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**THE JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY UNIVERSITY CHAIR IN PUBLIC SERVICE
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE, RETIRED**

HIGHER EDUCATION

- 2000 Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
Dissertation: “A Study in U.S. Hispanic Theological Anthropology, 1972-1999”
- 1992 Master of Arts in Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

HONORARY DEGREES

- 2011 Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon
- Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida
- 2010 Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, Fordham University, New York, New York
- Doctor of Sacred Theology, Honoris Causa, Florida Center for Theological Studies, Miami, Florida

EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 Endowed Chair: John Courtney Murray University Chair in Public Service
Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois
- 2012-14 Endowed Chair: University Professor of Faith and Culture
University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
- 2009-2012 U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Rome, Italy
- 2004-2009 Professor, Department of Theology, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s
University, St. Joseph and Collegeville, Minnesota, Saint John’s School of
Theology Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota
- 2003-2004 Associate Professor, Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida
- 2001-2003 Academic Dean, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida

- 1998-2001 Assistant Professor in Systematic/Philosophical Theology, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida
- 1996-98 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
- 1995-96 Theology Instructor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

LANGUAGES

Reading ability: Greek, German, Latin

Fluency: English, Spanish, French, Italian

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member and former President of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS).

Member and former board official, Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)

Member of the American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Member, Karl Rahner Society

Senior Fellow on Religion and Peacebuilding and Board Member at the Alliance for Peacebuilding (AfP)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Books

Queer God de Amor, vol. 3 in *Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente* (Fordham University Press, 2022).

Edited Series and Books

Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente. Co-editor of the ongoing groundbreaking series in Latinx theology, Fordham University Press.

Rondine's Method: A Relational Approach to Conflict. Co-editor with Chip Hauss, forthcoming by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2022. An exploration of the Rondine Method that includes leading Italian and U.S. scholars in diplomacy and peacebuilding.

Teorías y Teologías Queer. Co-editor with Hugo Córdova Quero, forthcoming, by Departamento Ecuémico de Investigaciones (DEI), 2023. The manuscript will publish the contributions of Latinx and Latin American queer thinkers that came together in San José, Costa Rica, August 2-6, 2022. The volume will also include contributing chapters from three of our doctoral students.

All of Us. Co-editor, forthcoming Fortress Press, 2023. The manuscript will include the chapters of queer prominent voices of color who gathered at Loyola University of Chicago with the financial help of a \$30,000 grant from the Louisville Institute.

The Word Became Culture. Editor of volume 1, *Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente* (Orbis, 2021).

Recent Book Chapters and Articles

“Cuerificando el Deseo Natural de Dios,” in *Teorías y Teologías Queer, forthcoming by DEI, San José, Costa Rica, 2023*.

“*La Virgen of Sexiles: Mariconeando the Experience and Language of Grace*,” forthcoming in *All of Us*, forthcoming Fortress Press, 2023.

“On the Love of God and Our Enemies: Hospitality and The Rondine Method,” Introductory Chapter to *Rondine’s Method: A Relational Approach to Conflict*, forthcoming by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2022.

“Option for Life: Remembering the Body of Christ, Re-remembering Our Catholic Identity,” in *Faith and Reckoning after Trump*, ed/ Miguel A. De La Torre (Maryknoll, Orbis Books, 2021).

Introduction: “A Preferential Option for Culture,” in *The Word Became Culture in vol. 1 of Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente* (Orbis, 2020).

“The Word that Crosses: *Life-giving Encounters with the Markan Jesus and Guadalupe*,” in *The Word Became Culture*, vol. 1, *Disruptive Cartographers: Doing Theology Latinamente* (Orbis, 2020).

Loyola Law Journal, Vol. 50/1, Fall 2018, 50th Special Edition, Revised Conference Papers for the Spring 2018 Conference on the Question of Religious Freedom “Introduction to Essays from

“The Question of Religious Freedom: From John Courtney Murray, SJ and Vatican II to the Present.”

