

Ada María Isasi-Díaz
Curriculum Vitae

Born in La Habana, Cuba, March 22, 1943. USA citizen.

EDUCATION

- May 1990 Ph.D. in Theology (Social Ethics) from Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- May 1989 M.Phil in Theology from Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- May 1985 M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 1978 Theology courses, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York.
- May 1977 M.A. in Medieval History, State University of New York at Brockport.
- 1972-1973 Education courses - Nichols State University, Louisiana. Permanent Certificate, High School Teacher, New York State, 1978.
- June 1971 B.A. - major in European History from College of New Rochelle, New York.
- 1967-1969 Education courses - Pontifical University, Lima, Peru; Theology courses – Santo Toribio Seminary, Lima, Perú.
- 1964-1967 College of New Rochelle, New York.
- 1960-1961 Springfield College, Springfield, Illinois.
- June 1960 High School diploma, Merici Academy, La Habana, Cuba

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1991-Present Professor of Ethics and Theology at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey
- Spring 2005 Visiting Professor, Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea
- Fall 2004 Visiting Professor, University of Dayton, OH.
- 1998 – 2004 Visiting Professor, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba.
- 1987-1990 Director of Program and Associate General Director Church Women United, New York
- 1982-1986 Lecturer, Writer, Process Developer and Facilitator.

- 1978-1982 Office Ministerial Team: Regional Developer, Women's Ordination Conference, Rochester, New York
- 1977-1978 Parish Minister, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, NY.
- 1975-1977 Religious Education Coordinator, St. Michael's Church, Rochester, NY.
- 1974-1975 Salesperson, Sears Roebuck & Co., Rochester, NY.
- 1973-1974 Tutor: English, History, Religion in Madrid, Spain.
- 1971-1973 Teacher, Ascension Catholic InterParochial High School, Donaldsonville, LA.
- 1970-1971 Teacher, Junior High School, St. Alphonsus Parochial School, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Summer 1970 Tutor, Ibero-American Action League, Rochester, New York.
- 1967-1969 Parish Minister, María Madre de Dios Parish, Lima, Perú.
- 1967-1969 Teacher, Junior High School Teacher, Colegio San José, Lima, Perú.

LECTURES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

- October 2006 Convocation Lecture at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.
- September 2006 Keynote the conference, "Dreamers and Doers: Making the Connections," A Conference in honor of Marjorie Tuite, OP, Columbus, OH.
- September 2006 Panel Presentation at the Haystack Memories and Missions: 1806-2006, Bicentennial Celebration, Williamstown, MA.
- July 2006 Presenter at the General Assembly of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- June 2006 Lecture at Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO.
- March 2006 The William Shannon Lecturer at Nazareth College, Rochester, NY.
- March 2006 Lecture at St. Norbert College, WI.
- February 2006 Keynote, "Differences as Blessing," Annual meeting of the Racial Ethnic Multicultural Network of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, New York City.

- November 2005 Keynote, “Kin-dom of God and Politics – Justice in the 21st Century,” Call to Action National Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- October 2005 Presentation at “Racial/Ethnic Women and White Women Building Alliances in Theological Education,” Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA.
- October 2005 “Jesus Lives Today Among Hispanics in the USA,” St John’s University, Staten Island, NY.
- October 2005 Panelist at the LAS HERMANAS Biennial Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- September 2005 Presentation at the XI International Congress of the North South Dialogue Program, Eichstatt, Germany.
- June 2005 Panelist, “Role of Religion in Feminist Movement: Learning from Feminist, Womanist, Mujerista and Salimist Theologies” at the Women's Worlds 2005: 9th International Interdisciplinary Congress of Women, Seoul Korea.
- May, 2005 Panelist, "Life and Peace, Women's Perspectives" International Conference of Peace for Life in North East Asia. Uiwang City, Kyungki, Korea
- March 2005 Preached Mission in Spanish at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Lower East Side, Manhattan, NY>
- November 2004 Respondent, American Academy of Religion: “Mujerista Theology: A Theology of Struggle and Liberation; The work of Ada María Isasi-Díaz
- October 2004 Presentation at the Consultation for Hispanic/Latino(a)s in Theological Education, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA.
- October 2004 Presentation at the Seminar for Racial/Ethnic Women in Theological Education, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA.
- May 2004 Keynote presentation at the National Association of Lay Ministries (Catholic), Kansas City, KS.
- May 2004 Presentation at the Canadian Theological Association. Winnipeg, Canada.
- April, 2004 Keynote at “Envisioning the Church Women Want,” Conference, Boston College, MA.
- March, 2004 Presentation at St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX.
- March,2004 Class lecture at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT.

