

Roy D. Barton Lecture

“Living in the Margins: Theology and Education in
the New Decade”

Luis Pedraja, Ph.D., Speaker

Presented by the Hispanic/Latin@ Ministries Program

SMU Perkins School of Theology

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About the Roy D. Barton Lectureship

The Roy D. Barton Lectureship was established in 1995 to honor Dr. Barton for his distinguished service to the seminary and his equally distinguished service to the Hispanic United Methodist Church. Dr. Barton served as the founding Director of The Hispanic/Latin@ Ministries Program (then called the Mexican American Program) and Associate Professor of Practical Theology in Perkins School of Theology from 1974 until his retirement in 1995.

The purpose of the Barton Lecture is to disseminate knowledge of Hispanic/Latin@ theology and ministry for the benefit of the academy, the church, and the wider public. Through the lectures, participants have heard from the leading Hispanic/Latin@ scholars in theological education and church leaders who have made a significant impact on the Hispanic/Latin@ church and community. The lectureship has included the following among the many speakers: Dr. Justo L. González, Dr. Daisy L. Machado, Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., Dr. Loida Martell, Dr. Hugo Magallanes, Dr. Fernando Segovia, and Dr. Harold J. Recinos.



About the Speaker

The Barton Lecture's 2020 speaker is Dr. Luis Pedraja, president of Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) in Worcester, Massachusetts. Dr. Pedraja has more than 20 years of higher education experience as an administrator and professor. Dr. Pedraja's work centers on how the increased knowledge of cultures and languages promotes intercultural affirmation. He is an advocate for increased access for groups historically underrepresented in the higher education system. He has launched several initiatives at QCC, including the creation of a new student center and a new mentoring program. Luis Pedraja, Ph.D. will define and explore the topic of the "margins," particularly how the margins relate to economic gaps, changes in ethnic and racial demographics, and the roles of the Church and higher education in the new decade.

Order of Program

- Welcome Rev. Paul Barton, Ph.D.
Director, The Hispanic/Latin@ Ministries Program
Perkins School of Theology
- Introduction of Guests Rev. Craig Hill, Ph.D.
Dean, Perkins School of Theology
- Invocation Melissa Nelms
L @s Seminaristas Member
- Tribute to Roy D. Barton..... Bishop Joel N. Martinez
Barton Lecture Committee Chair
- Introduction of Speaker Rev. Paul Barton, Ph.D.
- Lecture Luis Pedraja, Ph.D.
“Living in the Margins: Theology and Education in the New Decade”
- Closing Benediction..... Rev. Margot Perez-Greene, Ph.D.

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