“An Unfinished Project: John Courtney Murray, Religious Freedom, and Unresolved Tensions in Contemporary American Society,” 1-25.

“Making America Inclusive Again,” *Spotlight*, <http://rsn.aarweb.org/spotlight-on/theo-ed/american-monotheisms/making-america-inclusive-again>, assessed September 3, 2018.

“Who is my Neighbor?: Catholics and the Trump Administration,” in Faith and Resistance in the Age of Trump. Ed. Miguel de La Torre. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2017.

LECTURES, KEYNOTES, PANELS

2024 Invited to deliver the 2024 Settles Lecture on Queer God de Amor at Austin Presbyterian Theological seminary. Previous Lectures include James H. Cone, Gustavo Gutiérrez, and Anthea Butler.

2022 “Queer God de Amor,” Keynote, St. Mary’s College, San Francisco, September 28, 2022.

“Queer God de Amor,” Inaugural Latinx Lecture on Religion and Public Life at the University of San Francisco, September 29, 2022.

“A Queering of the Natural Desire for God,” Paper delivered at II International Symposium in Queer Theories and Theologies, San José, Costa Rica; August 4, 2022.

“Mysticism, Human Persons, and God’s Queer Love.” A conversation on my book *Queer God de Amor* mediated by Zaccary Haney (one of my doctoral advisees) at the 25th national gathering of DignityUSA, San Diego, CA; July 9, 2022.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbheQL49-9Q>

2021 “Queer Theologians of Color: A New Agenda for Catholic Theology & Ministry,” Moderator and Presenter, Loyola University of Chicago, October 21, 2021.
“Faith, Health Inequities, and COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the Latinx Community,” Panelist, University of Illinois, October 6, 2021.

Inaugurated a community-wide speakers’ series at historic St. John’s Church in Duxbury, Massachusetts speaking on contemporary approaches to Christ and the doctrine of the Trinity, July 10, 2021.

2020 “Election Night Coverage with the Bernardin Center and the Weal.” Panel participant in an event co-sponsored by the Bernardin Center, *Commonweal Magazine*, and the *National Catholic Reporter*. November 3, 2020.

Organized and moderated a national conversation on Pope Francis’ latest encyclical letter: “*Fratelli Tutti*: A Conversation Addressing Pope’s Francis’s New Encyclical on Human Solidarity and its Implications for the United States.” October 16, 2020.

Featuring:

Bishop John Stowe, OFM, Conv; Bishop of Lexington

Dr. M. Shawn Copeland, Professor Emerita, Boston College

Dr. Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

John Gehring, Director of Faith in Public Life

- 2020 Delivered Keynote via zoom at Loyola Marymount University on the 10th Annual Anniversary of the Hispanic Ministry and Theology Lecture: “Viruses Target the Vulnerable and Know No Borders: Social responsibility and Voting as a Catholic.” Keynote was co-sponsored and publicized nationally by *Commonweal Magazine*. October 15, 2020.

Delivered a talk and facilitated a conversation among college students at Whittier College titled, “A Conversation on Faith, Identity, and Politics in the Aftermath of our National Elections,” Dec. 4, 2020.

- 2019 “On Unalienable Rights, Natural Law, and Religion: Some Reflections on Pompeo’s Human Rights Commission,” Invited Presenter at the International Law Weekend Conference in New York titled *The Resilience of International Law*, October 11, 2019.

“The Mystery of God, Human Dignity, and Sexuality,” Address on the 50th Anniversary of Dignity USA,” July 2019. Address was translated and electronically published in Spanish, Italian, and French.

<https://www.dignityusa.org/news/mystery-god-human-dignity-and-sexuality>

“Religion and Peace Building” (two-day lecture/workshop for international students University of Siena, Rondine, Italy, May 2019.

“Religions and the Future of our Foundations,” February 9, 2019.

Address as part of a conference at Barrington’s White House: Vision 2020: What Leaders see for the Future and the Foundations that Ground Us Through the Ages.” Also invited to speak was Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian and author of *Leadership in Turbulent Times*.