- March, 2004 Workshop at Ursuline College, Cleveland, OH.
- March, 2004 Presentations at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, KY.
- February, 2004 “Domestic Violence in Latino Communities,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL.
- November, 2003 Workshop at Sophia Center in Culture and Spirituality, Holy Names College, Oakland, CA.
- May, 2003 Workshop at Nogales, Mexico sponsored by Borderlinks, Tucson, AZ.
- May, 2003 “Reconciliation from a Mujerista Perspective,” South Florida Center for Theological Studies, Miami, FL.
- April, 2003 “Reconciliation: Justice in the 21st Century,” Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.
- April, 2003 “Mujerista Theology,” Loyola-Marymount, Los Angeles, CA
- November, 2002 Panelis at “Religion and the Feminist Movement Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.
- November, 2002 Presentation. The Swam Annual Lecture, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Omaha, NE.
- October, 2002 Keynote, “Latina/o Religious Challenges for the Third Millenium,” First Latina/o Alumna/i Reunion, Drew University, Madison, NJ.
- October, 2002 Presentation at Hispanic Heritage Month, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Center, MA.
- September, 2002 “Burlando al Opressor,” at Drew Colloquium in Transdisciplinary Theological Studies.
- September, 2002 Keynote, “Bordeland Crossings” Series, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX.
- July, 2002 Keynote, “Reconceptualizing Differences—A Matter of Justice,” National Association Women in Catholic Higher Education, Santa Clara, CA
- May, 2002 “Latina Women Talk about God,” The Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, CT.
- April, 2002 “Education for Ministry in a Global Culture,” The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA.

- April, 2002 "Border Crossing to Build Community," Liberation Theology Speaker Series & the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership, Univ. of Maryland.
- April, 2002 Presentation at Trinity College, Washington, DC.
- February, 2002 Keynote at "Transcending Boundaries," 28th Annual Maryland Student Affairs Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- February, 2002 Harvey Lecturer at The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX.
- October, 2001 Lecturer at the Women's Liberation Theology Program, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.
- July, 2001 Keynote, "Justice - A Never Ending Process, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, KS.
- May, 2001 Keynote, "Witnessing to God's Healing of Creation--The Justice Context," Eco-justice Conference, NCC, Washington, DC.
- April, 2001 Class lectures at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, and Fordham University, Bronx, NY.
- March, 2001 Preaching and Retreat, Catholic Parish, in Kodiak Island, AK; Presentation at Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK.
- February, 2001 Lecture at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO.
- October, 2000 "En la Lucha: A Conference Celebrating Hispanic Ministry," Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL.
- September, 2000 Keynote at "Woman's Issues Lecture Series," Emory University, GA.
- September, 2000 "En la Lucha: Mujerista Theology and Christian Solidarity," St Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA.
- May, 2000 Presentations at "Nuestra Señora del Carmen," Roman Catholic Church, Matanzas, Cuba.

COURSES OFFERED AS ADJUNCT FACULTY

- July 2005 Course on Justice at the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, Boston College.

- July, 2004 "La Justicia y el amor se abrazan," Hispanic Summer Program, Drew University, Madison, NJ.
- July, 1999 "Introduction to Latino Christian Ethics," Hispanic Summer Program, Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA.
- May, 1998 "Feminist Ethics," Master Degree Program, Institute of Religious and Spiritual Formation, Manila, Philippines.
- Summer, 1995 "Mujerista Theology," United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Minnesota.
- Summer, 1994 "Multiculturalism: Perspectives & Imperatives for Mission/ Ministry." Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining, NY.
- Fall, 1993 Semester course at St. Elizabeth's College Hispanic Program, Madison, NJ.
- Spring 1992 "Mujerista Theology - A Hispanic Women's Liberation Theology," Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL.
- Summer 1991 "Hispanic Theology - Central Themes." The Fund for Theological Education at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL.
- Fall 1990 "Theological Sources for Liberation," New York Theological Seminary, Manhattan, NY.
- Summer 1985 "Women in the Old and New Testament, University of Albuquerque, NM.
- Summer 1984 "La Biblia a partir de la experiencia de la mujer hispana," Mexican American Cultural Center, San Antonio, TX.
- Spring 1983 "Ministry in Cross-Cultural Settings," Union Theological Seminary, New York:
- Summer 1980 "Ministering in the Church: Now and in the Future," St. John's Seminary, Plymouth, MI.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Committee, *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*.

