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EDUCATION

- 6/2015 - 7/2020 **Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CA
Ph.D. Intercultural Studies
Dissertation: *Misiología Mestiza: Latinx Hybridity, Churches, and Leadership Praxis*
- 9/2007 - 6/2010 **Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CA
M.Div., Cross-Cultural Studies Concentration
Summa Cum-Laude
- 9/1998 - 4/2003 **Pepperdine University**, Malibu, CA
B.A., Religion and International Studies; Concentration in Latin American Studies
Magna Cum-Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 8/2011-present **Family Life Minister**
Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA
- 5/2018-present **Associate Director and Host of *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com**
Pasadena, CA
- 5/2017-present **Content Editor for *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis***
Pasadena, CA
- 6/2017-present **Center for Missiological Research Admin Committee Representative**
Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Intercultural Studies, Pasadena, CA
- 8/2010 - 7/2011 **Graduate Instructor** [*Writing, Composition and Rhetoric*]
Shanghai University of Electric Power, Shanghai, China
- 8/2003 - 6/2005 **Adjunct Faculty** [*Intermediate and Advanced English*]
Yangtze University, Jingzhou, China
- 8/2003 - 6/2007 **Missionary Church Planter**
Jingzhou and Beijing, China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 7/2018 **Visiting Instructor**, *Cultures and Leadership U.S. Narratives & Intercultural Life*
Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA
- 4/2018 – 6/2018 **Assistant Instructor**, *Ethnicities and Ecclesiologies*
Fuller Theological Seminary
- 8/2010 - 6/2011 **Adjunct Faculty**, *English Composition and Rhetoric*
Shanghai University of Electric Power, Shanghai, China
- 9/2003 - 1/2005 **Adjunct Faculty**, *English as a Second Language*
Foreign Language Department, Yangtze University, Jingzhou, China

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Vocational Missionary in China (September 2003 – June 2010)

Overseeing Congregation: Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA

Established a campus ministry in Jingzhou (2003-2005), planted two house-churches in Beijing (2005-2007), and coordinated a campus ministry in Shanghai (2010-2011)

Responsibilities: Evangelism, including one-on-one evangelism and group evangelism Bible studies; access ministries, including making contacts, developing relationships, and following up on contacts; discipleship and leadership training ministries, which included discipling new Christians and mentoring local church leaders; administrative ministries, which involved fundraising, leading ministry strategy meetings; and other pastoral ministries, including preaching, worship leading, coordinating Sunday services, hospital and prison visits, orphanage ministry, pre-marital counseling, and one-on-one pastoral counseling.

Family Life Minister in Hollywood (August 2010 – Present)

Congregation: Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA

Elders: Dr. Eno Otoyoy, Dr. Paul Giboney, Ed Magos, Dr. Daniel Rodriguez

The Family Life Minister supports the leadership team by planning meaningful and transformative corporate worship experiences for members and visitors, by facilitating visioning conversations as the congregation discerns gifting and strategies for mission, and by coordinating small group ministry and general church family connectedness.

Responsibilities: Preaching; planning and scheduling sermon series; discipling new believers and mentoring emergent leaders; worship ministry, which includes worship leading, coordinating Sunday worship services, and training worship participants; facilitating leadership visioning and planning meetings; leading small groups ministry, hospitality ministry, and general family connectedness.

HONORS

1998-2003	<i>Dean's List</i> , Pepperdine University
1999-2003	<i>Golden Key Award</i> , Pepperdine University
2003	<i>Who's Who Among American College Students</i> , Pepperdine University
2003	<i>Center for International Studies and Languages Outstanding Graduate</i> , Pepperdine University
2003	<i>Religion Division Top Graduate Award</i> , Pepperdine University
2015-2017	<i>Hispanic Theological Initiative</i> , Fuller Theological Seminary Representative

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019 - 2020	<i>Lilly Dissertation Fellowship</i> , Hispanic Theological Initiative (\$25,000) A merit-based grant awarded to Latinx PhD candidates whose theological research demonstrates potential for significant contribution within their field.
2015 - 2017	<i>Crowell Trust Fellowship</i> , Fuller Theological Seminary (\$45,000) A merit-based scholarship awarded annually by the Center for Missiological Research to the top PhD student.

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Rodriguez, M. D. (in press). Review of “Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible.” *Perspectivas: A Journal of the Hispanic Theological Initiative*.

Rodriguez, M. D. (Summer-Fall 2016). Review of “Crossroads of the Nations: Diaspora, Globalization, and Evangelism.” *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 7.

PRESENTATIONS

Rodriguez, M.D. (May 2017). *Costas Colloquium: Response to “Spirit Outside the Gate”*. Panelist respondent to Oscar Garcia-Johnson’s manuscript.

Rodriguez, M.D. (April 2017). *Liderazgo Intergeneracional*. Panelist respondent to Marcos Canales lecture.

Rodriguez, M.D., Rodriguez D.A. (May 2016). *Pedro for President: Multicultural Leadership, Should Undocumented Immigrants Be Leaders in Our Churches, The Gifts of the Undocumented Immigrant*. Three-part series at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures.

Rodriguez, M.D., Rodriguez M.A. (May 2009). *China for Christ*. Lecture at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Malibu, CA.

Rodriguez, M.D., (February, 2009). *Mission in China*. Guest lecture for Daniel Rodriguez, Ph.D., Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

Rodriguez, M.D., Rodriguez M.A. (May 2007). *Reaching Students in China*. Presentation at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Malibu, CA.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

- 1) Leadership development and opportunities for underrepresented minorities
- 2) Adaptive and praxis approaches to missional leadership in multicultural contexts
- 3) Leadership that honors both the agency of God and the agency of marginalized voices
- 4) Postcolonial hybridity theory

LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foreign Language Proficiency:

Fluent in Spanish and literate in Mandarin-Chinese

International Experience

Grew up in as a missionary in Puebla, Mexico where I attended elementary and junior high school; lived in Heidelberg, Germany as a sophomore year in college; and worked as a missionary in China for five years. I have traveled to more than fifty countries.

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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