- 2018 “On the Love of God and Neighbor: Hospitality and Rondine’s Transformative Method of Inter-Personal Human Encounters,” December 2018. Paper delivered at Italian Embassy in Washington D.C. on the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The paper was part of week-long series of events that I participated at the United Nations in NY and in Washington, D.C.

“The Vatican, John Courtney Murray, and Religious Freedom:” A Conversation with Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Vatican Secretary of Relations with States,” Religious Freedom Institute, Washington, D.C. July 24, 2018.

Co-Sponsored by The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and Center for Religious Liberty.

“I was a Stranger and you Welcomed Me: A Catholic Approach to Immigration,” Theology on Tap Talk at Saint Clement Parish in Chicago. July 11, 2018. Over two hundred young adults attended.

Princeton Theological Seminary workshop for doctoral Students on “Religion in the Public Square,” June 26-27, 2018.

CTSA paper, “Un Grito en y por la Gracia: Latin@s in the Age of Trump,” June 9, 2018.

ACHTUS paper, “Enlace: A Communion of Creation: Latinx, Environmental Racism, and the Struggle for Ecological Justice,” June 6, 2018.

Delivered a series of lectures on “Religion and Peace-Building Processes” in Rondine, Italy sponsored by the University of Siena, May 22 & 23, 2018.

“On Dreamers and Dreaming: Pope Francis on Faith and Public Life,” Response to Massimo Faggioli’s for a conversation on Habemus Papam +5, Loyola University Chicago, April 5, 2018.

2017 American Academy of Religion (AAR) talk on “Catholics and the Trump Administration,” Nov. 20, 2017.

Invited to deliver a Lecture in Rondine, Italy. “La Cura della Nostra Casa Comune come Ricetta per Fare Ponti al Livello Inter-Religioso,” June 8, 2017.

Invited to participate in Eleventh Religion and Foreign Policy Workshop at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, May 24, 2017.

2016 Presented and facilitated a Catholic Q & A: “Angels or Demons?: Explaining Vatican Politics.”

Responded to Carlos María Galli’s lecture at Loyola, “Teología del Pueblo from Latino/a Theological Perspectives (Public Lectured I organized with one of the Pope’s theologians at Loyola University Chicago).

Invited to lead two workshops at Princeton University.

Invited to lecture for the Archdiocese of Chicago, “Faith and Public Service.”

RECENT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

2022 Second Latin American Symposium in Queer Theory and Theology, San José, Costa Rica, August 23, 2-6, 2022. Co-Sponsored, organized, and financially supported this gathering with funds from the John Courtney Murray University Chair. The papers from this colloquium will be published by DEI (Departamento Ecueménico de Investigaciones). Three of our doctoral students participated and their contributions will be published in this book that I will co-edit in Spanish.

2022 Pope Francis: Facilitated conversations with university students from across the American continent in preparation for an unprecedented papal encounter with Pope Francis. I met regularly with and advised Dr. Emilce Cuda, Co-Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, met on zoom with students from Latin America, and led the West/Pacific group of students. The event titled “Building Bridges North-South: A Synodal Encounter between Pope Francis and University Students” brought national and international attention to Loyola University Chicago (February 24, 2022). Pope Francis was so moved by this gathering that he invited to Rome the four professors from Loyola University who organized this historic meeting. He received us in private audience at the library of the Pontifical Palace and engaged in a lively conversation in Spanish on May 13, 2022.

2021 Organized an unprecedented gathering of queer voices of color at Loyola University Chicago that received high praise both locally and nationally, October 20-22, 2021.

<https://louisville-institute.org/our-impact/awards/project-grant-for-researchers/14915/>.

<https://www.newwaysministry.org/2021/11/04/queer-catholic-theologians-of-color-gather-for-ground-breaking-dialogue/>

Presented on Religious Freedom at the 2021 Parliament of World’s Religions.

