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**Education**

Ph.D. Fordham University  
M.A. Maryknoll School of Theology  
B.A. Fordham University

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**Areas of Specialization/Expertise**

Religious Education  
Youth Studies  
Urban Ministry  
Ecumenical Studies of Protestantism, Catholicism and Orthodoxy  
Interdisciplinary Studies

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**Current Areas of Research**

Modern Christian Education

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**Courses Taught**

Integrative Capstone Seminar  
Leadership and Administration  
Foundations of Christian Education  
Foundations of Teaching in the Church  
Personal Spiritual Formation  
Children's Ministry Leadership  
Urban Youth Ministry  
Introduction to Youth Ministry  
Discipling and Mentoring Youth  
At Risk Youth and Gangs  
Youth Outreach  
Advanced Youth Ministry  
Christian Foundations

Seminar and Practicum I  
Seminar and Practicum II  
Student Teaching I  
Student Teaching II  
Foundations For Excellence  
College Writing II

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### **Membership in Professional Societies**

Religious Education Association/Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (REA/APRRE)  
Association of Youth Ministry Educators (AYME), Board of Directors (2005-2008)  
North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE)

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### **Publications & Presentations**

#### **Books**

*Exploring Worship: Evangelical, Catholic and Orthodox Perspectives.* Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2011.

*Toward a Prophetic Youth Ministry: Theory and Praxis in Urban Context.* Grand Rapids: InterVarsity Press, March 2008.

*Foundations for Excellence.* Fernando Arzola Jr. and Denise Hirschlein. Littleton: Tapestry Press, 2002.

#### **Chapters in Books**

"Poverty" in *Youth Ministry Sourcebook 2006*, Week 22, Nashville, Thomas Nelson, 2005.

"Justice" in *Youth Ministry Sourcebook 2006*, Week 22, Nashville, Thomas Nelson, 2005.

#### **Academic Journals**

"Four Paradigms of Youth Ministry in the Urban Context," *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, v. 5, n. 1 (Fall 2006): 41-55.

#### **Refereed Academic Journal Articles**

*Recovering a Vision for Teaching in the Body of Christ*, Christian Education Journal, 2011.

*Discipleship as Theological Praxis: Dietrich Bonhoeffer as a Resource for the Normative Task of Practical Theology*, Christian Education Journal, 2011.

*Kenosis, Race and the Sacredly Mobile Adolescent: A Revised Christology for Racial Reconciliation*, Christian Education Journal, 2010.

*Relational Christian Education: Teaching Obedience to all Christ has Commanded*, Christian Education Journal, 2010

*Principles for Teaching Church-Based ESL with Integrity*, Christian Education Journal, 2006.

*Identity Research and the Psychosocial Formation of One's Sense of Spiritual Self: Implications for Religious Educators and Christian Institutions of Higher Education*, Christian Education Journal, 2005.

*Double Loop Learning in the College Classroom*, Christian Educational Journal, 2004.

## **Student Manual**

Arzola Jr., Fernando. *Proactive Learning Strategies*. Nanuet: Minuteman Press, 2003.

## **Forward and Study Questions**

*The Great Commandment Leader: Becoming a Leader People want to Follow*. WinePress, 2011.

## **Book Endorsements**

*The Adolescent Journey: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Practical Youth Ministry*. Amy Jacober, InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, 2011.

*When God Shows Up: A History of Protestant Youth Ministry in America*. Mark H. Senter III. Baker: Grand Rapids, April 2010.

## **Newspaper Articles**

"Rewiring Youth Ministries to Help Rewire Teens," The Love Express, July 2007.

"This is for You, Dad," New York Daily News, 20 June, 1998.

"Steinbrenner's Bad Call in the Bronx," New York Newsday, 1995.

## **Presentations**

Conference Lecturer, "Understanding Contemporary Christian Youth Ministry," Academy for Jewish Religion, November 14, 2011.

Seminar Lecture, "Engaging the Doctoral Dissertation Process," Fordham University, November 9, 2011

Plenary Responder, RNDR. Martin Palouš, "God and Human Rights," Nyack Scholars Symposium, October 6, 2010.

Visiting Professor Lecture, "Prophetic Youth Ministry," North Park University, April 9, 2010.

Symposium Workshop Lecture, Nyack Scholars Symposium, "Exploring Corporate Worship: Evangelical, Catholic and Orthodox Perspectives," Nyack College, April 13, 2010.

Visiting Professor Lecture, "Urban Youth Ministry," Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, CUME, March 16, 2010.

Visiting Professor Lecture, "Urban Youth Ministry," Andover Newton Theological School, March 16, 2010.

Faculty Seminar, "Youth, Adolescents, Disciples: Ministry to Young People ages 13 to 18," St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, February 23, 2010.

Conference Coordinator, Alexander Men Conference, "New Witness of Christian Witness," Nyack College Manhattan Campus, Saturday, August 8, 2009.

Panel Participant, Princeton Theological Seminary Hispanic Leadership Program, "The Church and U.S. Education: Challenges, Promises, and Best Practices," Princeton Theological Seminary, January 7, 2009.

Conference Faculty, Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference, "Toward Koinonia: Understanding the Process of Community Building" Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA, December 27-31, 2009

Conference Coordinator, Alexander Men Conference, "New Witness of Christian Witness," Nyack College Manhattan Campus, Saturday, August 8, 2009.

Panel Participant, Princeton Theological Seminary Hispanic Leadership Program, "The Church and U.S. Education: Challenges, Promises, and Best Practices," Princeton Theological Seminary, January 7, 2009.

Conference Faculty, Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference, "Community Mapping and Parish Responses: A practical approach to nurturing a more just congregation," Antiochian Village, Bolivar, PA, December 27-31, 2008

Conference Coordinator, Association of Youth Ministry Educators, "Called and Commissioned: Youth Ministry Education as Leadership Development," October 18 - October 20, 2008.

Group Facilitator, "Demographic Study and Ministry Response," Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Just Love Urban Mission Service, NYC, October 25, 2008.

Panel Participant, "Youth Ministry Education as Leadership Development," 2008 Association of Youth Ministry Educators Conference, October 20, 2008.

Student Lecture, "Transforming the Adolescent Mind," Nyack College, NYC Campus, October 15, 2008.

Conference Faculty, Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry, "Prophetic Youth Ministry," Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ, April 28 – May 1, 2008.

Conference Workshop, "Towards a Prophetic Youth Ministry: Theory and Praxis in Urban Context," National Youth Workers Convention, Atlanta, November 19, 2007.

Conference Workshop, "Back to the Future: Reappropriating Historical Orthodoxy and Practices for a Renewed Evangelical Christian Education," North American Professors of Christian Education, October 20, 2007.

Visiting Professor Lecture, "Youth Ministry in the Urban Context," Fordham University Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Youth Ministry Institute, September 9, 2006.

Conference Workshop, "Toward a Prophetic Youth Ministry: Theory and Praxis in Urban Context," Urban Youth Workers Institute National Conference, May 19, 2006.

Visiting Professor Lecturer, "Confronting Assumptions of Urban Youth Ministry," *Youth Ministry: Special Topics - Urban Youth Ministry*, Azusa Pacific University, May 18, 2006.

Seminar Presenter, "Community Mapping," *Urban Youth Leader Strategies*, American Bible Society, NY, NY, April 12, 2006.

Visiting Professor Lecture, "Developing a Philosophy of Youth Ministry," *Urban Youth Ministry*, Alliance Theological Seminary NY, NY, June 15, 2005.

Seminar Facilitator and Speaker, "Youth Ministry in the Urban Context," Nyack College Rockland Campus, November 8 and November 9, 2004.