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Education

PhD Theology, Missiology and Social Ethics. Boston University, Boston, MA, 2016
MA Interdisciplinary Studies. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 1987
BEd Linguistics and TESL. Lenguas Vivas, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1984

Work history - Educational Leadership and Teaching

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

July 2022-present

- Richard C. Oudersluys Associate Professor of World Christianity

Teach Christian Life and Mission, Foundations of the Christian Life, and Intercultural Immersion courses in Spanish and English for both distance learning and in-residence students.

CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS TEOLOGICOS INTERDISCIPLINARIOS

July 2021-present

- Dean of Certificates

Lead in design and implementation of non-formal theological education with dozens of facilitators and several hundred students across the Spanish and Portuguese speaking world.

- President

July 2015- June 2021

Oversee all programs of this theological community, working closely with Board, Faculty and Staff to strengthen the learning community at Master's and Certificate levels within Latin America and global projection through the International Fellowship for Mission as Transformation.

RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

October 2018 – March 2022

- Leader of Missional Leadership Development
- Resource and guide processes and communities for the development of missionally focused leaders globally, within and beyond the Christian Reformed Church of North America.

OVERSEAS MINISTRIES STUDY CENTER

August 2014- May 2015

- Senior Scholar in Residence

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

February 2011-May 2014

- Director of Christian Formation and Leadership Development

Global position based in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Designed and implemented processes and curriculum for Christian formation, orientation, and spiritual nurture of 45,000 staff and partners focused on the integration of theology in relief, development, and advocacy work.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED WORLD MISSIONS

- Leadership Developer

2009-June 2012

Latin America-wide work, based in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Create and direct the work of the Institute for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education in Latin America: Nurture Christian scholarship and transformative commitment on the part of faculty, professionals and institutions of higher education in the region.

- Theological educator/ Leadership trainer

2001-2009

Based in Quito, Ecuador; Buenos Aires, Argentina; San Salvador, El Salvador

- Build capacity and systematize training and networking experiences for integral ministry in El Salvador.
- Direct the Center for Interdisciplinary Theological Studies in El Salvador, which provides training to several hundred church leaders and pastors from five denominations.
- Foster relations between El Salvador ministries and global Christian community, such as Langham Partnership International, and the Letra Viva publishers network.
- Consult with the Latin America CRWM Directors in the development of a comprehensive Central America Strategy for training and networking based on a reformed world and life view.

- Leadership trainer/Student minister

1991-2001

- Serve as a member of the Regional team of the Comunidad Internacional de Estudiantes Evangélicos (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Latin America).
- Train staff and student leaders in the 20 member movements.

- Coordinate regional publication and communication program, training national leaders in these areas.
- Direct and represent Ediciones Certeza Publishing House.
- Contribute to global student ministry through publishing, teaching and speaking internationally

1989-1997

UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES

- Bible Translator
Based in Miami and Quito, Ecuador.
Member of the Translation team of the Reina-Valera 1995 Bible, text input and language style consistency.

Summers of 1987 and 1988

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

- Teacher in Hispanic Ministry Training Center
Based in Chicago
Taught Spanish, Latin American culture and principles of cross- cultural communication to priests and lay Episcopal leaders.

1983-1984

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA SANTA TERESITA HIGH SCHOOL

- Teacher of English as a Second Language
Based in Buenos Aires
Taught English to high-school and University students.

1983-1984

PROFESORADO EN LENGUAS VIVAS

- Supervisor of Practice Teaching in TESL
Based in Buenos Aires
Supervised practice teaching of graduating students.

Other Teaching Experience

- Regular visiting professor at Regent College (Vancouver) and Church Mission Society (Oxford) 2016 - present
- "History and Theology of Integral Mission." Duke Divinity School Summer 2022
- Courses on "Narrative Theology and Life", "Just Conviviality: Urgent Theological and Lifestyle Changes," "The Church and her Mission" "Bible and Context" – CETI (Community of Interdisciplinary Theological Studies) regularly since 2013