Member of the "Constructive Theology" Academic Group.

Member of the "Theology and Culture" Academic Group.

Mentor. Hispanic Theological Initiative.

Board Member of Starr King School for Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.

Board Member of "Hispanic Summer Program."

PUBLICATIONS

Major Works

God's Fierce Whimsy, co-author, The Mudflower Collective (Pilgrim Press, 1985).

Hispanic Women: Prophetic Voice in the Church, co-authored with Yolanda Tarango (Harper & Row, 1988, Fortress Press, 1993). Re-issued by Scranton University Press, 2006.

Inheriting Our Mothers' Gardens, co-editor and contributor (Westminster Press, 1988)

En La Lucha-A Hispanic Women's Liberation Theology, (Fortress Press, 1993). 2nd edition 2003.

Women of God, Women of the People, (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1995).

Hispanic/Latino Theology-Challenge and Promise, co-editor and contributor (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996).

Mujerista Theology: A Theology for the 21st Century (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1996).

Camino a Emaús: Compartiendo el Ministerio de Jesús, co-editor and contributor (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002).

La Lucha Continues – Mujerista Theology (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2004).

Chapters in Books

"Women in the Ordained Ministry of the Church and Human Liberation," *Women in Dialogue* (Catholic Committee on Urban Ministry, Notre Dame, IN, 1979).

"The People of God on the Move--Chronicle of a History," *Prophets Denied Honor* (Orbis Books, 1980).

"A Liberationist Perspective on Peace and Social Justice," *Education for Peace and Justice* (Harper & Row, 1983).

Toward an Understanding of Feminismo Hispano in the USA," *Women's Consciousness, Women's Conscience* (Winston Press, 1985)

“Mujeristas: A Name of Our Own,” *The Future of Liberation Theology* (Orbis Books, 1989).

“Solidarity: Love of Neighbor in the 1980's,” and “The Bible and Mujerista Theology,” *Lift Every Voice: Constructing Christian Theologies from the Underside* (Harper & Row, 1990)

“Mujeristas: A Name of Our Own,” *Yearning to Breathe Free* (Orbis Books, 1990).

“Hispanic Women in the Roman Catholic Church,” *Women and Church - The Challenge of Ecumenical Solidarity in an Age of Alienation* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1991).

“A Platform for Original Voices,” *Ethics in the Present Tense* (Friendship Press, 1991).

“‘Apuntes’ for a Hispanic Women's Theology of Liberation,” *Voces--Voices from the Hispanic Church* (Abingdon Press, 1992).

“On the Birthing Stool,” *Women at Worship* (Westminster/ John Knox Press, 1993).

“La palabra de Dios entre nosotras - The Word of God in Us,” *Searching the Scriptures* (Crossroad, 1993).

“Mujerista Theology,” *Feminist Theology from the Third World* (Orbis Books, 1994).

“A Mujerista Perspective on the Future of the Women's Movement and the Church,” *Defecting in Place: Women Claiming Responsibility or Their Own Spiritual Lives* (Crossroads, 1994).

“Mujeristas: A Name of Our Own,” *A Woman of Color Anthology* (Presbyterian Church, USA, 1994).

“To Struggle for Justice is to Pray,” *ASÍ ES: Stories of Hispanic Spirituality* (The Liturgical Press, 1994).

“Solidarity: Love of Neighbor in the 1980s,” *Feminist Theological Ethics* (Westminster/ John Knox Press, 1994).

“Mujerista Theology's Method: A Liberative Praxis,” *Methods in Ministry* (Sheed and Ward, 1995).

“Mujerista Theology and the Struggle for Liberation,” *Liturgy and the Body*_Concilium (No. 3, 1995).

“The Cultural Identity of the Latina Woman: The Cross-Disciplinary Perspective of Mujerista Theology,” *Old Masks, New Faces-Religion and Latino Identities* (New York: The Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies, 1995).