2018 United Nations Gathering of International Young Diplomats in New York
Participated in the inauguration of *Leaders for Peace* Program at the United Nations in NY on the 70th Anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights.
Presented on Rondine’s Method at a conference sponsored by the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and facilitated an academic group discussion on Rondine’s youth-led diplomacy. This conference led to the forthcoming book in youth-led diplomacy, *Rondine’s Method: A Relational Approach to Conflict*.

2017 International Youth Peace Lab, June 9th in Rondine Italy. Participated in the inauguration of Rondine’s international program.

2016 Carlos María Galli, “*Teología del Pueblo: The Pope’s Ecclesiological Vision*.” Organized conference with Galli who is a personal friend and theological advisor to Pope Francis.

PUBLIC THEOLOGY

Columns Addressing Salient Challenges of Our Times

NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER COLUMNS

Regular columnist for an NCR column titled “Theology en la Plaza”:

<https://www.ncronline.org/authors/miguel-h-d-az>

1. “After Meeting with Pope Francis College Students Watch for ‘More than Business as Usual,’” Mar 22, 2022.
2. “A New Beginning? Listening for A Synodal Church,” October 22, 2021.
3. “A Theologian and a Physician Talk Vaccinations Latinamente,” May 18, 2021.
4. “What will the U.S.-Holy See Relationship Look Like under President Biden,” December 15, 2020.
5. “¡Virgen de La Caridad, Save the United States!”: A Cuban American Reflects on the Upcoming Elections,” September 12, 2020.
6. “We Breathe Together,” co-authored, June 12, 2020.
7. “Walking with Others in an Age of Social Distancing,” May 8, 2020.
8. “Neighbors with Nowhere to Rest their Heads,” January 14, 2020.
9. “Our ‘Common Home’ is Burning,” September 10, 2019.
10. “Hate is not Welcomed Aquí,” co-authored, August 9, 2019.
11. “Young Leaders for Peace Teach us to Make Room for Difference,” April 9, 2019.
12. “Guadalupe and the Future of Our Common Home,” December 8, 2018.
13. “Are you a Christian Identity Card Carrier,” May 19, 2018.

Berkley Forum at Georgetown University

“President Biden’s Catholic Faith: Religion, Human Rights, and the Practice of Hospitality,” <https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/president-biden-s-catholic-faith-religion-human-rights-and-the-practice-of-hospitality>, March 11, 2021. Invited to contribute to this forum on faith and public life organized by the Berkely Center at Georgetown University. This forum provides an “online platform for public scholarship and informed commentary at the intersection of religion and world affairs. Each series of essays brings together a diversity of experts to engage in rigorous debate on a religious or ethical issue of global significance.”

Documentaries/TV Engagements

“Wonderfully Made,” a 2022 documentary. The Director, Yuval David is a celebrated and Emmy-winning actor, host, director, and filmmaker, who has won over 100 international film festival awards.

This documentary is on LGBTQ+ Catholics featuring prominent U.S. Catholic theologians and pastoral leaders like Bryan Massingale and James Martin, S.J. I provided advice on its content and I appear in several segments of the documentary, including a section on the tragic loss of 49 mostly Latinx lives at Pulse Nightclub on June 12, 2016 in Orlando, Florida. The documentary has been accepted into several major film festivals.

Web Site: <https://www.lgbtqreligion.com/?q=home>

“Headliners on Pope Francis,” MSNBC

Consulted for this nationally televised documentary narrated by Chris Mathews for MSNBC. My conversations with the producer of the program led to recording part of this program on the Lake

Shore Campus of Loyola University Chicago at Madonna della Strada Chapel. The program aired on April 1, 2018. My perspective on Pope Francis's theology is featured in several segments of the documentary.

<http://www.msnbc.com/originals/headliners-pope-francis-airs-sunday-april-1-msnbc>

CNN

National commentator on morning live broadcast with CNN anchor Jake Tapper for President Biden's meeting with Pope Francis, October 29, 2021.

ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Column: "Remembering Stonewall: From Street Protests to Global Change,"

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/remembering-stonewall-from-street-protests-to-global-change/>, June 2019.

