2010 Willis M. Tate-Willson Lectures
September 27-28

Professor Fernando F. Segovia
Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University

Toward Cultural Biblical Criticism:
A vision and Program for the Future
Monday, September 27, 7:00 pm
106 Prothro Hall

A Theological Reading of Scripture?
Critical Problematic and Prophetic Vision in the Aftermath and Crossroads of Disciplinary Transformation
Tuesday, September 28, 11:30 am
100 Prothro Hall

Perkins School of Theology
Prothro Hall
The public is cordially invited.

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The Tate-Willson Lectures were established in 1967 through a gift from Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson, Sr., and are named in honor of Willis M. Tate, SMU’s fifth president. They are presented under the auspices of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University. The 2009 lectures are co-sponsored by SMU’s Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility.
The Graduate Program in Religious Studies of Dedman College at Southern Methodist University welcomes Fernando F. Segovia for the Tate–Willson Lectures on Monday, September 27 and Tuesday, September 28, 2010. Professor Segovia’s September 27 lecture, “Toward Cultural Biblical Criticism: A Vision and Program for the Future,” will be at 7:00 p.m. in room 106 of the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall on the SMU campus. The September 28 lecture, “A Theological Reading of Scripture? Critical Problematic and Prophetic Vision in the Aftermath and Crossroads of Disciplinary Transformation,” starts at 11:30 a.m. in room 100 of Prothro Hall.

Professor Segovia is the Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the Divinity School and the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University, where he is also a member of the Center for Latin American Studies. He has taught at Vanderbilt since 1984-1985, after a first appointment in the Department of Theology at Marquette University, where he taught for seven years. He earned his doctoral degree in Early Christian Studies at the University of Notre Dame under the direction of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza.

Professor Segovia has been active in Biblical Studies and Theological Studies. As a critic, his primary areas of interest and research are method and theory in interpretation, ideological criticism and cultural studies, non-Western and minority traditions of interpretation, and Johannine Studies. As a theologian, his primary area of expertise and publication are non-Western theologies, minority theologies, and Latino religion and theology. His recent works include a volume co-edited with R. S. Sugirtharajah, A Postcolonial Commentary of the New Testament Writings (T&T Clark), a volume co-edited with Randall Bailey and Benny Tat-Siong Liew, They Were All Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism (Semeia Studies), and the forthcoming The Future of the Biblical Past (Semeia Studies), co-edited with Roland Boer. Professor Segovia is currently engaged in a variety of ongoing projects, from works on minority and postcolonial criticisms to works on Latino/a theology and the Cuban problematic.

Beyond his scholarly work, Professor Segovia has served as dissertation director for nearly thirty students, has participated in the governance of various professional societies and sat on the
editorial board of many journals, formed part of many academic and ecclesial projects throughout the world, and lectured extensively nationally as well as internationally.

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The lectures are free and open to the public. Free parking in the Meadows Museum garage can be accessed via Schlegel Street off of Bishop Boulevard, just north of Mockingbird Lane. To avoid a $20 parking fee, enter the left lane to the parking garage. For more information about the Tate–Willson Lectures, contact Lucy Cobbe, lcobbe@smu.edu, 214-768-2432.

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