

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2003	Ph.D.	Catholic University of America	Washington, DC
		Religious Studies with Anthropology and Latina/o Studies	
1992	M.A.	Boston College	Boston, MA
		Hispanic Pastoral Ministry	
1978	B.A.	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS
		Secondary Education	

Areas of Specialization:

Chicana/o Studies, Latina/os in United States, Immigration, Race and Ethnic Studies, Religious Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and Gender Studies.

Professional Experience:

2006-current	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri-Kansas City
2002-2006	Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Benedictine College

Academic Association Memberships:

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
Secretary of *La Communida* of Latina/o Religious Studies Scholars, 2012-2013
American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS)
Secretary 2003-2004
Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)

Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambios Social (MALCS is an interdisciplinary society of Latinas/Chicanas and Native American women in the academy and who work for social change in society.)
Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

Honors:

Manuela Trevino Alanis Professorship, 6/17/2007-7/1/2007
Hispanic Summer Program, Duke University.

Research:

Book

The Paradox of Latina Religious Leadership in the Catholic Church: Las Guadalupanas of Kansas City, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“The Virgin’s Daughters,” *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture*, Spring 2009, Volume 44, No. 2, 100-112.

“Who is Our Lady of Guadalupe? Guadalupana Testimonios” *Perspectivas* Published by The Hispanic Theological Initiative (Fall 2009): 50-68.

“Renewal of Authority of Mount St. Scholastica: 1966-1976” *American Benedictine Review*, (accepted with revisions, pending).

Essays in peer reviewed edited books:

“A Latina *Testimonio*: Challenges as an Academic, Issues of Difference, and a Call for Solidarity with White Female Academics.” In *Unlikely Allies: Women of Color and White Women in the Academy*, ed. Karen Dace. New York: Routledge, 2012.

“What Makes Cross-Race Alliances Unlikely.” In *Unlikely Allies: Women of Color and White Women in the Academy*, ed. Karen Dace. New York: Routledge, 2012. Co-authored article.

“*La Quinceañera*: Traditioning and the Social Construction of the Mexican American Female.” In *Futuring Our Past*, ed. Orlando Espín and Gary Macy. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006.

Encyclopedia Article:

“Catholic Sex Abuse Scandal and Cover-up,” In *Religion and American Cultures*, ed. Luis Leon and Gary Lademan. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming.

“*Latina Feminism*.” In *Hispanic American Religious Cultures*, Vol. II, ed. Miguel De La Torre. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2009.

“Our Lady of Guadalupe.” In *The Global Dictionary of Theology*, ed. William Dyrness, Veli-Matt Kärkkäinen, Simon Chan, Nzash Lumeya, and Juan Francisco Martinez. Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 2009.

“Posadas.” (Latino Christmas Novena). *The New Catholic Encyclopedia*. Farmington Hill, MI: The Catholic University, 2003.

Book Reviews:

Kristy Nabhan-Warren. *The Virgin of El Barrio: Marian Apparitions, Catholic Evangelizing and Mexican American Activism*. *Theological Studies*, 67: 4 (December 2006): 912-914.

Timothy Matovina and Gary Riebe-Estrella, S.V.D., eds. *Horizons of the Sacred: Mexican American Traditions in U.S. Catholicism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2002. *The New Theology Review* 17:3 (August 2004): 87-88.

Peter Casarella and Raúl Gómez, S.D.S., eds. *El Cuerpo de Cristo: The Hispanic Presence in the United States Catholic Church*. New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 1998. *The Living Light* 36: 4 (Summer 2000): 81-83.

Alejandro García-Rivera. *The Community of the Beautiful: A Theological Aesthetics*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1999. *Modern Theology* (Spring 2000).

Christian Parker. *Popular Religion and Modernization in Latin America: A Different Logic*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996. *Benedictines* LII: 1 (Summer 1999): 47.

Reviewed and under revision:

Journal Submissions:

“The Formation of the Kansas City *Mexicano* Community and It’s Leadership, 1910-2010,” *Journal of Urban History*.

Grants

2012 UMKC On-line Teaching Grant 2012 \$2,500

2012 UMKC Diversity Infusion Grant \$1,000

2011-2012 FACET UMKC Teaching Grant \$1,000

2008-2010 Wabash Center Latino/a Religion Teaching Grant \$3,000

2008-2009 New Faculty Teaching Grant, University of Missouri system

2008-2009 UMKC Women and Gender Studies Grant \$1,000

2008-2009 UMKC Faculty Research Grant Summer \$4,000

2001-2002 The Hispanic Theological Initiative Dissertation Award, Pew Foundation, \$16,000

2000-2001 The Hispanic Theological Initiative Special Mentoring Award, Pew Foundation, \$5,000

1999-2000 The Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Award, Pew Foundation, \$13,000

1999-2000 Social Science Research Training Fellowship, Office of Research for Religion in Society & Culture at City University of New York, \$1,000

Professional Papers and Lectures

2012-2007

2012 “Latina Catholic Spirituality: Liberation or Repression?” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012.

2012 “Chicano/Latino Studies Programs in the Midwest,” National Association for Chicana Chicano Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, March 17, 2012. Panel chair and presenter, “The History and Context of Latina Latino Studies at University of Missouri - Kansas City.”

2012 “Bloom’s Taxonomy & Working with Technology: Internships and Service Learning,” National Conference of Black Studies, Atlanta, GA, March 9, 2012. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. Paper presentation on initial findings of FaCET research grant project.

2011“Latino/as in Kansas City: Rethinking Leadership and Research in Immigration Advocacy,” MALCS Institute, California State, Los Angeles, CA, August 6, 2011. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. This paper adds to previous research with focus on a local young Latina Dream Act leader who helped mobilize a national civil disobedience action.