PRINT MEDIA INTERVIEWS: INTERNATIONAL

1. Vatican News

"Francisco acepta invitación para dialogar con jóvenes migrantes," (note: This interview I offered on the papal event at LUC was published in several languages and international media outlets).

<https://www.vaticannews.va/es/iglesia/news/2022-01/francisco-convite-universidad-loyola-de-chicago-jovenes-migrante.html>

2. Religion Digital

Religion Digital is the most widely read media source for religion in the Spanish speaking world.

"Francisco acepta invitación para dialogar con jóvenes migrantes,"

3. BBC NEWS

"God's Word at the World's Borders."

I recorded this international program with BBC World Service in our Loyola Studios. The program aired several times on the BBC (July 2018),

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3csxh97>.

4. Al-Jazeera International News

I have been a consultant to Al-Jazeera News. Al-Jazeera international continues to call upon me on issues of religion and society. I served as consultant and appeared numerous times on Al-Jazeera America during prime time as a commentator to the papal events during Pope

Francis' historic visit to the United States. More recently, I was interviewed on their program to comment on the Vatican summit on child sexual abuse (2019).

5. La Croix

Full interview in French titled, "Joe Biden reçu par le pape François : entre le Vatican et les États-Unis, un nouveau départ," October 29, 2021. Interview conducted in French: <https://www.la-croix.com/Religion/Joe-Biden-recu-pape-Francois-entre-Vatican-Etats-Unis-nouveau-depart-2021-10-29-1201182779>.

Reuters

"I was a terrified child migrant who became a theologian and U.S. ambassador: I want U.S. authorities to stop misusing the Bible," A Op-Ed in the Internationally well-acclaimed Media Source, June, 22, 2018:

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-diaz-migrants-commentary/commentary-i-was-a-terrified-child-migrant-who-became-a-theologian-and-u-s-ambassador-i-want-u-s-officials-to-stop-misusing-the-bible-idUSKBN1JI2PX>.

6. Infobae

Infobae.com is primarily viewed in Spanish speaking countries: Latin America, Spain and the United States. It has an average of 80 Million unique monthly users and 800 Million page views.

Interview in Spanish titled "De Juan Pablo II a Francisco: el rol clave del Vaticano en las relaciones entre EEUU y Cuba," <https://www.infobae.com/2015/05/03/1726279-de-juan-pablo-ii-francisco-el-rol-clave-del-vaticano-las-relaciones-eeuu-y-cuba/>.

Interview in Spanish published titled "Los muros fronterizos reflejan la indiferencia inhumana," <https://www.infobae.com/america/eeuu/2017/03/08/los-muros-fronterizos-reflejan-la-indiferencia-inhumana/>.

7. Adnkronos

Adnkronos is based in Rome and serves and Italian and international audience.

Interview in Italian titled, "L'ex ambasciatore Usa presso Santa Sede Miguel Diaz, 'discuteranno insieme progetti in risposta virus sociali che affliggono il continente', February 23, 2022.

Interview in Italian titled "Ambasciatore USA: Virus non ha confine: mettiamo umanità first again," April 4, 2020.

Interview in Italian titled L'ex ambasciatore Usa in Vaticano: "Il Papa dei ponti saprà parlare al presidente del muro," May 2017,

https://www.adnkronos.com/fatti/esteri/2017/05/22/ambasciatore-usa-vaticano-papa-dei-ponti-sapra-parlare-presidente-del-muro_R7ji5D9NoSzcW7XCxdyO.html.

Interview with me in Italian titled “Cuba, ex ambasciatore Usa in Vaticano: "Prego per successo Papa per nuova era," August 2015,

https://www.adnkronos.com/fatti/esteri/2015/05/08/cuba-ambasciatore-usa-vaticano-prego-per-successo-papa-per-nuova-era_LXjbekDhXFVMMKL6VrluqO.html.

PRINT MEDIA INTERVIEWS: NATIONAL

1. AMERICA MAGAZINE

“A Tale of Two Countries: Pope Francis Visits ‘Nuestra America.’ This was the Front Cover/ Lead Piece for America Magazine preceding the Papal Visit to the United States (September 21, 2015).