2018, 2019

- “Faith and Life: Integrative Theology,” “Theology from and for Life” -Master’s in Public Theology, University of Arad, Romania July 2016
- “Latin American Theology and Ministry” CETI – Regent College Sep 2014-May 2015
- “Spirituality for Urban Mission” - Institute for Christian Studies,” Toronto July 2015
- “Sacred Activism: Mission for the Whole People in a Fractured World” - Regent College July 2014
- “The Whole Gospel: Mission out of a Radical Evangelical Matrix,” ---Regent College
- “Doing Theology with Mary” intensive class - Annual Amahoro Africa Gathering, Bujumbura, Burundi May 2012
- “Equilibrio y plenitud en la vida profesional” (Balance and fullness in professional life) Graduate Conference, International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Guatemala December 2011
- “Care of soul and sacred activism” class taught at Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle, WA. November 2008

Leadership, speaking, organizing, training

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

INFEMIT 2008-present

- Facilitator of Networking Team
Lead in the reactivation and growth of the International Fellowship for Mission as Transformation, coordinating a global team for the annual Stott-Bediako Forum, INFEMIT circles, digital presence, and publications.

LATIN AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIP 1992-2016

- Leader, speaker, President, General Secretary and Board member
Lead a dynamic theological/missiological movement with chapters across the Latin American world. Organize, participate and speak at continent-wide Congresses (CLADE III, CLADE IV, CLADE V) and various regional consultations. Reorganize and reactivate chapters around the continent and beyond.

PUBLISHERS NETWORK OF LATIN AMERICA – LETRA VIVA

- Founding member, organizer, trainer 1996-2001

Co-found network, bringing together Christian publishers in Latin America for training and collaboration.

BOARD LEADERSHIP

- Board Member A Rocha Costa Rica (Costa Rica) 2023- present
- Board Member American Society of Missiology (USA) 2023- present
- Board Member Asociación Casa Adobe (Costa Rica) 2020- present
- Council Member Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (UK) 2018- present
- Director Ediciones Certeza Unida Publishing House 1995-2025
- Council Member ARocha International 2015-2019
- Board Member American Society of Missiology 2015-2019
- Member Steering Committee Theology Working Group, Lausanne Committee World Evangelization 2007-2010
- President Latin American Theological Fellowship 2004—2008
- Board Member International Justice Mission 1999—2006

TEACHING, SPEAKING and LECTURING

- Webinar “Season of Creation” (Ecumenical online gathering, July 2026).
- Podcast “Faith without Frontiers” Christian Daily International (June 2026).
- Presidential address, “Will the offering be well received: Just conviviality as Gospel witness” (ASM, June 2026)
- Podcast Bespectacled and Curious, “What is integral mission?” (May 2026).
- “A call to humility” and “Is there any good news?” (IJM retreat, May 2026).
- Keynote “Comunidades de presencia profética” (CETI Catedra, March 2026).
- “Aprendiendo de mujeres en educación teológica” (CETI Catedra panel, March 2026).
- Keynote at “Oh Healing River” retreat (Casa Nube, February 2026).
- Podcast “Living in Creation” with Forrest Insley (January, 2026).
- “Nacionalismos cristianos” (CETI, November 2025).
- “She is called” (Gunter Prize, Trevecca, October 2025).
- “Good trouble” (Church at the Crossroads, Glen Ellyn, September 2025).
- “The Bible tells me so” (Peacebuilding Summit, London, July 2025).
- Plenary talks at “Hope Does not Disappoint: Wrestling with God in a Groaning Creation” (Ekklesia gathering, July 2025)).
- Panel contribution on book “Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development” (ASM, June 2025)

