

Curriculum Vitae

Rev. Dr. Alexia Salvatierra
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Academic Publications:

2019. *Equipping Hispanic Immigrant Pastors for Holistic Mission*. Dissertation for Doctorate of Missiology. Fuller Theological Seminary. Proposal requested by IntersVarsity Press -Academic for a book proposal covering the dissertation material in combination with current research.

Fall 2019. "Spiritual Power and Social Justice." *Journal for Religious Leadership*. Academy of Religious Leadership.

Accepted for Publication 2020. "The Calling of the Marginalized: Esther and Dolores Huerta." *Priscilla Papers*. CBE International.

2019 "Justicia Familiar: Misión Integral in the U.S." *Evangelical Theologies of Liberation and Justice*. Edited by Mae Elise Cannon and Andrea Smith. IntersVarsity Press. (Panel Presentation, American Academy of Religion Fall 2019.)

2019 *Reinventing Sanctuary: Understanding Emerging Faith-Based Coalitions Protecting Vulnerable Immigrants in the Age of Mass Deportation*. Project Grant for Research, Louisville Institute. Co-authored with Brad Christerson, Nancy Yuen, Robert Chao Romero. Forthcoming

2016 "Unrecognized Refugees" *International Journal of Urban Transformation*. Volume 1, October 2016. Sky Forest CA. 25-27

2014 "Newfound Evangelical Support for Immigration." *Scholars and Southern California Immigrants in Dialogue; New Conversations in Public Sociology*. Edited by Victoria Carty, Rafael Leuvano and Tekle Woldermikael. Lexington Books

Other Publications:

2014. *Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World*. Co-authored with Peter Heltzel. Downer's Grove IL: IntersVarsity Press.

2019 "Dolorismo or Orthopathos: Latin American Theologies of Suffering." *Theologies of Suffering: Fuller Magazine*. Issue 14

2019 "What is Joy?" *Horizons Magazine*. Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA, May/June 2019 Issue.

2018 "The Blessed Disruption of Hospitality" *The Disruption Issue: Fuller Magazine*. Issue 12.

2018 “Welcoming the Stranger: Faith Communities and Immigration” *Boom California*. January 3, 2018. Oakland CA: University of California Press

2011 “Do Not Neglect to Show Hospitality: Sanctuary and Immigrant Justice” *Liberating Bible Study: Scholarship, Art and Action in Honor of the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice*” Edited by Laurel Dykstra and Ched Myers, Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series, Volume 1. Eugene OR: Cascade Books. 198-203

2009 “The New Sanctuary Movement” In *Trails of Hope and Terror: Testimonies on Immigration*. Edited by Miguel De La Torre. NYC New York: Maryknoll, Orbis. 163-167

2017 “4 Ways Your Church can keep the Dream Alive.” *MissioAlliance* October 12, 2017. <https://www.missioalliance.org/4-ways-church-can-keep-dream-alive/>

2017 “The Roots and Branches of the Sanctuary Movement.” *The Christian Century*, February 15, 2017. <https://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/alexia-salvatierra>

2015 “The Blessing is in the Wisdom.” *Living Lutheran*. December 17, 2015. Chicago IL: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2015/12/blessing-wisdom/>

2014 “I Was a Stranger.” *Christianity Today*. November 2014.
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2014/november-online.../i-was-stranger.ht...>

2013 “We Are One Body: A Christian Perspective on Justice in the City” *Tikkun*. Volume 28, Number 1, Winter 2013. Raleigh NC: Duke University Press.

2013. “Sacred Spaces of Difference.” *Building the Beloved Community*, Conspire Magazine, Fall 2013. Volume 5, No. 4. 12-17

2006. “Honoring those who Work.” In *Getting on Message: Challenging the Christian Right from the Heart of the Gospel*. Edited by Peter Laarman. Boston MA: Beacon Press. 134-146.