“Former Vatican Ambassador: Pope Reminds U.S. that Greatness comes from Looking Beyond our Borders,” Jan. 2019.

“Put Our Neighbors First,” Feb. 2019.

“Border Walls Reflect Human Indifference,” in *America* March 6, 2017.

2. NEW YORK TIMES

Consulted and cited in “Despite Timing, Bernie sanders Says Accepting Vatican Offer Was a Must,” April 14, 2016.

3. CHICAGO TRIBUNE

“Amid sex abuse crisis, Pope Francis calls on U.S. Bishops to Gather for Retreat at Mundelein Seminary in January,” October 2018.

“Chicago Archbishop uses Pope Francis to highlight Agenda,” September 2015.

4. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Consulted and cited in “Unsolicited Advice for Callista Gingrich,” June, 2017.

5. WASHINGTON POST

Consulted and cited in “The Fierce Challenges Callista Gingrich will likely Face as Vatican Ambassador,” July 20, 2017.

6. VOX NEWS

Consulted and cited in “Catholic Church Insiders Calling for Pope Francis to Resign. Here’s Why,” April 28, 2018.

7. CRUX NEWS

“Former U.S. Envoy to Vatican opposes New Commission Headed by Predecessor,” July 23, 2019.

“A Latino/a Take: Vatican’s ‘Ecumenism of Hate’ Essay is onto something,” in *Crux*, August 7, 2017. My piece was tweeted by Fr. Antonio Spadaro, S.J., prominent Jesuit at the Vatican and advisor to Pope Francis.

“Five former Ambassadors Weigh in on Pope/Trump Summit,” in *Crux*, May 22, 2017.

“Why Catholics should Question, Resist Trump Administration,” in *Crux*, November 22, 2016.

8. DESERET NEWS

“High stakes visit: Why Trump needs the Vatican and the Vatican needs Trump,” May 23, 2017.

9. POLITICAL THEOLOGY

“Dreaming Beyond A Tale of Two Relationships – The Relationship of the Catholic Church with the Obama Administration within National and International Contexts,” October 21, 2016.

10. The Daily Beast

“Biden’s Communion Fight Raises Stakes for Vatican’s Ambassador Pick,” June 28, 2021.

11. Baptist News Global

“America’s Second Catholic President faces a vastly Different Landscape than the First,” January 6, 2021.

RECENT PUBLIC SERVICE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Controversial Conversations: Faith and Public Life

A series of conversations at Loyola University Chicago that I envisioned bringing together on campus our students, scholars, and public figures to address salient challenges of our times.

MODERATOR, Miguel H. Díaz

Conversations 2021-22

1. “Towards a Listening Church: The Future of Synodality in the Roman Catholic Church,”

Invited three of our doctoral students. These students and other students also had the opportunity to engage in a zoom conversation over synodality with Mary McAleese, Former President of Ireland.

Maxwell Dziabis, MA student at LUC

Sarah Reddin, MA, student at LUC

Jack Nuelle, MTS, student at LUC

2. “Pandemic, Race, Religion”

Dr. Maximo Brito, Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois

Dr. Geraldine Luna, Medical Director, Chicago Department of Public Health, Executive Board Director, Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA)

Moriah Johnson, PhD student in Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

Conversations 2019-20

1. “A Response to the Congregation for Catholic Education’s Document ‘Male And Female’ He Created Them”

Cristina Traina, Prof. of Religious Studies at Northwestern University

Hille Haker, Richard A. McCormick S.J. Chair, Loyola University Chicago

David Ozar, Professor Emeritus, Loyola University Chicago

2. “The Amazon Synod: Common Care for the Common Good”

Michael Schuck, Professor of Theology, Loyola University of Chicago

Andrew Blosser, Doctoral Candidate, Loyola University Chicago

Jane Ullring, Doctoral Student, Loyola University Chicago

Conversations 2018-19

1. “How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them”

Jason Stanley, Jacob Urowsky Professor of Philosophy at Yale University.