- “Building belonging and peace across difference: living the Christian Call now” (Calvin Seminary, April, 2025).
- “New forms of church,” workshop with young leaders from across Central America (Casa Nube, April, 2025).
- “Embracing peace and justice,” Liturgical Rebels podcast with Christine Sine. (March 2025)
- “Excellent failures in mission,” guest lecturer with Church Mission Society, UK. Online (February 2025)
- “Liberation and integral mission movements in Latin America,” an online class for Regent College. (February 2025)
- “Lament and Resistance,” Global Immersion Leadership Cohort. Online. (February 2025).
- “Contemporary Latin American Theology,” an online class for the Church Mission Society, UK. (February 2025)
- “An ecclesiology for just conviviality.” Formation of eco-theologians. San José, Costa Rica. (January 2025)
- “Beyond 15 minutes of Justice: Justice, Lament and a Call to Faithful Gospel Witness.” Online (January 2025)
- “Mourning the Groaning,” Global Creation Care Forum, Gonjiam, South Korea (September 2024)
- “Justice.” Lausanne 4, Incheon, South Korea (September 2024).
- Keynote lecturer at Global Missions Forum, Park Street Church, Boston (November 2023)
- Inaugural lecture for installation as Richard C. Ouderluys Chair in World Christianity, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI (November 2023).
- “Hope for the Word: Gospel and Creation Care.” Arad, Romania (October 2023).
- Chapel address and panel at Missiology Conference, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (October 2023)
- “God and Money,” Theology Lab podcast, Online (September 2023)
- Panel on “The Church yesterday, today and tomorrow.” Catedra Caty y René Padilla, Medellín, Colombia (July 2023)
- “Ver, lamentar, esperar.” Missio Dei Conference, Bogotá, Colombia (May 2023)
- “The blessing of discomfort: A Global Church Perspective.” Missio Alliance Awakenings Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2023).
- “Integral mission today.” Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC (January 2023).
- “Integral mission today.” King’s College, Edmonton, Canada (January 2023).
- “Church and climate change: Urgent theological and practical reformulations,” Guatemala City, Guatemala (January 2023).
- “New Creation,” Americas Initiative for Peace and Reconciliation, Duke Divinity School (January 2023).
- “Integral Mission: History, Theology and Relevance,” a course of Seminary Now (December 2022).

- “Mentoring for life.” Nazareth Center for Peace Studies, Nazareth, Israel (November 2022).
- “Orlando Costas,” Life and Ministry Award lecture and recipient, Palmer Theological Seminary (October 2022).
- “Confluence and clash: Reformed and Anabaptist positions regarding power in the theological positions within the Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana.” INFEMIT, Wheaton (June 2022) and Arad, Romania (October 2022).
- “New Creation.” Duke Summer Institute for Reconciliation, Durham (May 2022).
- “From top or bottom: Reorienting narrative.” Kuyper Prize Lecture, Grand Rapids (April 2022).
- “Narrative as a generator of the dialogue Bible – Life” (ESEPA, Costa Rica, March 2022).
- “The Church an Intercultural Poem: – Ralph Winter Conference (online, March 2022).
- “Fleeing the Hot Spots: Climate change, Migration and Mission.” Duff Lecture. School of Divinity, Edinburgh University (November 2021).
- “What is mission studies?” Panel for OMSC-Princeton (October 2021).
- “Arando surcos: los rostros latinos de la misión integral” – Palmer Theological Seminary (October 2021).
- “Faith, Hope and Climate Change,” Trinity College, University of Glasgow (October 2021)
- “Christian Mission: pizza or whole grain bread?” Asbury Theological Seminary (October 2021)
- “Generative practices in theological education” – Global Forum for Theological Education (September, 2021).
- “Fe y Trabajo,” Lausana México (August 2021)
- “The Gospel Call to Lament and Whole-life Worship,” Compassion Summit (August 2021).
- “Poniendo a los niños en el centro” – Nazarene Seminary, Costa Rica (July 2021)
- “Repensar la iglesia en el siglo XXI” – Centro Esdras, Guatemala (July 2021)
- “Beyond Culture Christianity and Bifurcated Mission” – American Society of Missiology (June 2021)
- “At home in Christ” – Tear Fund Global staff retreat (June 2021)
- “Witness to the Ends of the Earth” – Global Mission Summit, CRCNA (May 2021).
- “The God of Mary’s Magnificat and Mission” – Global Connections, UK (May 2021).
- “Mutual Belonging in God’s creation” - John Stott Centenary Celebration, All Souls Church (April 2021)
- “Climate Change, Migration and Mission” – Berkeley-Palmer Lecture (April 2021).
- “Beyond culture Christianity” –Northwestern College (February 2021)
- “Kuyper Seminar” – Calvin University (January 2021).
- “La iglesia: una escuela para la doble ciudadanía,” Langham Scholars (July 2020).
- “Exploring Postures: Opportunities to be a Different Kind of Leader” – Missional Commons Network (July 2020)

