

"THEOLOGY ON EDGE"

About Our Panel



Nancy Elizabeth Bedford, D.Th., the Georgia Harkness Professor of Applied Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, was born in Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina, and is a dual citizen of Argentina and the United States. She earned her Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and her Doctor of Theology degree *magna cum laude* from Karl-Ludwigs-Universität Tübingen in Germany, where she studied under Jurgen Moltmann. Before coming to Garrett in 2003 she taught systematic theology at Instituto Universitario ISEDET, an ecumenical divinity school in Buenos Aires, and still participates at ISEDET as "Profesora Extraordinaria No Residente" ("extraordinary non-resident professor"). She describes herself as Baptist/Anabaptist in her confessional orientation and is a member of Reba Place Church (Mennonite) in Evanston. Professor Bedford has written or edited five books, including *La porfía de la resurrección. Ensayos desde el feminismo teológico latinoamericano* (2009), and has published numerous articles and book chapters in five languages, including her essay "The World Palpitates: Globalization and the Religious Faith and Practices of Latin American Women" in *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theology* (2011). She is currently working on a theological commentary on Galatians for the *Belief* series in English. Learning and teaching Christian theology, she says, is "a community practice in which we strengthen each other, correct each other, and are stretched by each other" and which is "born out of and enmeshed in the practice of following Jesus, and that is a costly yet joyful practice."

Pablo R. Andiñach, D.Th., is Professor of Old Testament and former President of the Faculty of Theology in Instituto Universitario ISEDET, an ecumenical center of theological education in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He received his B.Th. and his D.Th. from ISEDET and has also done graduate work at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He is currently at Perkins School of Theology for his second time around as an invited Visiting Professor. His publications include a commentary on the Song of Songs (1997); "Zechariah" in the *International Bible Commentary* (1999); "Joel" in the *Global Bible Commentary* (2005); "Génesis" and "Tobías" in the *Comentario Bíblico Latinoamericano* (2005); *El libro del Éxodo* (2006); *Ser Iglesia* (2007), and *Éxodo, comentario para su traducción* (2009), as well as numerous articles in journals and collective works. He is director of the journal *Cuadernos de Teología* and co-edited *The Bible and the Hermeneutics of Liberation* (2009). He is an ordained pastor in the Methodist Church in Argentina.



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