“Elements of a Mujerista Anthropology,” *In the Embrace of God-Feminist Approaches to Theological Anthropology* (Orbis Books, 1995).

“By the Rivers of Babylon’: Exile as a Way of Life,” *Reading From This Place*, vol. 1 (Fortress Press, 1995).

“Experiences,” “Justice and Social Change,” “Preferential Option,” “Solidarity;” “Mujerista Theology,” *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies* (Louisville: Westminster-John Knox Press, 1996).

“Mujerista Theology,” *An A to Z of Feminist Theology* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1996).

Article in *Women's Perspectives - Articulating the Liberating Power of the Gospel*, Gospel and Culture Pamphlet 14 (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1996).

“Economic Violence Against Minority Women in the USA,” *Women Resisting Violence* (Orbis Books, 1996).

“Mujerista Theology: A Challenge to Traditional Theology [repr],” *Introduction to Christian Theology*. (Westminster/John Knox, 1998).

“Economics, Ethics and the Everyday: Reflections from Another Shore,” *Welfare Policies - Feminist Critiques* (Pilgrim Press, 1999).

“Aportes de mujeres cubanas fuera de Cuba a la teología,” *Filosofía, Teología, Literatura: aportes cubanos en los últimos 50 años* (Aachen, Germany: Concordia, 1999).

“Women of Revolutionary Integrity,” *The Book of Woman's Sermons* (Riverhead, Penguin Putnam Press, 1999).

“Der Alltag: Ein wesentliches Element der Realität,” *Kapitalistische, Globalisierung und Befreiung*, (Frankfurt: IKO, 2000).

“Defining Our *Proyecto Histórico*: Mujerista Strategies for Liberation,” *Feminism in the Study of Religion -- a Reader* (New York: Continuum, 2001).

“A New Mestizaje/Mulatez: Reconceptualizing Difference,” *A Dream Unfinished - Theological Reflections on America from the Margins* (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2001).

“Creating a Liberating Culture, Latinas’ Subversive Narratives,” *Converging on Culture, Theologians in Dialogue with Cultural Analysis and Criticism* (New York: Oxford, 2001).

“Mujerista Theology: A Challenge to Traditional Theology,” *Women and World Religions* (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2002).

“In a Time Such as This,” *Strike Terror No More* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2002).

“*Identificate con Nosotras*: A Mujerista Christological Understanding, *Thinking of Christ: Proclamation, Explanation, Meaning* (Continuum, 2003).

“Teresa de Ávila,” “Catalina de Siena,” and “Max Weber,” *Diccionario Ilustrado de Intérpretes de La Fe* (Barcelona: Editorial CLIE, 2004).

“*La Lucha: My Story*,” *Transforming the faith of Our Fathers: The Women Who Changed American Religion* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004).

“*La Habana: The City that Inhabits Me: A Multi-Site Understanding of Location*,” *Spirit in The Cities: Searching for Soul in the Urban Landscape* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004).

“Reconciliation: An Intrinsic Element of Justice,” *Explorations in Reconciliation* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2006).

“*Justicia: A reconciliatory praxis of care and tenderness*,” *New forms of Solidarity between the North and the South: Universalize Justice* (Frankfurt am Main: IKO – Verlag für Interkulturelle Kommunikation, 2006).

Articles in Magazines and Journals

MISSIOLOGY REVIEW, Summer, 1979: “Silent Women Will Never Be Heard.”

PRO MUNDI VITA, Belgium, 1982: “La Mujer Hispana: Voz Profética en la Iglesia de los EE.UU.”

APUNTES, Fall, 1985: “Apuntes for a Hispanic Women's Theology of Liberation.”

THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, May 24-31, 1989: “Mujeristas: A Name of Our Own.”

CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS, June 12, 1989: “A Platform for original Voices.”

CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS, May 13, 1991: “Hispanic in America: Starting Points.”

LISTENING, Vol. 27, No.1 (Winter, 1992): “Mujerista Theology's Method: A Liberative Praxis, A Way of Life.”

THE JOURNAL OF FEMINIST STUDIES IN RELIGION, Vol.8, No.1 (Spring, 1992): “Mujeristas: Who We Are and What We Are About.”