- “Jubilee for the Earth – New Rhythms, New Hope,” webinar for the 2020 Season of Creation (June 2020).
- “Teología y Pastoral en tiempos de COVID-19”, Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana (April 2020)
- Series on “The Mission of the Church,” Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Tennessee (February, 2020).
- “A Call to Places of Pain,” The Justice Conference, Melbourne, Australia (November 2019).
- “Intertwining Roots for Just Conviviality,” HNGR Symposium, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL (October 2019).
- “La Iglesia, una Escuela de Doble Ciudadanía,” Langham Theology Conference, SETECA, Guatemala (September 2019).
- “Toward an ecumenical missiology,” Mainz, Germany (July 2019).
- “Reconciliation Ethic,” Stott-Bediako Consultation, Notre Dame, IN (June 2019).
- “Prophetic Truth-Telling,” Sojourners Summit, Washington DC (June 2019).
- “Rewriting Belonging,” Resonate Glocal Mission Conference, Los Angeles, CA (April 2019).
- Series on “The blessings of..” Mission Week, Dallas Theological Seminary (March 2019).
- “Living Vocation From and For Life,” ICETE Consultation, Panama, Panama (October 2018).
- “Planetary Gardening,” Luzbetak Lecture, Chicago Theological Union, Chicago, IL (October 2018).
- “Toward a Church without Borders,” Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA (October 2018).
- “Living Community” and “Living Justly across Borders,” Whitworth University, Spokane, WA (September 2018).
- “Against all odds and ends,” Micah Triennial Conference, Manila, Philippines (September 2018).
- “Peace be with you,” Christ at the Checkpoint, Bethlehem, Palestine (June 2018).
- “Let Mutual Love Continue,” Global Christian Forum, Bogotá, Colombia (April 2018).
- “Living Community,” Conference on Creation Care, Pasadena, CA (April 2018).
- Series of Bible Expositions on the book of James, Formation Retreat, Villa María, Córdoba, Argentina (January 2018).
- “Will the offering be accepted?,” IBMR, Boston, MA (November 2017).
- Keynote at Korean Global Mission Leader Forum, Sokcho, Korea (November 2017).
- Downey Lecture, Ambrose University College, Calgary AB, Canada (October 2017).
- Keynote at Kuyper Conference, Princeton, NJ (April 2017).
- Keynote Theological Conference, Asian Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippines (March 2017).
- “Ecclesiology in Global Perspective,” ETS, San Antonio, TX (November 2016).
- Series on Global Christianity, Trinity Christian University, Tokyo, Japan (October 2016).
- Series of 6 Interdisciplinary Theological Conferences, CIEE, Quito, Ecuador (July 2016).
- Series of Bible Expositions at Baptist World Mission Conference, Wisconsin (July 2016)

- “Integrity in Church and Society,” plenary at FTL Consultation on Corruption, Lima, Perú (June 2016).
- “Theological Formation for Integral Mission,” plenary address at American Society of Missiology, Minneapolis, MN (June 2016)
- “Integrity in Leadership for Theological Education,” Inaugural consultation of the ecumenical Global Forum of Theological Educators, Dorfweil, Germany (May 2016).
- “Every Square Inch: Sovereignty from the Bottom Up,” Missio Alliance, Philadelphia (May 2016).
- “Justice, Mission and the Church,” Inaugural consultation Integral Mission Initiative, Gordon-Conwell (March 2016).
- “Theological Formation from and for Life,” intensive course at The Warehouse, Cape Town, South Africa (January 2016).
- “Living Scripture missionally between and across cultures,” Keynote at Living Scripture Missionally Conference, Calvin Theological Seminary (November 2015).
- “Intertwined roots: Nourishing radical discipleship in today’s global church and world,” John Stott London Lecture, All Souls Place, London (November 2015).
- “Radical discipleship for integral mission: an offering out of Latin America,” Keynote at Synergy 2015, Guatemala City, Guatemala (November 2015).
- “Fighting the Fist and the Sovereign, Slain Lamb,” Keynote at Micah Global Triennial Conference, Lima, Perú (September 2015).
- “Un Replanteo Bíblico Urgente: Iglesia, Misión y Creación,” Keynote at Lausanne Latin America Creation Care Conference, Pisak, Perú (September 2015).
- Interview as ecumenical guest at the Jubilee Celebration of Evangelisches Missionwerk in Deutschland, Hamburg, Germany (June 2015).
- “Healing rivers: planting creation community in the 21st Century,” Bible expositions at A Rocha Global Forum, Portugal (June 2015)
- “New frontiers in Mission” at Consultation celebrating 45 years of the Latin American Theological Fellowship, Sao Paulo (June 2015)
- “Offerings out of Latin America: Christian mission and diaspora” at Mission Leadership Forum, OMSC, New Haven, CT (April 2015)
- “Making things right” Bible expositions at Surrender, Melbourne, Australia (March 2015)
- Seminar: “Theological Formation off the Grid” week long at OMSC (March 2015)
- Keynote address at Hope College Global Christianity Conference (January 2015)
- Keynote at Partnership in Mission of the Church of England, Swanick, UK (November 2014)
- “Let me weep: the gift of lament” at Summer Institute, Duke Center for Reconciliation (June 2014)
- “Living for the King; waiting for the King” at Christ at the Checkpoint, Bethlehem (April 2014)
- “The Faith Effect: Choose life!” in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sidney, Australia (September, 2013)