Teaching Experience:

Ongoing: Ecclesia Faculty, Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies (and for Centro Latino), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA, including in-person and online courses - annual commitment began in 2014 as Adjunct. Affiliate as of January 2017. Lecturer for DMin in Spanish 2018. As of January 2019, Founder/Coordinator, Diplomado en Respuesta de la Iglesia a la Crisis Migratoria (Professional Certificate in Church Response to the Immigration Crisis) – a Lilly-funded hybrid education, collaborative Project between Centro Latino and the Matthew 25/Mateo 25 network to

equip Hispanic immigrant pastors and leaders to engage their congregations in confronting the pastoral emergency of immigration. (Grant Proposal Writer/Developer.)

Ongoing: Faculty Advisor, Innovative Leadership in Changing Cultures Cohort, Doctor of Ministry Program, Nazarene Theological Seminary. (2019)

Adjunct Faculty, Masters in Transformational Urban Leadership Program, Azusa Pacific Seminary, Los Angeles campus, annually from 2016-2019. Also, co-taught “Housing Justice and Community Organizing” for School of Social Work, Azusa Campus. Spring 2016 and “Immigration Integration” for LA Term Fall 2018 and 2019.

Adjunct Faculty, Masters in Urban Studies, Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies, Eastern University, Philadelphia PA – annual commitment began in 2014.

Adjunct Faculty, Sociology Department, Biola University, La Mirada CA, Fall 2017

Lecturer/Adjunct Faculty, “Faith-Rooted Organizing”, Micah Doctor of Ministry Program, New York Theological Seminary, New York City NY 2009-2016

Lecturer/Adjunct Faculty, “Faith-Rooted Organizing”, Doctor of Ministry Program, Public Engagement Track, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC, Fall 2017 online

Adjunct Faculty, Biblical Virtual, Argentina – Fall 2015

Adjunct Faculty, AETH ([Asociación para La Educación Teológica Hispana](#)) Spring 2015-2016 and video course produced in 2017.

Adjunct Faculty, “Faith-Rooted Organizing” Duke Seminary Summer Institute for Reconciliation, Durham NC Summer 2015

Adjunct Faculty, “Faith-Rooted Organizing”, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley CA Summer Intensive 2015

Adjunct Faculty, New Theological Seminary of the West, “Organizando al Pueblo con un Metodo Enraizado en la Fe”, Community-based Course for Spanish-speaking Pastors and Congregational Leaders, Spring 2015

Adjunct Faculty, Programa de Maestria, Organizando al Pueblo Enraizada en la Fe, Universidad Teologica de la Iglesia Apostolica, Guadalajara Mexico, Fall 2014

Lecturer/Trainer: Micah Interseminary Intensive (four seminaries participating), Haiti Partners, Port au Prince, Haiti, Fall 2014

Adjunct Faculty, “Justice and Community Transformation”, Sociology Department, Biola University, Biola CA 2010-2012

Adjunct Faculty, “Social Transformation”, Sociology Department, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa CA 2009

Lecturer, Sewanee Episcopal Seminary, Fall 2016

Lecturer, PLTS, 2015-2016 (occasional lectures)

Lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary for M. Div Core Course, Hispanic M.Div and Hispanic D.Min 2007-2013

Lecturer, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles CA 2009-2011

Adjunct Professor, St. Andrew’s Theological Seminary, Manila PI 1987

Organizing, Non-Profit Management and Urban Ministry Experience:

- Assisting Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Hollywood – Present
- Director of Justice Ministries/Special Assistant to the Bishop in charge of Welcoming Congregations, Southwest California Synod, ELCA 11/2011-9/2013
- Coordinator, Welcoming Congregations and Guardian Angels Project, Southwest California Synod, ELCA, 9/2013-Present
- Madrina, M25 (Matthew 25/Mateo 25 SoCal, Matthew 25 national steering committee)
- Executive Director, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice LA and Founding Director, CLUE-California, Los Angeles CA 2000-2011 (responsible for fund development and management for 1.3 million annual budget)
- Pastor, Iglesia Luterana Betel, Fresno CA 1997-2000
- Pastor, St. John’s Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana San Juan, Oakland CA 1994-1997
- Executive Director, Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy with the Homeless, Berkeley CA 1988-1991
- Mission Developer, Pilipino Community, Daly City CA 1987-1988
- Founding Director, Pastoral Care for the Urban Poor, Hospital Chaplain and Missionary, Manila PI, 1985-1987
- Founding Director, Emergency Shelter and Co-Coordinator, Homeless Drop-In Center, Berkeley Emergency Food Project, Berkeley CA 1983-1985
- Conference Organizer, Western Region, California Rural Legal Assistance 1982
- Welfare and Nutrition Advocate, Southern California Council of Churches, 1980-1982
- Campus Ministry Associate & Founding Director, Food for People/La Comida para la Gente, Santa Cruz CA 1978-1980

