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TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 *Adjunct Faculty* (Fall term), Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas
2020 *Instructor* (Summer term), The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
2018 *Adjunct Faculty* (Spring term), Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas
2017-18 *Teaching Assistant*, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
2015-16 *Online Adjunct Faculty*, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
 Concentration: Native American & Indigenous Studies; Mesoamerican Studies
 Dissertation: *They Give the Sun to Drink: The Life and Labor of Aztec Ritual Specialists*
- 2018 M.A., Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
 Concentration: Native American & Indigenous Studies; Mesoamerican Studies
 Thesis: *The History of Christian Providence & Divination in the Codex Mexicanus*
- 2015 C.P.E., 4 Clinical Units, Parkland Health & Hospital System
- 2014 M.Div., *cum laude*, Southern Methodist University
- 2011 B.A., Religious Studies, Northwestern College in Iowa

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Mary O'Connor, *Mixtec Evangelicals: Globalization, Migration, and Religious Change in a Oaxacan Indigenous Group*, (Boulder: University of Colorado Press, 2016), in *Reading Religion*.
- 2018 Review of David Tavárez (ed.), *Words and Worlds Turned Around: Indigenous Christianities in Colonial Latin America*, (Boulder: University of Colorado Press, 2017), in *Reading Religion*.
- 2017 Review of Mark B. Wiebe, *On Evil, Providence, and Freedom: A New Reading of Molina*, (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2017), in *Reading Religion*.

- 2017 Review of Reinhold F. Glei and Nikolas Jaspert (eds.), *Locating Religions: Contact, Diversity, and Translocality*, (Boston: Brill Press, 2017), in *Reading Religion*.
- 2017 Review of Timothy Larsen, *The Slain God: Anthropologists & the Christian Faith*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), in *Journal of Religious & Theological Information*, Volume 16, Issue 2, 83-84.
- 2017 Review of Jaime Lara, *Birdman of Assisi: Art & the Apocalyptic in the Colonial Andes*, (Tempe: Arizona Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, 2016), in *Reading Religion*.

WORKS IN-PROGRESS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 “Teopixque or Priests: The Colonial Semantics of Mexica Ritual Specialists” in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (accepted and under review).
- 2020 “The Ritual Experts of Huey Tecuilhuitl in the Florentine Codex” in *Ethnohistory* (in progress).

Book Reviews

- 2020 Review of Amber Brian, Bradley Benton, Peter Villella, and Pablo García Loaeza (eds.), *History of the Chichimeca Nation: Don Fernando de Alva Ixtlilxochitl's Seventeenth-Century Chronicle of Ancient Mexico*, (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2019), in the *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (submitted and under review).

Conference Presentations

- 2021 “Temple and Household Networks: The Social Fabric of Ritual Healing in Late Postclassic Mexico” (presentation for the Conference of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Duke University and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Durham, North Carolina, November 4-8).
- 2021 “Ministers of Idols: The Colonial Semantics of Aztec Ritual Specialists” (presentation for the Conference on Faith and History, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, October 7-10).
- 2020 “Incense and Performance: Teaching Ritual Labor in the Nahua World” (presentation for the National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts, November 21-24, 2020).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2020 *University Graduate Continuing Fellowship*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2019 *Professional Development Award*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2019 *Graduate School Continuing Education Award*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2019 *Graduate School Fellowship*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 *Professional Development Award*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.

- 2018 *Research Travel Grant*, The Department of Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 *Professional Development Award*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017 *Graduate School Fellowship*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017 *Tinker Field Research Grant* (declined), Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017 *Professional Development Award*, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016 *Academic Travel Grant*, The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity & Religions, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.
- 2016 *Recruitment Excellence Fellowship*, The College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016 *Academic Travel Grant*, The Center for Evangelism & Missional Church Studies, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.
- 2014 *Albert C. Outler Award for Best Essay in Theology*, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.
- 2014 *Alfredo Nañez Award*, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.
- 2013 *Nancy Underwood Graduate Student Leadership & Achievement Award*, Student Senate, Southern Methodist University.

LANGUAGES

Spanish	(speaks, reads, and writes fluently)
English	(speaks, reads, and writes fluently)
Koinē Greek	(reads with dictionary)
Modern Nahuatl	(speaks, reads, and writes at intermediate level)
Classic Nahuatl	(reads with dictionary)
Modern Maya K'iche'	(speaks, reads, and writes at elementary level)
Classic Maya Hieroglyphs	(reads with dictionary)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “The *Cihuatlmacazque*: Gendered Ritual Offerings in the Nahua World” (presentation for the Southwest Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Dallas, Texas, February 29 – March 1).
- 2020 “Mesoamerican Directions in Colonial Context: Analyzing City, Symbol, and Space in the *Relaciones Geográficas* of New Spain and Guatemala” (workshop for the Mesoamerica Meetings, Austin, Texas, January 14-18).
- 2019 with Sarah Sweeney, “Building to Share: An Open Education Approach to Materials Development” (presentation for COLING Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, December 12-13).