- “Standing up against violence, poverty and injustice: getting your church unstuck and stuck” in Laidlaw College, Auckland, New Zealand (September 2013)
- “The God of the weathered face: Following Jesus in the Latino World” presented at On the threshold: World Christianity at our Door, Regent College, Vancouver (July 2013)
- “What can the Two-Thirds World teach the West Theologically?” Moule Day Lecture, Ridley Hall, Cambridge, UK (June 2013)
- “Citizenship and presence: Living Trinitarian community in Bethlehem and beyond A response out of Latin America to Munther Isaac’s “Mission from Bethlehem” Stott Bediako Forum 2013
- Oxford, UK (June 2013 and June 2012)
- “Why don’t you simply translate and apply?” Faculty Forum, Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY (May 2013)
- “Subversive Belonging: Living in between”, InHabit Conference, Seattle, WA (April 2013)
- “A shocking invitation” and “Infuriating inclusion” at Stop Hunger, Micah Network Conference, Germany (October 2012)
- “Where is God when people suffer?” Micah Network Triennial, Switzerland (September 2012) and Nairobi (July 2009)
- “Para qué sirve la utopia” (For what is utopia useful?) Inaugural address CLADE V, Congreso Latinoamericano de Evangelización, San Jose, Costa Rica (July 2012)
- “Women and men in the kingdom of God” at Annual Amahoro Africa Gathering, Burundi (May 2012)
- “Digging into fertile earth” John Stott Memorial Service, St Paul’s Cathedral, London, UK (January 2012)
- “Just worship” Calvin Worship Symposium (January, 2011)
- “Open secret: God with us” University of the Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, October 2010
- “God’s dwelling place: the new, reconciled community”. Lausanne III, Cape Town, South Africa (October, 2010)
- Biblical expositions on “Christ Centered” “Community Based” “Child Focused” for World Vision Triennial Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (August, 2010)
- “Men and Women: Made by and for community”. Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity, Calvin College and IAPCHE (June 2010)
- “Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” at Uniting General Committee, World Communion of Reformed Churches, Grand Rapids, MI June 2010.
- “Jesus moves into our neighborhood: do we have the eyes to recognize him?” Urbana, St Louis, Missouri, December 2009.
- “Estudiantes: agentes del Reino de Dios” (Students: agents of God’s Kingdom), PROED (Programa de Enriquecimiento Docente) IAPCHE, Querétaro, México, November 2009.
- “On being set free: relational truthfulness and globalization”, Business as Integral Mission Consultation, Wheaton College, October 2009.