Ongoing Training:

World Vision/Women of Vision/World Vision International 2012-present (working with both U.S. and International divisions, training grassroots, support staff and leadership in a biblically-based advocacy model for community and international development.)

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship 2012-present

Organizations for Specific Events, Projects, Campaigns or Conferences (partial list):
Christian Community Development Association, Disciples of Christ – Anti-Racism Team (training), United Methodist Bishops Committee on Race, Gender and Sexuality (facilitator), Reformed Church in America – Community Development Department, Cathedrals of the Night – ELCA Homeless Ministries, NY Metro Ministries – ELCA, Auburn Theological Seminary, Interfaith Worker Justice, New York Living Wage Coalition/Micah Institute, Chicago Faith-Rooted Organizing Coalition, , CLUE Orange County, CLUE Los Angeles & Ventura County CLUE, Interfaith Organizing Initiative, Sojourners Faith and Justice Network, Wild Goose Conference, Northpark Justice Conference, Justice Conference (Los Angeles/Portland/Philadelphia), River City Church, Chicago & 9th Hour, Chicago (training and technical assistance in organizing and community development in the inner city), National Evangelical Immigration Table, United Methodist Church MARCHA and national strategic planning committee for Hispanic Ministries, Evangelical Covenant (Midwinter, Central Conference, Journey to Mosaic, Centro Hispano de Estudios Teologicos), George Fox University, Women’s Donor Network, Fresno Evangelical Immigration Network, Ohio Prophetic Voices, AMOS, Cincinnati, National Council of Catholic Women, Immaculate Heart Community, La Paz Peace and Justice Conference (Pasadena Nazarene Church), Northwestern College, Orange City IA, Westminster College, Fulton MO (Global Transformation Leader in Residence)

Awards:

David Allen Hubbard Award, School of Intercultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2019

PLTS Alum Award for Special Service, 2016

Micah Award, Micah Institute, New York Theological Seminary, 2015

Giants of Justice, CLUE LA 2012

California Lutheran Peace Prize, California Lutheran University 2011

Gene Boutilier Award, Southern California Ecumenical Council, 2010

Co-Recipient, Seasons Fund for Social Transformation Award, 2009

Amos Award, Sojourners 2008

Stanton Fellowship, Durfee Foundation 2008

Prime Mover Award, Hunt Alternative Fund 2008

Changemaker, Liberty Hill Foundation, 2007

Urban Shepherd Award, Los Angeles United Methodist Urban Foundation, 2006

Community Hero, Agape International, 2002

Other:

Co-founder, New Sanctuary Movement 2007
Co-founder, Evangelical Immigration Table, 2011
Co-founder, Guardian Angels Project and Welcoming Congregations Network, 2014
Co-founder, Matthew 25 network, M25 SoCal, 2017
Co-founder, the Ecumenical Collaboration for Asylum-Seekers 2019

Educational Background:

2018: Doctor of Missiology, Fuller Theological Seminary. Dissertation: *Equipping Hispanic Immigrant Pastors for Holistic Mission*
1991: Certificate, Organizational Development, JFK University, Lafayette CA
1986: Masters of Divinity, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley CA
1978: B.A., Double Major, Sociology and Religious Studies (Honors in Both), UCSC

Voluntary Leadership Commitments:

CCDA Biblical Justice Committee, Current
Board Member, Faith and Public Life Resource Center, Washington D.C. (2005-2007)
Board Member, Seed Fund, Liberty Hill Foundation (2002-2005, 2009)
National Strategic Commission for Hispanic Ministry, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (1998-2000)

Other: *Ordained: 1987, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*