Anthony Cardora, Professor of History at Loyola University Chicago.

2. “How does Religion belong in Politics: A Conversation on the Catholic Vote”

Prof. Steven P. Millies, Director of the Bernardin Center, Catholic Theological Union

3. “The Legacy of Medellín”: Option for the Poor and Human Rights in Latin America”

Ambassador Carmen Lomellín, former U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States.

Ambassador Wally Brewster, former U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

RECENT SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

- 2016- Serve on the Development, Identity and Mission Committee for the Theology Department.
Doctoral Dissertation Director
- 2016-19
Served on Loyola's Schmitt Fellowships Dissertation Committee and the Teaching Fellowships Committee.
- 2018 Brothers for Excellence Mentor
Organized a Spring Conference on Religious Freedom that brought together leading national legal and theological scholars in this area. Conference received coverage in the NCR, March 12 & 13, 2018. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/theology/scholars-urge-dialogue-compromise-religious-freedom-debates>.
- Organized a University Public Event on Rondine's Peace building efforts in Italy. Representative from Rondine met with our students and members of our administration, February 5, 2018.
Offered Keynote Talk at Annual Banquet *Noche de Gala* for the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), April 13, 2018.

RECENT SERVICE TO ACADEMY, CHURCH, AND SOCIETY

- 2022 Appointed Senior Fellow for Religion and Peacebuilding for the internally known organization Alliance for Peace (AfP) in Washington D.C. Also nominated and elected to the board of AfP:
<https://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org/what-we-do>
- Ongoing mentor for the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) for Latinx doctoral students pursuing theological studies at prominent universities in the United States. Currently mentoring a doctoral student at Boston University.
- 2020 Supreme Court Brief filed by Constitutional Scholar Leslie C. Griffin on behalf of Ambassador Miguel H. Díaz et al. Amici Curiae Supporting Respondents, *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*,
<https://scholars.law.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1011&context=scotusbriefs>
- Volunteered my time as a Biden-Harris Policy Advisor offering my distinct background as a diplomat and public theologian.
Served on *Cubanos Con Biden*.
Served as a Phone Bank Volunteer and made calls in Spanish and English.

2019- Appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Latino/a Theology.
<https://repository.usfca.edu/jhlt/editorialboard.html>

Led national Catholic effort to oppose Pompeo's Commission on Inalienable Rights:

DignityUSA: <https://www.dignityusa.org/article/catholic-leaders-call-state-department-commission-be-dismantled>

The Hill: <https://thehill.com/policy/international/508199-religious-leaders-warn-against-pompeos-push-for-a-hierarchy-of-human/>

Crux: <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2019/07/former-u-s-envoy-to-vatican-opposes-new-commission-headed-by-predecessor>

2018 Asked to join the Ambassadors Circle, a twenty member advisory team of ambassadors at the National Democratic Institute in Washington, D.C. charged with advancing human rights issues, led by Secretary Madeleine Albright, See, <https://www.ndi.org/ambassadors-circle>.

Asked to join the Atlantic Council's LGBTI Advisory Council, a group of current and former ambassadors and government officials that will steward and advance the promotion and protection of LGBTI persons worldwide, <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org>
Participated in the Inaugural Club 44 Meeting in Washington, DC convening President Obama's former ambassadors to engage over conversations related to global democracy and human rights.

Served as Consultant for the Louisville Institute.

Mentored a doctoral Latino student at the University of Notre Dame

SELECT LIST OF KEYNOTES AND SPEECHES DURING MY TENURE AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE

2012 "Truth or Diplomacy, Truth of Diplomacy, or Diplomacy of Truth?" Invited Speaker at Court of the Gentiles, International Initiative by Gianfranco Ravasi, President of Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican City.

Peace Sponsored by the Community of Sant'Egidio entitled: "Living Together is the Future: religions and Cultures in Dialogue," Sarajevo.

