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Areas of Study

Scriptural Reasoning, Latin America, Islam, Indigenous cosmologies, interfaith dialogue, religious coexistence in medieval al-Andalus.

Education

Ph.D. in Theology, World Religions and World Church

Faculty of Theology, University of Notre Dame, United States

2015-

Master of Theology

Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, Finland

2011-2014

- Major: The Religious Roots of Europe (Judaism, Christianity and Islam in a comparative perspective).
- Thesis: *Dhimmitude* in al-Andalus. A historical and theological analysis of the *convivencia* (coexistence) among Jews, Christians, and Muslims in al-Andalus in the tenth-century, during the rule of 'Abd al-Rahman III. *Magna cum laude*.
- Minor: Intercultural Encounters
Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki, Finland

Bachelor in Theology

Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, Chile

2004-2007

Bachelor in Religious Sciences

Department of Theology, Catholic University of the North, Coquimbo, Chile

2001-2003

Primary and Secondary Education

Elena Bettini School, La Serena, Chile

1989-2000

Others

Classical Arabic

Intensive Summer Program

University of Bethlehem

July 2017

Common Good Initiative in the Holy Land

University of Notre Dame

Fall 2016

Conferences and Presentations

AAR- 2019 Interfaith Dialogue Unit

“Decolonizing Interfaith Dialogue in Latin America: Scriptural Reasoning in Chile”
San Diego, USA. November 23-26, 2019.

WRWC – Symposium: “Out of polarization, reconciled diversity: Pope Francis’s ‘big dream’ for world peace”

Response to “Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis’s Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church”
University of Notre Dame
South Bend, USA. November, 15 2019

“Seminario Internacional Ecclesia in America”

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Río de Janeiro
Río de Janeiro, Brazil. October 16-18, 2019.

Sixth Annual Conference for Early Career Scholars

Dynamics of Religious Interaction
“Doing Scriptural Reasoning in Chile: Challenges and Possibilities of the Interfaith Encounter”
University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England. June, 2019.

II Congreso Centro UC Estudios de la Religión

Diversidad de Creencias y de Sentido en una Sociedad Plural
“Diálogo Interreligioso en la Sociedad Plural Chilena: Una propuesta del Norte”
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Santiago de Chile, Chile. September, 2018.

II Congreso Internacional de Teólogas – Teologanda

Espacios de Paz. Signos de los Tiempos y Relatos de Mujeres
“Uso del Corán para justificar terrorismo: Un chileno como rostro de ISIS conduce al análisis del verso coránico 9:32”
Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina
Buenos Aires, Argentina. March, 2016.

Publications

Forthcoming, Seminario *Ecclesia in America*, Fall 2020 “Diálogo Interreligioso en el Sur: Razonamiento de la Escritura como una Propuesta Metodológica” English versión: “Interreligious Dialogue in the South: Scriptural Reasoning as a Proposed Methodology for the Dialogue”

Work Experience

University of Notre Dame

- Conference Translator, Romero Days

18-20 March 2018

- Coordinator Scriptural Reasoning Theology Department Fall 2017 - Present
- Guest lecturer in Preparation Class for Exchange Program in Chile Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Teaching Assistant in Images of God, Prof. Peter Casarella Spring 2017
- Teaching Assistant in Between God and the Party, Prof. Peter Casarella Fall 2016

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, Chile

July 2014- July 2015

- Lecturer of course “Paths of dialogue among Judaism, Christianity and Islam”
- Coordinator of one-year degree program in Religious Studies.
- Board member of Religious Studies Center

University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

October 2012

- Translator from Spanish to English in the conference “Art and Social Change in Latin America”.
- Moderator of dialog in the university event *Thinkcorner*, Art and Social development.

Professional Affiliations

- Kellogg Institute Ph.D. Affiliate 2015-Present
- Member of Observatorio para la Diversidad Religiosa y de las Culturas en America Latina y el Caribe 2014-Present
- Member of Chilean Theological Society (Sociedad Chilena de Teología) 2014-Present
- Board member of the Department of Ecumenism of the Archdiocese of Santiago 2014-2015
- Member of Santiago Spiritual Forum for Peace 2014-2015

Language Skills

Spanish	Native
Finnish	Good
Portuguese	Intermediate
Arabic	Basic