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### EDUCATION

- 2015      **Ph.D., Systematic Theology, Boston College**  
Chestnut Hill, MA  
Minor Concentration in Pastoral Theology
- Dissertation:  
“Prophets Likewise: The Teaching Authority of the Laity as an Expression of the *Sensus Fidelium*”  
Director: Richard Lennan, Dr. Theol.  
Readers: Roberto Goizueta, Ph.D. and Richard Gaillardetz, Ph.D.
- 2016      **S.T.L., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry**  
Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2007      **M.Div., Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Graduated with Distinction**  
Cambridge, MA
- 2000      **B.A., Communication, Ateneo de Manila University, Cum Laude**  
Quezon City, Philippines  
Minor in French Studies

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-present      **Part-Time Faculty, Engaging Catholicism (formerly Exploring Catholicism I and II)**  
Undergraduate-level course in the core curriculum, Theology Department, Boston College
- 2020-2023      **Lecturer (online), Discerning Life Questions: Towards Leadership and Commitment**  
Undergraduate-level course in the core curriculum, Department of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)
- Summer 2019      **Lecturer (in-person), Theology of the Catholic Social Vision**  
Undergraduate-level course in the core curriculum, Department of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)
- 2011-2012      **Teaching Fellow, Exploring Catholicism I and II**  
Undergraduate-level course in the core curriculum, Theology Department, Boston College
- 2010-2011      **Teaching Assistant to Prof. Ruth Langer, Religious Quest: Christianity and Judaism**  
Undergraduate-level course in the core curriculum, Theology Department, Boston College
- Fall 2010      **Teaching Assistant to Prof. Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Christology**  
Graduate-level course offered at the School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College
- 2009-2010      **Teaching Assistant to Prof. Michael Himes, Introduction to Christian Theology I and II**  
Undergraduate-level course in the core curriculum, Theology Department, Boston College
- Fall 2009      **Teaching Assistant to Prof. Michael Himes, The Problem of Belief in Modernity**  
Advanced undergraduate-level course, Theology Department, Boston College

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2022            **Ignatian Spirituality Immersion Course** (on the Ignatian Charism for the World of Today)  
Cova Sant Ignasi, Centro Internacional de Espiritualidad Ignaciana, Manresa, Spain
- 2018            **Cultural Competency Engagement Module**, *Certificate*  
Office for Institutional Diversity, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2012-2013      **Apprenticeship in College Teaching**, *Certificate*  
Connors Family Learning Center, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2009            **Asian Theological Summer Institute (ATSI)**, *Certificate*  
United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, PA  
Granted only to fifteen doctoral students nationally chosen to participate. ATSI is a Henry Luce Foundation supported initiative which operates as a doctoral seminar to test doctoral proposals in the company of guest professors and scholars as mentors. It offers an Asian thematic focus for students who otherwise may not have the help and support of an Asian professor/faculty in their place of study.

## AWARDS and GRANTS

- 2012-2013      **Sixth Year Dissertation Fellowship Award**, *Boston College*
- 2007-2012      **University Fellowship**, *Boston College*
- 2006            **Membership**, *Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society*
- 2005-2007      **Tuition Fellowship and Defreitas Scholarship**, *Weston Jesuit School of Theology*
- 2004-2005      **International Fellowship**, *American Association of University Women (AAUW)*  
Granted only to 58 out of 1,143 women applicants in 2004 who are non-U.S. citizens and are pursuing full-time graduate studies in the United States.
- 2000            **Departmental Award**, *Department of Communication, Ateneo de Manila University*

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Reception on the Church’s Front Lines: Inculturation as a Process and Expression of the Laity’s Exercise of the *Sensus Fidelium*.” 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America: Milwaukee, WI. June 13, 2015.

“Handing on the Faith from Near and Far: The Challenge of Migration and the Role of Popular Catholicism in Teaching the Faith Among Filipino Transnational Families.” 2013 College Theology Society Annual Convention: Omaha, NE. May 31, 2013.

“A Filipino Theology of Church Emerging from Popular Catholicism in the Philippines.” Asian Theological Summer Institute (ATSI): May 25, 2009.

## TEACHING and RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Teaching Interests:** Introduction to Catholicism, Ignatian Spirituality, *Sensus Fidei* and *Sensus Fidelium*, Theology of the Laity (lay spirituality and lay hermeneutics), Ecclesiology, Popular Catholicism in a World Church, Liberation and Contextual Theologies, Catholic Social Teaching, Migration Theologies, Theologies of Vocation

**Research Interests:** Ignatian Spirituality and Gen Z/Gen Alpha, Theologies of Vocation, Vatican II Ecclesiology, Tradition and Reception, Authority in the Church, Accountability, Reform, Participation in the Church, Ethnography and Lived/Popular Catholicism

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2016-Present     American Academy of Religion
- 2010-Present     Catholic Theological Society of America

## ACADEMIC/INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- Summer 2020     **Agape Latte Summer Series – Guest Speaker**, *Boston College*  
Invited to deliver a talk to Boston College students, entitled “Make Room for Change in Your Life”; offered personal reflections on navigating the Covid-19 pandemic
- Fall 2018     **God, Self, and Society Core Course Renewal Committee - Collaborator**, *Boston College*  
Participated in re-imagining and developing the template of this course offering in the new Theology Core Curriculum
- 2005-2007     **International Students Committee - Core Leader**, *Weston Jesuit School of Theology*  
Organized monthly gatherings that featured celebrating the mass in different languages, faith fellowship and culture sharing among students representing different countries in the world
- 2005-2006     **Academic Affairs Committee - Student Representative**, *Weston Jesuit School of Theology*  
Attended faculty meetings, served as liaison between students and faculty  
Articulated the general ethos of the student body (through survey and informal data gathering), and addressed academic, cultural and social concerns on their behalf

## PUBLICATIONS (Non-Academic)

- “ALS claimed my mother’s life – but didn’t snuff out her light.” *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, September 14, 2014. (PDI is the most widely circulated newspaper in the Philippines.)
- “Remembering Forward (Graduation Speech at Weston Jesuit School of Theology).” *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, June 16, 2007.
- “The Underlying Rhyme in Things: A Lay Person’s Experience of the Spiritual Exercises.” *Antig: Official Newsletter of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality Philippines*, July 2003.
- “The Language of Hope” (Reflection on My Jesuit Volunteer Experience). *The Windhover: Philippine Jesuit Magazine*, October-December 2002: 24-25.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- 2004-2022     **Boston Filipino Catholic Community**, *Pastoral Council Member*  
In charge of animating, planning and organizing bi-monthly Sunday masses held at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Chapel and other Filipino-oriented events which promote national identity and social awareness
- 2001-2004     **Jesuit Volunteers Philippines**, *Resource Speaker and Manila Local Committee Member, Solidarity Awardee, and Full-time Volunteer in Mission Area (Oriental Mindoro, Southern Luzon)*  
**Tugdaan Mangyan Center for Learning and Development**: taught Basic English and other core subjects to the Mangyan Indigenous Community  
**St. Augustine Seminary**: established and pioneered the Film Resource Center Project and assisted the Dean of Studies in various tasks such as translation and research