"Building Bridges of Opportunity: Women and Migration," Conference sponsored by U.S. Embassy to the Holy See, Rome.

"Building Bridges of Opportunity: Migration and diversity," Conference sponsored by U.S. Embassy to the Holy See, Rome.

- “Building Bridges between Faith and Culture: Persons, Diversity, and Democracy in an Age of Globalization,” International Conference entitled: “Democracy, Culture and Catholicism,” Rome.
- 2011 “Pushing into the Deep, Casting a Wide Net: Missionary Activity, Diplomacy, and the Common Good,” Keynote address on the 30th Anniversary of the United States Catholic Mission Association, Miami, Florida.
- “A Knoll for All: Rethinking the Common Good through Social Justice, Peace, and the Protection of Creation,” Keynote address on the 100th Anniversary of Maryknoll, Maryknoll, New York.
- “Building Bridges: Latino Identity, Religion, and the Pursuit of the Common Good,” Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- “Building Bridges: Religion, Diplomacy, and the Pursuit of the Common Good,” Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- “Human Identity, Diasporas, and the Internet,” Panelist at a Tony Blair Foundation Conference, London, England.
- “Hopes and Challenges for Catholic Higher Education in an Ecumenical and Interreligious Context,” Rome, Italy.
- 2010 “Encountering Others in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges in an Age of Migrations,” Community of Sant’Egidio, International Conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- “The Audacity to Hope in a World without Nuclear Weapons,” Rome, Italy.
- “The Truth about Charity: Interdependence, the United States, and Economic Diplomacy,” Conference sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Rome, Italy.
- “President Obama’s Cairo Speech: Creating new Recipes, Cooking on Behalf of the Common Good,” Rome, Italy.
- “The Path to Peace is a Dialogue of Diplomacies,” la Verna, Italy.
- “Building Communities of Hospitality: Cultural Diversity and Religious Freedom in an Increasingly Diverse World,” Rome, Italy.
- “Religion in a New Era of Global Responsibility,” Rome, Italy.
- “Faith Seeking Common Action: The Holy See Diplomatic Relationship in a New Era of Responsibility,” Miami, Florida.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2022 Listed among top 250 US Catholic Leaders, Catholic Herald 2022
- Included among Prominent Cubans in America,
<https://cubansinamerica.us/prominentcuban-americans/law-politics/miguel-h-diaz/>
- 2021 Included in the 2021 American Values Campaign that engaged prominent religious voices to address the salient challenges of our time, <https://www.valuesandvoices.com/letters-2021/letter-14/>. Volume titled American Values, Religious Voices, 2021, forthcoming by University of Cincinnati Press.
- College of Arts & Sciences Spotlight on my manuscript, *The Word Became Culture*.
- 2019 Awarded a \$30,000 competitive grant from the Louisville Institute for scholarly work on a groundbreaking project titled: “A New Agenda for Catholic Theology and Ministry: Perspectives from Queer Theologians of Color: <https://louisville-institute.org/our-impact/awards/project-grant-for-researchers/14915/>.
- 2018 Nominated for the Loyola University Transformative Education Award.
- 2013 Virgilio Elizondo Award
- An Award from the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States for Distinguished Achievement in Theology, Miami, Florida.
- See citation:
<https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/theology/facultystaff/cv/2013%20Virgilio%20Elizondo%20Award%20Conferred%20on%20Miguel%20H%20Diaz.pdf>
- 2012 Award in Recognition to Service as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, National Museum of Catholic Art and History, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Premio Internazionale “Bonifacio VIII,” e il titolo Accademico Onorario Accademia Bonifaciana (Anagni, Italy).
- 2010 Blessed are the Peacemakers Award, Chicago Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois
- 2007 Recognized for service as president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians
- Recognized for service to the Hispanic Theological Initiative on the 10th anniversary of the organization.
- Educational Trailblazer Theologian of the Year Award, Houston, Texas.

2002 Hispanic Theological Initiative Book of the Year Award, *On Being Human*.
Distinguished Book Award in Latinx Theology.