon Sobrino’s Christologies and Immigration,” Karl Barth and the Future of Liberation Theology, 2018 Annual Karl Barth Conference at Princeton Theological Seminary, June 17-20, 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Western Theological Seminary – Independently Designed and Taught Courses (2022 – Present)

Teología de la Migración: Hacia una Respuesta Pastoral TH595 (Summer 2023)

Theologies of Migration and Home TH595- Distance Learning (Summer 2023)

Christian Life and Ethics TH440- In-Residence (Spring 2023)

Systematic Theology II TH311-Spanish/Distance Learning (Spring 2023)

Foundations of the Christian Life MN335-Spanish/Distance Learning (Fall 2022)

Duke Divinity School – Independently Designed and Taught Courses (2017 – 2022)

Fundamentos Teológicos para una Pastoral de la Migración, *co-taught with Marco Strona (Fall 2022)

Karl Barth and Reformed Theology (Spring 2022)

Una Introducción a la Ética Cristiana (Spring 2019)

Teología en la Iglesia Primitiva—Advanced Methodist Course of Study, Ahuachapán, El Salvador (2019)

Teología de los Sacramentos—Perú Theological Education Initiative, Chíncha, Perú (2017)

Duke Divinity School – Teaching Assistant (2017 – 2022)

Antropología Trinitaria (2022)

Doctrina Metodista (2021)

Intro to Christian Theology (2019, 2018, 2017)

Intro to Christian Ethics (2020, 2019, 2017)

Modern European Christianity (2018)

Theology of Karl Barth (2018)

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

Co-Convener Society of Christian Ethics Latino/a Working Group, 2023-24

Article Peer Reviewer for *Studies in Christian Ethics*

Th.M. Supervisor: Maria Triviño, Western Theological Seminary ’22, currently a PhD student in Religious Studies at University of Virginia.

Faculty Liaison for Justice and Reconciliation Cohort at Western Theological Seminary, 2022

Member of Application Committee, Fellowship of Protestant Ethics, 2020-2021.

Member of Planning Committee, Duke Graduate Conference in Theology (Cancelled due to Covid-19)
“Engaging Liberation and Reconciliation Through Latin America,” 2018-2019.

Co-convener of Theology and Ethics Colloquium, Duke Divinity School, 2018-2019.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member of Steering Committee for Iniciativa de las Américas para la Transformación y Reconciliación
Hispanic Theological Initiative Early Career Scholars

Member of the American Academy of Religion

Member of the Society of Christian Ethics

Member of the Fellowship of Protestant Ethics

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native reading, writing and speaking ability, translation experience)

French (Basic Reading)

Biblical Hebrew (Basic Reading)

Koine Greek (Basic Reading)

POPULAR WRITING AND SPEAKING

Interview on Pastor-Theologian Lunch, Western Theological Seminary, September 20, 2022.

Interview on “John and the Big Wall” in Veggie Takes Podcast, July 26, 2022.

<https://anchor.fm/veggietakes/episodes/Josh-and-the-Big-Wall-with-Alberto-La-Rosa-Rojas-e1lj17h>.

Interview on “Theology of Immigration” in The Luxcast, Western Theological Seminary, May 2019.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z10UI2Cjzgo>.

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Licensed Candidate of Reformed Church in America, Holland Classis (Holland, MI)

Preaching

Western Theological Seminary, Chapel (March 2023).

Western Theological Seminary, Chapel (September 2022).

Teaching

Second Reformed Church, Zeeland, MI, “Migration, Home, and the Christian Life, March 19, 2023.

Intersection Ministries, Holland, MI, “Food and Faith,” Feb. 4, 2023.

Third Reformed Church, Holland, MI, “A Migrant at the Lord’s Table,” January 22, 2023.

Hillsborough, Presbyterian Church, Hillsborough, NC, “Immigration and the Bible”, March 1,8,15, 2020.

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC “Immigration,” April 14, 2019

Other Service

Juneteenth Service of Prayer, Goodson Chapel, June 17, 2002

Gave a talk for the *No Longer Strangers Prayer Service for Immigration*, Goodson Chapel at Duke Divinity School, February 2022.

Employment

Pastoral Intern, Second Reformed Church, Zeeland MI. May 2014-December 2015

Interim Youth Director, Pillar Church, Holland MI, January 2013- May 2013

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request