- 2019 “Remembering the *Teopixque*: Caretaking the Sacred Spaces of the Nahua World,” (presentation for the National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 23-26).
- 2019 “Recording the Mesoamerican Past: Indigenous Religions in the *Relaciones Geográficas* of 1577-1585” (presentation for the National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 23-26).
- 2019 “Migration and Sacrifice: Stories of Creation in Colonial Mesoamerica” (presentation for the Southwest Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Dallas, Texas, March 8-10).
- 2019 “In the Time of their Gentility: Prehispanic Religion in the *Relaciones Geográficas* of New Spain and Guatemala, 1577-1585” (presentation for the Central Texas Colloquium on Religion, Austin, Texas, February 23).
- 2018 “Intersecting Religions: Mesoamerican Christianity in the *Codex Mexicanus*” (presentation for the National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 17-20).
- 2018 “Moteuczoma’s Throne: Cultural Memory & the Manipulation of Time” (presentation for the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, March 1-3).
- 2018 “Translating the New World: Images of Mesoamerica in Early Modern Europe” (presentation for the World Christianity & History of Religions Conference at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, January 18-20).
- 2017 “Visuals of Culture-Contact in the *Atzacualco Pictorial Catechism*” (presentation for the Religious Studies Department & the Graduate Committee for the Study of Religion at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, April 8).
- 2017 “What Christianization is Not: Colonial Mesoamerica as a Source in the Study Missionary Strategies” (presentation for the Southwest Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Irving, Texas, March 10-12).
- 2016 “Rituals with El *Señor Nāxxit*: K’iche’ Maya Interpretations of Biblical Narratives” (presentation for the American Society of Missiology, Saint Paul, Minnesota, June 16-18).

Guest Lectures / Invited Talks

- 2019 “Nahuatl Language Workshop” (workshop for the Central American Students Association at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, October 2).
- 2019 “The *reducción* of Indigenous Languages in New Spain” (guest lecture for Faith and Fighting in Colonial America at Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa, June 27).
- 2019 “Indigenous Origins and Settled Borders” (presentation for the Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas, January 3).
- 2018 “Baptizing Aztec Divination: Intersecting Religions in the *Codex Mexicanus*” (presentation for the Tertullia of the Mesoamerica Center, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, March 29).

- 2018 “El Códice Borgia” (Spanish-speaking presentation for the Art & Art History Department at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, February 15).
- 2017 “Reading the First Books” (panelist presentation for LLLILAS-Benson Latin American Studies and Collections at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, May 30).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019-20 *Graduate Research Assistant*
 2017-18 Project: “Open Access Language Curriculum of Huasteca Nahuatl”
<https://tlahtolli.coerll.utexas.edu/>
 LLILAS-Indigenous Languages Initiative
 The University of Texas at Austin
 Austin, Texas
- 2018 *Digital Scholarship & Special Collections Intern*
 Project: “Relaciones Geográficas of México & Guatemala, 1577-1585”
 LLILAS-Benson
 The University of Texas at Austin
 Austin, Texas
- 2017 *Senior Student Associate / Digital Technician*
 Project: “Gabriel García Márquez Papers 1930’s-2014”
 The Harry Ransom Center
 Austin, Texas
- 2015-16 *Assistant to the Editor*
 2011-13 *Apuntes: Theological Reflections from the Hispanic-Latino Context*
 Southern Methodist University
 Dallas, Texas

SERVICE

- 2019-pre. Southwest Regional Graduate Representative for the American Academy of Religion.
 2017-pre. Graduate Student Representative for the Religious Studies Department, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas.
- 2018-20 Tertulia Graduate Coordinator for the Mesoamerica Center at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas.
- 2018-19 Youth Sponsor for All Saint’s Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas.
- 2013-18 Donor for Workers Defense Project, Austin, Texas.
- 2017-18 Volunteer for UT Explore, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas.
- 2014-16 Chaplain for Parkland Health & Hospital System, Dallas, Texas.
- 2013-16 Youth Mentor for Fundación de Cristo Misión Metodista Unida, Dallas, Texas.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Ethnohistory
Latin American Studies Association

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