



1982-1983	Texas District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Austin, Texas Vicar (intern) in Mexico City, Mexico and San Antonio, Texas (Hispanic congregation)
1984-1999	Board for Mission Services/ Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod St. Louis, Missouri Missionary in Mexico
2000-present	Division for Global Mission Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Chicago, Illinois (On ELCA clergy roster since February 2000) Missionary in Mexico, originally assigned as Dean of Theological Community of Mexico

### **Teaching Activities**

1984-1994	Professor of the Lutheran Institute of Theology of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico. Taught and prepared courses for pastors and lay people in a wide variety of areas, including: Old and New Testament Introductions; Koiné Greek; Hermeneutics; Lutheran Confessions; Lutheran Doctrine; Mission and Ministry of the Church; Systematic Theology; Evangelism; Liturgy and Worship; Reformation history; History of the Christian Church; History of the Lutheran Church; Homiletics.
1996-present	Professor of the Theological Community of Mexico, a consortium of seminaries (Baptist, Lutheran, Anglican and Methodist). Coordinator of Diploma program in Biblical Studies, and of Diploma and Masters program in Biblical Sciences. Courses taught include: Systematic Theology I and II; Christology; Creation and Eschatology; Theologies of Redemption; Contemporary Theologies; Theology of Rudolf Bultmann; Theology of Jürgen Moltmann; Trinitarian Theology; Theology of the Old Testament; Theology of the New Testament; History of Israel; Pauline Epistles; Pauline Theology; Epistle to the Hebrews; Ephesians and Colossians; Johannine Theology; Theology of Matthew; Koiné Greek; Gospel of St. Luke; Gospel of St. Mark; The Cross in the New Testament; The Book of Acts; Epistle to the Galatians; ; Theologies of the Reformation; Theological Method; Theological Interpretation of Biblical Texts (this course also taught at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico).

- 1998-present Professor of Augsburg Lutheran Seminary (reopened in 1998 as member of the Theological Community of Mexico). Seminary Coordinator (fulfilling the responsibilities of a Seminary Director).  
Courses taught include: Lutheran Confessions; Lutheran Doctrine; Mission and Ministry in the Lutheran Church; Epistle to the Romans (especially Luther's commentary); History of the Lutheran Church (covered history of Lutheranism in Europe, Africa, Asia, North America, and especially Latin America and Mexico); Life and Thought of Martin Luther; Lutheran Liturgy; Liturgical Practice; Ministerial Orientation; Contextualizing the Reformation; Pedagogy of Paulo Freire.
- 2000-2004 Dean of Theological Community of Mexico (position embracing responsibilities of both Academic Dean and Dean of Students).
- 2010-present Coordinator of Online Course Program of Augsburg Lutheran Seminary. Courses prepared and taught: Introduction to the Bible; Martin Luther and the Reformation of the Church; Introduction to the New Testament; Introduction to Theology; Life and Thought of Martin Luther; Lutheran Confessions; Lutheran Doctrine; History of Lutheran Thought.

### **Other Activities**

- 1976-1977 Volunteer English teacher for Hispanics in inner city of Chicago  
Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois
- 1980-1982, 1983-1984 Seminary fieldwork at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Louis, an inner city African-American congregation; in 1982, participated in formation of Hispanic mission at the same church, working primarily with recent Cuban immigrants
- 1985-2009 Member, Lutheran Aid Committee  
Mexico City, Mexico  
(Originally formed to rebuild homes destroyed in 1985 earthquake; now supports diverse community development projects)
- 1986-1994 Board member of VIMAR (Vivienda para los Marginados, or Housing for the Marginalized),  
Mexico City  
(An organization dedicated to providing low-cost loans for people to work together in building their own homes in marginalized communities.)
- 1987-1997 Member of Ecumenical Council of Mexico City  
Mexico City, Mexico

1988-2006	Church Council member at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Mexico City. Positions: Social Ministry Committee chairperson; Worship Committee chairperson; Secretary.
1988-1990, 1996-1997, 2001-2006	Interim Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, working in both Spanish and English.
2007-2010	Music Coordinator at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1998-2001	Theological Coordinator for CODRI (Comunidad de Reflexión Interdisciplinaria, Community of Interdisciplinary Reflection), an ecumenical Christian student group dedicated to discussions relating theology to other disciplines in Mexico City, Mexico, affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation of Geneva, Switzerland.
2004-2008	Supervisor for ELCA interns in the Horizon Internship program serving for a year in Mexico.
2008	Presentation, "Seeing with Other Eyes: Mission for <i>our</i> Sake," ELCA Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Assembly
2013	Speaker, Cátedra Gonzalo Báez Camargo Theological Community of Mexico "Repensar a Dios: El evangelio para el siglo XXI" ("Rethinking God: The Gospel for the 21st Century")
2014	Speaker, "Festival of Renewal," ELCA Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod event
2019	Presentation, "Turning Privilege on Its Head: Some Reflections from the New Testament," at the ELCA and ELCIC Convocation of Teaching Theologians, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois
2019	Presentation, " <i>Gemeinde Transformata Semper Transformanda Evangelio</i> : Theological Education for What?," Luther Colloquy at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
2019	Paper, "The Roads Not Taken: Why Jesus Went Up to Jerusalem," presented to the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, San Diego, California
2021	Paper, "An Ever More Critical Dialogue: Table-talking with Paulo Freire on Education and Liberation," presented to the Martin Luther and Global Traditions Unit of the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas

2022

“Back to the Cross: Replanting a Gospel that Kills and Makes Alive,” Presentation for the annual Theological Conference of the La Crosse Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, October 16-19, Trego, Wisconsin

Participant in many other events, including: 1999 World Student Christian Fellowship Assembly in Beirut, Lebanon; 2001 Latin American mission consultation of LWF in Bogotá, Colombia (presenter); 2002/2004 ELCA Global Mission Events (presenter); 2004 Latino/Latin American Conference on Lutheran Identity in Mexico City; 2009 Lutheran World Federation Global Theological Convocation, Augsburg, Germany; other ELCA programs in Mexico City.

### **Publishing Activity**

1984-1994

Authored courses published by the Lutheran Synod of Mexico for its extension program. Several of these have been published by *Co-Extensión*, an inter-Lutheran publishing agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (member of Lutheran World Federation), for use throughout Latin America.

1985-1994

Editor of the Lutheran Synod of Mexico’s monthly periodical, *La Viña*.

1991

Composed liturgy and music appearing as “El Oficio Mayor I” (Worship Service I) in the Spanish hymnal *Cantad al Señor* published by CPH, St. Louis, Missouri. This liturgy is now used in many Lutheran Spanish-speaking churches throughout the U.S. and Latin America.

1996

Author of book for catechetical instruction in Spanish entitled: *Sígueme*. Published by CPH, St. Louis, Missouri.

1996

Translated from Slovak into English the autobiography of the first woman pastor in the Slovak Evangelical (Lutheran) Church, Rev. Darina Bancíková, telling of her persecution and imprisonment, titled *God Works in Mysterious Ways*, published in Slovakia in 1996.

1998-2002, 2010

Published a variety of articles in Spanish in *Oikodomein*, the theological journal of the Theological Community of Mexico, Mexico City, including “Por Qué Murió Jesús?: Una Mirada a la Historia” (“Why did Jesus die?: A Look at History”), Sept. 1998; “‘Volver la Mejilla’ como Acto de Libertad: Mt 5:38-42 en un Contexto de Opresión” (“‘Turning the Other Cheek’ as an Act of Freedom: Matt 5:38-42 in a Context of Oppression”), Nov. 1999; “La

- Antropología Teológica frente al Nuevo Siglo: Una Perspectiva Luterana” (“Theological Anthropology towards a New Century: A Lutheran Perspective”) Nov. 2002; “La Proclamación de Ley y Evangelio Hoy: Hacia un Paradigma Alternativo” (“The Proclamation of Lay and Gospel Today: Toward an Alternative Paradigm”), Dec. 2011.
- 2000-2002 Editor of the theological journal of the Theological Community of Mexico, *Oikodomein*.
- 2001 Article: “The Cross and the Curse: Galatians 3.13 and Paul’s Doctrine of Redemption” in *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 81 (March 2001), 3-32.
- 2001 Article: “Why was Jesus Crucified? Theology, History and the Story of Redemption,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 54, 4 (December 2001), 484-503.
- 2003 Article: “Libertad, letra y espíritu en la interpretación bíblica” (Freedom, the Letter and the Spirit in Biblical Interpretation), presentation given in July 2001 at a gathering of biblical scholars from Latin America and Europe at the Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Matanzas, Cuba, titled “Comunidades en crisis: Simposio bíblico sobre el concepto de crisis” (Communities in Crisis: Biblical Symposium on the Concept of Crisis), in book of the same name published by the Matanzas Seminary.
- 2003 Article: “Reacción,” in José David Rodríguez, *La Iglesia, Signo y Primicia del Reino: Reflexiones pastorales desde el Caribe y América Latina*, Voces de protesta 2 (Chicago: Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; Hispanic/Latino Ministry Program), 71-76.
- 2004 Article: “*Sola fide* and Luther’s ‘Analytic’ Understanding of Justification: A Fresh Look at Some Old Questions,” *Pro Ecclesia* 13, 1 (Winter 2004), 39-57.
- 2004 Book review of “La Señal del Templo, Jn 2, 13-22: Redefinición Cristológica de lo Sacro,” by Ricardo López Rosas, for *Review of Biblical Literature*
- 2005 Article: “Freedom, the ‘Letter’ and the ‘Spirit’: Interpreting Scripture with the ‘Mind of Christ’,” *Trinity Seminary Review* 26,1 (Winter/Spring 2005), 7-16.
- 2005 *The Letter and the Spirit: Discerning God’s Will in a Complex World*, Lutheran Voices Series (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press)
- 2006 *Paul on the Cross: Reconstructing the Apostle’s Story of Redemption* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press)