- “God’s earth and God’s people: relationships restored”; “Living creation-community in God’s world today”; “A new heaven and new earth: creation community restored” Micah Network Triennial Consultation on Creation Care and Global Warming, Nairobi, July 2009.
- “Misión integral” series taught at Foro Jovem de Misao Integral, Brasilia, Brazil, March 2009.
- “Espiritualidad y liderazgo” (Spirituality and leadership) series taught at Nehemiah Center National Consultation, August 2008.
- “The tentousand mile diet”, workshop led at Practicing Resurrection, Russett House Farm, August 2008.
- “A call to confession” at Sea-to-Sea Convocation of the CRCNA, Denver, CO, July 2008.
- “Postcolonial mission” at Envision 2008, Princeton, NJ, June 2008.
- “The banquet of God’s kingdom” at Q Conference, New York, NY, April 2008.
- “Comunidad, inmigración y misión” at Latin American Theological Fellowship Consultation, Pasadena, CA, March 2008.
- “The banquet of God’s kingdom” at Lausanne Theology Working Group meeting, Chiang-Mai, Thailand, February 2008.
- “Songs of hope in a dark land” at Overseas Mission Study Center, New Haven, CT January, 2008.
- “Together in Missions in the 21st Century: unlikely contributions to God’s global mission” at Assembly of World Wide Partners of Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Grand Rapids, MI June 2007.
- “From Empire to community” at conference on Jesus and Political power, First Presbyterian Church Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, November 2006.
- “Choose life” a series on Christian moral formation including: “The heart of darkness”, “The core of life” and “The heart of justice” at Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL November 2005.
- “Word and World: Injustice and poverty” at World Assembly of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, De Bron, Netherlands, July 2003.
- Other lectures at IFES Assemblies, and Wheaton College, Baylor University, Kings College, Calvin College, NY City Seminary, IJM Prayer Gathering among others

Publications/editorial

- “Doing justice: the unequivocal calling of God’s people” forthcoming in *Lament is not enough*, Wipf and Stock, 2026.
- “Fellowship for integral transformation: Latin American roots of INFEMIT” forthcoming in IMC centenary series, Regnum, 2026.
- “Samuel Escobar: INFEMIT and Belonging Beyond Lausanne.” *Journal of Latin American Theology* 20, nos. 1–2 (2025): 87–114.

- *Reading the Bible Latinamente: Latino/a Interpretation for the Life of the Church*. Baker Academic, 2024.
- “Just Worship: responding to the cry of the people and the earth,” chapter in *Now to God Who Is Able: Vocation, Justice, and Ministry: Essays in Honor of Mark Labberton*. ed. Anne Zaki and Neal Presa Wipf and Stock, December 2023.
- “Climate Change and Migration” theme article in the *Migration Bible*, Bible Society for the Netherlands and Flanders, a project for which I served on the editorial board.
- “Forward.” *Beyond Homelessness*, Steve Bouma Prediger and Brian Walsh. Forthcoming (2023).
- “North-South partnership in God’s mission: joining hands in the construction of a reconciliation politics.” *Transformation* (Sage, 2022).
- “Forward.” *John Stott on Creation Care*, Sam Berry and Laura Yoder (IVP, 2021).
- “La iglesia: una escuela para la doble ciudadanía,” in *Buenas Nuevas desde América Latina: reflexiones en honor a John Stott*. (Puma, 2021)
- “Intertwining roots for just conviviality” in *Living radical discipleship*, ed. Laura Yoder (Langham Global Library, 2021).
- “Witnessing the worker Christ in Abya Yala” in *Witnessing Christ: Contextual and Interconfessional Perspectives on Christology*. Eds. Biehl/Hopp/Jahnel/Kisskalt/Stahl/Vellguth. (Kohlhammer: Stuttgart, 2020).
- “Filemón,” *El Comentario Bíblico Contemporáneo*, eds. C. René Padilla, Milton Acosta (Certeza Unida and Kairos, 2018).
- “Church, Power and Transformation in Latin America: a Different Citizenship is Possible” *The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Ecclesiology in the Majority World*, ed. Green, Pardue and Yeo. (Langham Global Library, 2018).
- “An integral transformation approach,” *Five Views in Conversation*, ed. Craig Ott (Baker Academic, 2016).
- *Regnum Studies in Global Christianity*, Regnum Books, Series Co-Editor.
- “Citizenship and Presence: Living Trinitarian Community in Bethlehem and Beyond.” (Forthcoming, Regnum INFEMIT).
- “‘At the table their eyes were opened’: Mission as Renouncing Power and Being Hosted by the Stranger” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Oct 2015, Vol 39 Issue 4, pp. 198-202.
- “Wanted – Faithful Gospel Workers: Philippians 2.12-30” in *Really: Searching for Reality in a Confusing World*. (Keswick Ministries, 2015)
- “Ruth Padilla DeBorst” Interview by Heather Tomlinson, *Premier Christianity*, March 2015. <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2015/March-2015/Ruth-Padilla-DeBorst>.
- “On being set free: relational truthfulness and globalization” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 9 no 2 2014, pp. 91-113.
- “Catharine Feser Padilla: Bible, Bed and Bread: A Matter of Distance”, in *Mission as Transformation: Learning from Catalysts*, eds. Cranston and Padilla DeBorst, UK, 2013, 33-38.