2010“Latino/as in Kansas City, MO: Rethinking Leadership and Research in Immigration Advocacy,” National Meeting of The Society for Applied Anthropology, March 26,

2010, Merida Mexico. Invited to present paper. Paper is on the development of young Latina Leaders based on ethnographic research conducted in Kansas City.

2009“Latino/as in Kansas City, MO: Building New Strategies for Leadership in the 21st Century,” National Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Dec. 3, 2009, Philadelphia, N.J. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. Paper is based on ethnographic research on Latina leaders (3 older women).

2008 “Latina Activists: Intersections of Gender, Religion, and Politics.” National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2008, Chicago. My paper proposal was reviewed before acceptance. Paper based on research on a local Latina leader in the Catholic Church.

2008 “Love the Immigrant as Yourself,” The Sister Wilma Lyle Lecture, Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, Invited Lecture.

2008 “Futuring Our Past by Remembering Our Roots,” with Jean Pierre Ruiz. Annual Meeting of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, Miami, June 2008. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. Presentation based on interviews of founding members of the organization.

2007 “Latina Leaders in the Catholic Church: Creating Religious Identity and Meaning in Context of Homophobia.” National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2007, San Diego. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. Paper presented preliminary findings of ethnographic research on a gay Latina leader in the Catholic Church.

2007 “The Guadalupanas and the Bishop: A Case of Subversive Agency.” Catholic Theological Society of American, June 2007, Los Angeles. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. Paper presentation on the Kansas City Latinas’ leadership and how they prevented the Bishop from closing their church.

1999-2003

2003 “Using Experience and Narrative: Toward the Development of a Theology of Our Lady of Guadalupe.” Annual Meeting of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, June 2003, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. Respondent: Dr. Terrance Tilley, University of Dayton. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance.

2002 “Voices from the Margin: Toward a Theology of Reconciliation.” Catholic Theological Society of American: June 2002, New Orleans, Louisiana. Respondent: Dr. Shawn Copeland, Boston College. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance. A dialogue among African American and Latino theologians on reconciliation.

1999 “Understanding the Historical and Theological Bases of the Guadalupanas.” National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 1999, Boston, MA. Paper proposal reviewed before acceptance.

Courses taught at the University of Missouri - Kansas City:

Sociology and Anthropology Courses:

Soc 332 Race and Ethnic Relations (87 students completed public sociology projects, 2012, 2013)

Soc 336 Society, Community, & Service: An Internship Course (28 students completed internships, 2011-2013)

Soc/Anthro 348 & Black Studies 480 Latin American Immigrants and Refugees (27 students completed service learning projects, 2006-2012)

Soc/Anthro 331/5580 Urban Anthropology (38 students completed service learning projects, 2011)

Soc 303 Critical Issues in Women and Gender Studies, cluster course, team taught

Soc 300/5500 Society, Sexuality, & Religion

Soc/Anthro103 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Religious Studies Courses (some were cross-listed with Soc/Anthro)

Rel St 492/5593 Soc 300 Sex and Religion

Rel St 404/5504 Soc/Anthro 300 Soc 5580 Gender and Religion

Rel St 400/500 Soc/Anthro 300 Religion and Politics, team taught

Rel St 584 Sacred Texts and Narratives (graduate student course)

Rel St 440/5567 Myth and Ritual

Rel St 494/5594 Death and the History of Religion, team taught

Dissertation:

Current:

Alex Binder, Doctoral Committee Member, 2012-current

Davina Gabriel, Doctoral Committee Member, 2012-current

Erika Marksbury, Doctoral Committee Member, 2011-current

Deborah Taylor, Doctoral and Dissertation Committee Member, 2010- 2012 chair

Hansi Tries, Dissertation Committee Member, 2010-current

Marsha Perkins, Dissertation Committee Member, 2007-current

Completed:

Michelle Abualkhair, Doctoral and Dissertation Committee Member, 2010-2013
Ken Mulliken, Dissertation. Committee Member, January 2010-2011
Jeremy O'Connor, Dissertation Committee Member, September 2009-2010
Cristie Barron, Dissertation Committee Member, 2007-2009
David Harris, Dissertation Committee Member, 2007-2008

Masters Thesis:

Asia Orr, Member, 2012-current
Andres Lopez, Chair, 2010-2012

Service:

Professional

National

2011-2013 Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton, N.J.
Mentor for PhD student at Claremont School of Theology

City

2010 Anchor of Hope Project, Kansas City. Consultant for this collaboration with Mayor's Office and three non-profit agencies: United Inner City Services, Operation Breakthrough, and Guadalupe Centers, Inc., August-December 2010. Consultant with grant application and implementation of services.

University

2007-2012 Presenter and assisted in student recruitment at the annual Hispanic Youth Days on UMKC campus, 2007-2012.

2008-2013 Agapito Mendoza Scholarship Breakfast for Latino/a Students, Planning Committee for UMKC; first three years I made the request for donations during the breakfast program.

2008-2013 Cesar Chavez Lecture, Planning Committee for UMKC.

Department

2006-2012 Development of community engaged learning projects: service learning projects (62 students), public sociology projects (28 students), and internships (19 students).

2011, 2013 Planned and hosted the Annual Sociology Department Graduate Student Conference March 4, 2011 and March, 2013.

Community:

Guadalupe Educational System, School Board, member. 2013-current.

Guadalupe Center Inc., which is a non-profit agency that service the greater Kansas City Latino/a population. I have served on this board for the past six years, 2007-2013.