- 2006 Translated from English to Spanish: *Misión en Contexto: Transformación, reconciliación, empoderamiento. Una contribución de la FLM a la comprensión y la práctica de la misión (Mission in Context: Transformation, Reconciliation, Empowerment. An LWF Contribution to the Understanding and Practice of Mission*; Geneva: Lutheran World Federation)
- 2007 Article: "Did Paul get Luther right?," *Dialog* 46, 1 (Spring 2007), 24-30.
- 2007 Article: "Paul, Luther, and the Cross: In *Dialog* with Karl Donfried," *Dialog* 46, 2 (Summer 2007), 175-176.
- 2007 *Fortress Introduction to Salvation and the Cross* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press)
- 2009 "Sola Scriptura as a Liberating Principle: Reflections from the Global South," *Thinking It Over* 23 (Geneva: Lutheran World Federation)
- 2010 Article "Borders, Boundaries, and Blessing: Mission as Converting Hypocrites into Sinners," *Dialog* 49, 1 (Spring 2010), 34-44.
- 2010 Book review of "Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of this World for Crucifixion and Empire," by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker, for *Dialog* 49, 3 (Fall 2010), 249-252.
- 2010 Book review of "Finding the Historical Christ," by Paul Barnett, for *Trinity Seminary Review* 31, 2 (Summer/Fall 2010), 131.
- 2011 *Redeeming the Gospel: The Christian Faith Reconsidered* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press).
- 2011 Editorial: "On the Vital Role of Theology Today," *Dialog* 50, 3 (Fall 2011), 221-222.
- 2012 Article: "Can We Identify with the Good Samaritan? Jesus' Parable Can Tell Us a Lot about Poverty and Wealth," *The Lutheran* (July 2012).
- 2012 Editor, *Sources of Authority in the Church* (Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2012). Included "Introduction," 5-21.
- 2012 Book review of "Divine and Human Agency in Paul and his Cultural Environment," ed. John Barclay and Simon Gathercole, for *Trinity Seminary Review* 33 (Summer 2012), 54-55.
- 2013 Article: "Living Grace in the City," *Let's Talk* 18, 3 (Online publication of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA)

- 2013 Editorial: "Criminal Justice: A View from South of the Border," *Dialog* 52, 4 (Winter 2013), 285-290.
- 2015 Article: "*Sola Gratia* as Divine Attribute: Resurrecting the God of the Gospel," *Dialog* 54, 3 (Fall 2015), 269-279.
- 2016 Editorial: "The God of Luther and the Reformation," *Dialog* 55,3 (Fall 2016), 179-180
- 2017 "La Doctrina de la Justificación por la Fe en el Pensamiento de Martín Lutero," en: 500 Años de la Reforma Protestante (México City: Casa Unida de Publicaciones; Gabinete General, Iglesia Metodista de México, AR), 123-142.
- 2017 Published online "94 Theses" in both English and Spanish on Oct. 31 on website <http://94t.mx>. The site also includes a number of original articles.
- 2018 *Jesus' Death in New Testament Thought*, 2 volumes (Mexico City: Theological Community of Mexico).
- 2018 Editorial: "On the Eulogizing of the Rev. Dr. James H. Cone," *Dialog* 57,3 (Fall 2018), 155-161.
- 2019 Editorial: "Can We Stop Neutering God?," *Dialog* 58,2 (Summer 2019), 86-89.
- 2019 Article: "¿Por el bien de todos? El 'amor' en el fundamentalismo cristiano," *Oikodomein* 16/18, 29-46.
- 2020 Article: "*Gemeinde Transformata Semper Transformanda Evangelio*: Theological Education for What?," *Dialog* 59,2 (Summer 2020), 138-146.
- 2021 *The Parting of the Gods: Paul and the Redefinition of Judaism* (Mexico City: Theological Community of Mexico).
- 2021 Editorial: "Here We Stand?," *Dialog* 60,2 (Summer 2021), 112-116.
- 2022 "An Ever More Critical Dialogue: Table-talking with Paulo Freire on Education and Liberation," *Dialog* 61, 2 (Summer 2021), 140-147.
- 2022 Review of *Beyond Missio Dei: Contesting Mission, Rethinking Witness*, by Sarosh Koshy (Palgrave MacMillan, 2022), *Dialog* 61, 2 (Summer 2021), 140-147.

- 2023 Editorial: "Questions, questions," *Dialog* 62,1 (March 2023), 7-11.
- 2024 *A God Like No Other: Depaganizing the God of the Hebrew Bible* (Mexico City: Theological Community of Mexico).

### **Memberships and Councils**

American Academy of Religion  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Editorial Council of *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*,  
2011- present  
ELCA Association of Teaching Theologians  
Steering Committee, 2008-2014  
Chair of Steering Committee, 2011-2014

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