- “Songs of Hope out of a Crying Land”, *Global Theology in Evangelical Perspective*, eds. Greenman and Green, InterVarsity: Downers Grove, IL, 2012, pp. 86-101.
- “Mary,” In *Prophetic Evangelicals: Envisioning a Just and Peaceable Kingdom*, edited by Bruce Ellis Benson, Malinda Elizabeth Berry and Peter Goodwin Heltzel, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012, 121-129.
- “Wooden boxes and latticed windows: Christian confession and post-colonizing mission” in *2010Boston: the changing contours of world Mission and Christianity*, edited by Todd M Johnson; Rodney Lawrence Petersen, Gina A Bellofatto and Travis Myers, (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2012).
- “Ephesians 2” in *Christ our Reconciler: Gospel, Church, World*. Ed. Julia Cameron (Nottingham: IVP, 2012).
- “Parenting for Justice: How can Parents Instill the Value of Justice in their Children?,” in *The Justice Project*, edited by Brian McLaren, Elisa Padilla, and Ashley Bunting Seeber, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2009, 231-236.
- “Re-formed Heart: Open Home”, in *Missional Preaching*, ed. Al Tizon, (Judson Press 2012)
- “Del rechazo al abrazo: Iglesia, niñez e inclusión”, *Niñez, adolescencia y misión integral*, ed. Enrique Pinedo, Buenos Aires, 2012, pp.35- 46.
- “‘Unlikely’ Partnerships’: Global Discipleship in the Twenty-first Century,” *Transformation*, Oct 2011, Vol 28, Issue 4, pp 241-252.
- “Introduction to the participant’s guide” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 7 no 1 2012, pp. 7-10.
- “Wooden boxes and latticed windows: Christian confession and post-colonizing mission” in *2010Boston: The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity: The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity* 2010 Boston, Boston. Wipf and Stock 2012.
- Men and Women: Made by and for Community”, *Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity*, ed. Shirley J. Roels, Grand Rapids, MI, 2011, pp. 85-90.
- Semillas de Nueva Creación, *Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana*. Buenos Aires: Ediciones Kairós, 2011.
- “Children in Mission- A Challenge to Christian Movements and Organizations”, *Now & Next*, eds. Arles, etc, Malaysia, 2011, pp. 173- 182.
- “From Lausanne III to CLADE V” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 6 no 1 2011, pp. 7-13.
- “Epilogue” (Special Edition on History) *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 6 no 2 2011, pp. 232-234.
- “God’s earth and God’s people: relationships restored” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 5 no 1 2010, pp. 6-17
- “A new heaven and a new earth: community restored” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 5 no 1 2010, pp. 43-56.
- “Living creation-community in God’s world today” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 5

no 1 2010, pp. 56-72.

- “El Evangelio de la Avaricia”, *Lausanne Global Conversation*, Didaskalo Files on www.lausanne.org, 2010
- “Who sets the table for whom?: Latin American Congresses on Evangelization (CLADE 1969-2012: a revision with eyes toward a new celebration” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 5 no 2 2010, pp. 107-124.
- “Mission Ist Notwendig”, *Mission Erfüllt*, EMW, Hamburg, 2009, pp. 39- 46.
- “Liberate my people” Interview by Andy Crouch, *Christianity Today*, August 2007, Vol 51, No 8, p. 30.
- “Scrabble, injustice, and me,” *Journal of Latin American Theology*, 1 no1 2006, pp. 6-25.
- “Prologue,” *Requiem pour un fils*, Nicholas Wolterstorff, 77-Marne-la-Vallée: Farel, 2002.
- Diálogos de Discipulado, ABUA: Buenos Aires, 1985.

Interests/involvements

- Engaged in community living in Casa Adobe, Costa Rica, as a member of an intentional community that seeks to live into God’s Kingdom and God’s justice with one another, with the broader local and global community, and with the rest of creation.
- Doing theology for life in community for faithful living in the world
- Parenting and grandparenting
- Writing, reading, hiking, scuba diving.