THE JOURNAL OF FEMINIST STUDIES IN RELIGION, Vol. 9, Nos. 1-2 (Spring-Fall, 1993): “Defining Our Provectorio Histórico: Mujerista Strategies for Liberation.”

JOURNAL OF HISPANIC/LATINO THEOLOGY, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Nov., 1993): “Praxis: The Heart of Mujerista Theology.”

PACE, Vol. 23 (March, 1994): “To Live is to Struggle: Educating for a New World Order.”

CRISTIANISMO Y SOCIEDAD, Nos. 118-119 (1993/1994): "La vida de las mujeres hispanas."

VOICES FROM THE THIRD WORLD, Vol. XIX, No. 1 (June, 1996): "The Present-Future of EATWOT: A Mujerista Perspective."

VOICES FROM THE THIRD WORLD, Vol. XIX, No. 1 (June, 1996): "Response to Simon Maimela."

JOURNAL OF FEMINIST STUDIES IN RELIGION, Vol. 13, No. 2 (Fall, 1996): "Embracing Differences."

CON-SPIRANDO-REVISTA LATINO AMERICANA DE ECOFEMINISMO, ESPiritualidad Y TEOLOGIA, No. 22 (Diciembre, 1997): "Hacia Una Cristología Mujerista."

APUNTES, 18, Winter, 1998: "Doing Theology as Mission."

CHURCH AND SOCIETY, September-October, 1998: "To Be Fully Alive Is to Work for the Common Good: Spirituality, Justice and Solidarity are Combined in This Struggle."

ARA (Análisis de La Realidad Actual), Cuba, May, 1999: "Lo cotidiano: Elemento intrínseco de la realidad."

Interview in JUNGE KIRCHE - ZEITSCHRIFT EUROPAISCHER CHRISTINNEN UND CHRISTEN, July, 1999.

JOURNAL OF HISPANIC/LATINO THEOLOGY, Vol. 8, No. 4 (May, 2001): "Reconciliation: A Religious, Social and Civic Virtue."

THE WAY SUPPLEMENT, 2001: "Participation in the Divine: With God on a Picket Line."

JOURNAL OF HISPANIC/LATINO THEOLOGY, Vol. 10, No. 2 (August, 2002): "Lo Cotidiano: A Key Element of *Mujerista* Theology."

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, 65: 2 (June, 2004): "*Burlando al Opresor*: Mocking/Tricking the Oppressor: Hispanas/Latinas' Dreams and Hopes."

Electronic Publications

Panel member on the "On Faith" website sponsored by the "Washington Post" and "Newsweek Magazine."

GRANTS

- 1992 Grant from The Lilly Endowment for a Hispanic Theology symposium.
- 1995-1996 Grants from The Louisville Institute and Sister Fund for Research phase of the study of Latinas' understandings of sexuality and embodiment and its theological implications.
- 2000-2004 Yearly discretionary grant from The Sister Fund for research on Women and Religion in Cuba.
- 2000 Grant from The Sister Fund for "Reaching a Wider Public – Women-Centered Theology."
- 2007 Association of Theological Schools – Sabbatical Semester.

HONORS

- 1989 One of 26 prominent contemporary thinkers in "Questions of Faith II" and "Faces of Faith" videos produced by UMCCom and Trinity Parish of New York.
- May 1993 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws, Lynchberg College, Virginia.
- 1994 Will Herberg Distinguished Professor Award in recognition of dedication to and involvement with graduate students. Presented by the Graduate Student Association, Drew Graduate School.
- 1994 The seventh annual Virgilio Elizondo Award for excellence in theological reflection upon the reality of Hispanics/Latinos in the United States. Presented by the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States.
- 1996 Article on Mujerista theology included in the revised edition of Elizabeth A Clark and Herbert Richardson, eds., *Women and Religion* (San Francisco: Harper Collins, revised edition, 1996).
- 1996 One of the theologians featured in Donald W. Musser and Joseph L. Price, eds., *A New Handbook of Christian Theologians* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996).
- 1998 My work is included in "Feminist, Womanist, and Mujerista Theology in Twentieth-Century North America," in Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Women and Redemption - A Theological History*, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998).

2004

I am featured in the *Diccionario Ilustrado de Interpretes de La Fe*”
(Barcelona: Editorial CLIE, 2004).

May 2006

Honorary Degree, Doctor of Divinity, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.