

Starr King School for the Ministry
Latinx Theologies:
Latin American Liberation Beyond the Thea/ological Gender Binary.

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Hybrid, synchronous on Zoom

Syllabus

SKSM Thresholds:

- **4 -History of Dissenting Traditions and the Theological Quest**
- **6- Theo/ology in Culture and Context**
- **7- Educating for Wholeness and Liberation**
- **8- Embodied Wisdom and Beauty**

Ministerial Fellowship Competencies:

- **Spiritual Development for Self and Others**
- **Social Justice in the Public Square**
- **Serves the larger UU Faith**
- **Leads the Faith into the Future**

This course will explore the works of leading Latina Theologians within the context of Liberation Theology. Our learning journey will include the writings of Mujerista Theologian Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Latin American Feminist Theologian María Pilar Aquino, Feminist Eco-Theologian Ivonne Gebara, and Feminist Theologian Marcella Althaus-Reed.

We will apply an intersectional lens to our analysis of readings and class discussions to engage questions of philosophical and political diversity with respect to Latina Feminist and Mujerista Thea/ologies. Our work will focus on interrogating how the different sociocultural contexts and constructions of sexuality, gender, and gender expressions have shaped the narratives of both Mujerista and Latina Feminist Thea/ologies.

Grades will be determined by active class participation and three 5 page reflection papers.

Course Objectives:

1. Become familiar with Mujerista and Latina Feminist methodologies and epistemologies.
2. Understand both the interconnectedness and the tensions between and among Mujerista, Feminist, and Queer Latina/Latin American/Latinx Thea/ologies of liberation.
3. Develop practical understanding of Latina Mujerista/Feminist/Eco-Feminist Thea/ologies within the praxis of ministerial formation.

Required Texts:

Althaus-Reid, Marcella, *From Feminist Theology to Indecent Theology*. Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd, 2004. List Price: From \$35 new to \$5.97 used. ISBN-10: 033402983X.

Aquino, María Pilar, Daisy Machado, and Jeanetter Rodriguez, Eds. *A Reader in Latina Feminist Theology: Religion and Justice*. University of Texas Press, 2002. List Price: Kindle \$16.50, Paperback \$21, used from \$7.68.

ISBN-10: 0292705123

Gebara, Ivone, *Longing for Running Water: Ecofeminism and Liberation*. Fortress Press, 1999. List Price \$4.99 Kindle, new from \$10.15, used from \$3.12. ASIN: B011SK54BK

Isasi-Díaz, Ada María. *Mujerista Theology: A Theology for the 21st Century*. New York: Orbis Books, 1996. List Price: \$22.00, \$10.45 on Kindle ISBN: 1570750815.

Please note that there will be a few additional short articles which will be emailed to you two weeks in advance of class discussion.

Week One-Grounding ourselves in Latin American Liberation Theology

Week Two-*Mujeres de Palabra*: Unpacking the meanings of Latina, Latin American, Mujerista, Latina Feminist

Week Three-Introduction to Mujerista Theology: Ada María Isasi-Diaz

Week Four-Ada María Isasi Diaz and “*Lo Cotidiano*” as a framework for centering women’s experiences.

Week Five-Introduction to Latina Feminist Theology

Week Six-María Pilar Aquino and Latin American Feminist Intercultural Dialogues.

Week Seven-Exploring the tensions between Mujerista and Latin American Feminist Theologies.

Week Eight-What is Eco-Feminism?

Week Nine-Introduction to Latin American Eco-Feminism: Ivone Gebara

Week Ten-What is Queer Theology?

Week Eleven-Marcella Althaus-Reid and the Queering of Latin American Liberation Theology.

Week Twelve-Marcella Althaus-Reid and Epistemological Decolonization: Theology from Disappeared Bodies.

Week Thirteen-Latinx Theologies in a Postcolonial/Global Context.