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- B.S. Chemical Engineering, *Magna cum Laude*, May 1988
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, PR
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- Hispanic Theological Initiative award, 2000-2005
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- "Incarnate Word: Images of God and Reading Practices," in Randall C.
Bailey, Benny Tat-Siong Liew, Fernando F. Segovia (eds.) *They Were All
Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism*, Semeia Studies
Series (forthcoming)

“Memory of the Flesh: Theological Reflections on Word and Body,” in Anthony Pinn and Benjamin Valentin, eds., *Creating Ourselves: African Americans and Hispanic Americans, Popular Culture, and Religious Expression* (Durham and London: Duke University, forthcoming).

“Ethical Desires: Toward a Theology of Relational Transcendence,” in Virginia Burrus and Catherine Keller, eds., *Toward a Theology of Eros: Transfiguring Passion at the Limits of Discipline* (NY, Fordham University Press, 2006)

“Radical Transcendence: A Latina Postcolonial Reading of Divine Otherness,” in Rosemary Radford Ruether and Marion Grau, eds., *Interpreting the Postmodern* (Edinburg, UK: T&T Clark, 2006).

“God at the Crossroads: A Postcolonial Reading of Sophia,” in R.S. Sugirtharajah, *The Postcolonial Biblical Reader*, (Oxford, UK: Blackwell, 2006).

“En-Gendered Territory: U.S. Missionaries’ Discourse in Puerto Rico (1898-1920),” in Benjamín Valentin, ed., *Nuevas Voces/ New Voices: Horizons in Hispanic/ Latino(a) Theology* (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2003).

“La Mujer Samaritana,” in *Modelos de Liderazgo: Estudios Biblicos para el Ministerio*, (NY: American Bible Society, 2001).

CONFERENCE
PAPERS

“Human Otherness and the U. S. Immigration Debate,” Theology and Ministry in the US/Latin@ Context: Crossing Borders & Redefining Margins, Harvard Divinity School, April 2006

“Memory of the Flesh: Divine Transcendence and Human Otherness,” Transfiguring Passions: Theologies and Theories of Eros, Drew University, October 2004

“God at the Crossroads,” Orlando E. Costas Spring Lecture, Andover Newton Theological School, March 2004

“Sophia the Hybrid: A Latina Postcolonial Perspective,” AAR, Christian Systematic Theology Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group, November 2003

“Sophia the Hybrid,” Theology and Religious Studies Colloquium, Drew University, February 2003

“Postcolonialism and Theology,” First Hispanic Alumni Meeting, Drew University, October 2002

OTHER WORK

Consultant for the project, *Reading and Teaching the Bible as Asian, Black,*

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Director of the Hispanic Caucus, Drew University Theological and Graduate Schools 1999-2000

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