

Latino Spiritualities/Latino Ministry
Fall 2017 Bloy House, Fridays 7-10p.m.
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Course Description

This course introduces the student to diverse Latino spiritualities in preparation for ministry in Latino/Hispanic communities. The course will be organized thematically around critical issues: methods for outreach and mission, pastoral care, popular religiosity, sacraments, challenges in multicultural ministry, the history of U.S. Latino Christianity, etc. etc. Students from beginning to advance/native Spanish-speaking ability will have the opportunity to pray, sing, and practice celebrating the liturgy in Spanish. The class format will be lecture and discussion and include films as well as guest speakers from the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Student Learning Objectives

1. Students will learn basic skills for ministering pastorally in a Latino context, including in Spanish
2. Students will gain experience in liturgical leadership in Spanish and with liturgies specific to a Latino context.
3. Students will be exposed to diverse Latino ministries in the diocese of Los Angeles.
4. Students will be able to articulate and discuss critical issues in Latino ministry in the Episcopal Church.
5. Students will gain familiarity with the complexity and diversity of Latino spiritualities.
6. Students will learn strategies and methods for mission and outreach in the Latino context.

Evaluation/Assignments

- Weekly Reading Responses
 - Students will submit reflections on the reading for each week of class (250-300 words in length) and provide two questions for discussion. These assignments are **due Friday morning by no later than 10 a.m. via email** 30%
- Completion of one practice Eucharist in Spanish (for those preparing for priesthood) or another liturgy TBA (for deacons or lay ministers) 10%
- One visit to a Spanish language liturgy (at a congregation that is new to you) with a two-page report. 20%
- Prayer leadership (lead the class in prayer, in Spanish, once during the semester) 10%
- Final paper: 8-9 pages with bibliography. On one critical issue in Latino Ministry in the Episcopal church (subject to be approved by instructor) 20%
- Attendance and participation in discussion 10%

Required Texts (please purchase)

- Trails of Hope and Terror: Testimonies on Immigration, Miguel A. De La Torre, Orbis Books, 2009, ISBN 978-1-57075-798-3

- Latina/o Social Ethics: Moving Beyond Eurocentric Moral Thinking, Miguel de La Torre, Baylor University Press, 2010, ISBN978-160258294-1
- Ripe Fields: The promise and Challenges of Latino Ministry, Juan Oliver, Church Publishing, 2009, ISBN 978-0-89869-611-0
- Theologizing en Espanglish, Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Orbis Books, 2010, ISBN 978-1-57075-864-5
- A Future for The Latino Church: Models for Multilingual, Multigenerational Hispanic Congregations, Daniel A. Rodriguez, InterVarsity Press, 2011, ISBN 978-0-8308-3930-8
- The Future is Mestizo: Life Where Cultures Meet, Revised Edition, Virgilio Elizondo, University Press of Colorado, 2000, ISBN 0-87081-576-8
- El Libro de Oracion Comun, Church Publishing, 1989

Recommended Texts:

- Pastoral Care and counseling with Latino/as, R. Esteban Montilla, Ferney Medina, Fortress Press, 2006 ISBN 0-8006-3820-4
- Claiming Resurrection in the dying Church: Freedom beyond survival, Anna B. Olson, Westminster John Knox Press, 2016 ISBN 978-0-664-26117-7

Schedule

- **Friday August 18**
 - Introductions. Course Review. Sign up. Themes. Question
- **Friday August 25: Understanding Immigration in the U.S.**
 - Guest Lecturer: The Rev. Francisco Garcia
 - Assigned Reading: Miguel de la Torre, *Trails of Hope and Terror* (ALL)
- **Friday September 8: Beyond Eurocentric Thinking**
 - Assigned Reading: Miguel de la Torre, *Latina/o Social Ethics* (ALL)
- **Friday September 22: Latino Ministry in the Episcopal Church**
 - Assigned Reading: Juan Oliver, *Ripe Fields: The promise and challenge of Latino ministry* (ALL)
 - The Episcopal Church's Strategic Vision for reaching Latinos/Hispanics (PDF)
- **Friday September 29: Latino Ministry in the Diocese of Los Angeles**
- **Friday October 13 Liturgy and Popular Religion**
 - Assigned Reading: Virgilio Elizondo, *The Future is Mestizo*
- **Friday October 27: Saints, Saints, Saints**
 - Assigned Reading: TBD
- **Friday November 10: Gifts and Challenges**
 - Assigned Reading: Daniel A. Rodriguez, *A Future for The Latino Church: Models for Multilingual, Multigenerational Hispanic Congregations*
- **Friday November 17: Justice, Mission, and Building up the Church of the Future**
 - Assigned Reading: Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, *Theologizing en Espanglish*
- **Friday December 8: Last Class**
 - Presentations and wrap up
 - Eucharist