Syllabus:

This intensive seminar surveys the rich contributions of Mujerista and Latina Feminist scholars to theologies of liberation. We will explore Latin@ / Hispanic ethnic identity formations; consider the impact of transnational identities in the global North and global South to this work; engage the formative writings of Ada María Isasi-Díaz, María Pilar Aquino, Ivone Gebara and others; and acknowledge their interconnections to Womanist thought. There will be advanced reading for this course, but there will not be a final paper. Grades will be determined primarily through class participation.

Required Texts to be read IN ADVANCE of the course:
The materials for this class are emotionally weighty. It is highly recommended that you begin reading well in advance of the class to give the readings the time that they require. Please note that there will also be a few short readings on moodle. The moodle key and password will be emailed to you closer to the beginning of the class.

List Price: $20.10
ISBN: 1879960850
You are only required to read the first section of this text (7 chapters).
The second portion, mainly poetry, is optional.

List Price: $28.00
ISBN: 1592441017

List Price: $35.00
ISBN: 1570757410
You may have to find a used copy of this text as it appears to be out of print. It is worth the search. Let me know ASAP if you cannot find it.
List Price: $22.00 / $10.45 on Kindle
ISBN: 1570750815

**Course Objectives:**
Students are expected to:
- Gain a working vocabulary for the academic study of liberation theologies in general, and Mujerista and Latina Feminist theologies specifically;
- Acquire a basic understanding of the foundations of Mujerista and Latina Feminist epistemologies and methodologies;
- Diversify their engagement with the dominant canon of Liberation Theology by studying scholars, religious traditions, and counter-oppressive perspectives that are often relegated to the margins of the field; and
- Develop a working understanding of the role of religion and ministerial leadership in undermining the effects of interconnected oppressions.

**Monday – Origins: Mujerista Theology as a parallel evolution of Womanist Thought, The Latina Feminist Response**

Readings:
- María Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life*
- María Pilar Aquino and María José Rosado-Nunes, *Feminist Intercultural Theology*
- Ada María Isasi-Díaz, *Mujerista Theology*

Topics:
- Diversifying Feminist Theologies
- Liberation Theology and Christian Mestizaje foundations
- Intro to Mujerista Theology
- Intro to Latina Feminist Theology
- Productive Tensions between Mujerista and Latina Feminist Thought

**Tuesday – Identity as a Complex and Beautiful Reality**

Readings:
- Moodle: Jorje J. E. Gracia, “What Makes Us Who We Are: The Key to Our Unity in Diversity”
- Gloría Anzaldúa, *Borderlands / La Frontera*
- María Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life*
- Ada María Isasi-Díaz, *Mujerista Theology*
Topics:
  • Mestizaje and Mulatez: How do the Complexities of Latin@ / Hispanic Identities Impact Theologies of Liberation?
  • Histories of Latin@ / Hispanic Identities and the Subjugation of Women’s Stories and Experiences
  • Why are New Liberation Theologies and Methodologies Necessary?
  • Use of Personal Experience
  • Knowledge Production and Accountable Relationship
  • How Identity Impacts Lo Cotidiano

Wednesday – Application of Mujerista and Latina Feminist Theologies

Readings:
  • Moodle: Excerpts from The Latina Feminist Group, *Telling to Live*
  • Moodle: Excerpts from Ivone Gebara: *Longing for Running Water*
  • María Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life*
  • María Pilar Aquino and María José Rosado-Nunes, *Feminist Intercultural Theology*
  • Ada María Isasi-Díaz, *Mujerista Theology*

Topics:
  • Exercise: Theological Reflection and the Everyday
  • Role of Ethnography
  • Environmental Theologies and Ecofeminism
  • Multiethnic Lives Birthing Multireligiosity in Latina Feminist Theologies
  • Issues of Accountability

Thursday – ¡Presente! How We Live Out the Work Our Founders Have Begun

Readings:
  • Moodle: Mayra Rivera, Excerpts from *The Touch of Transcendence*
  • María Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life*
  • María Pilar Aquino and María José Rosado-Nunes, *Feminist Intercultural Theology*
  • Ada María Isasi-Díaz, *Mujerista Theology*
  • Gloria Anzaldúa, *Borderlands / La Frontera*

Topics:
  • Present Day Collaboration: Expanding the Call for Justice
  • Latin@ / Hispanic Postcolonial Liberation Theologies
• Irruptions of History (review *Our Cry for Life*)
• Feminist Intercultural Theologies

**Friday – The New Mestiza Birthing the World**

Readings:
• Moodle: Excerpts from The Latina Feminist Group, *Telling to Live*
• María Pilar Aquino, *Our Cry for Life*
• María Pilar Aquino and María José Rosado-Nunes, *Feminist Intercultural Theology*
• Ada María Isasi-Díaz, *Mujerista Theology*
• Gloria Anzaldúa, *Borderlands / La Frontera*

Topics:
• Responding to the Demands of Borderlands Theology
• Multiplicities, Justice, and the Everyday
• Latin@ / Hispanic Theologies and their applications for our Ministries
• Conclusions