Curriculum Vitae

**Miranda Zapor Cruz**

Professor of Historical Theology

Indiana Wesleyan University

School of Theology and Ministry

Education

2014 Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, Politics, and Society

Baylor University Waco, Texas

Dissertation: “It’s Our Country and It’s Our Cathedral: Sajūdis and the Lithuanian Catholic Church.”

2008 Master of Divinity

Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, New Jersey

2005 Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Whitworth University Spokane, Washington

Professional experience

2014-Present Indiana Wesleyan University Marion, Indiana

2022-Present Academic Chair, School of Theology and Ministry

2023-Present Professor of Historical Theology

2018-2023 Associate Professor of Historical Theology

2014-2018 Assistant Professor of Theology

Course Portfolio:

THE-101: Theology of Christian Life (Onsite and Online)

THE-233: Systematic Theology

THE-311: Ecclesiology

THE-420/588: Life and Legacy of Augustine of Hippo

THE-500: Christian Doctrine (Online)

THE-488/588: Special Topics in Modern Theology: Bonhoeffer

THE-589: The Doctrine of God

REL-382: History of Global Christianity

REL-384: History of Christianity in the Middle East (Online)

REL-392: History of Protestantism and the Holiness Movement

REL-510: Global Christian History (Online)

REL-531: American Christianity (Online and Onsite)

REL-650: Sociology of Religion (Online)

PHL-202: Ethics and Values

2016-Present Wesley Seminary Marion, Indiana

Adjunct Faculty

Course Portfolio:

CHST-500: Global Church History (Online and Onsite Intensive)

THEO-500: Introduction to Theology (Online and Onsite Intensive)

2021-2024 Course of Study Program Faculty

Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church

Course: COS-122 Introduction to Christian Doctrine (Online and Hybrid)

2018-2021 Director, The Sacred Alliance Center for the Ministry of Reconciliation

Wesley Seminary Marion, Indiana

2012-2014 Baylor University Honors College Waco, Texas

Teacher of Record in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core

Course Portfolio:

BIC 1413: World of Rhetoric I

BIC 1323: World of Rhetoric II

2011-2014 Journal of Church and State Assistant Editorial Director

J.M. Dawson Institute of Church State Studies

Baylor University Waco, Texas

2010, 2011 LCC International University Klaipėda, Lithuania

Faculty in the Summer Language Institute

Course: Advanced Integrated English Language

2007 Young Adult Education Intern

Bishop Speaks A.M.E. Zion Church Accra, Ghana

2006-2007 Ministry Intern for Adult Education

Princeton United Methodist Church Princeton, NJ

PUBLICATIONS

2022 *Faithful Politics: Ten Approaches to Christian Citizenship and Why it Matters*. IVP Academic, 2024.

2022 “The Myth of the 93%.” *Missio Alliance*. 8 November 2022. https://www.missioalliance.org/the-myth-of-the-93-fathers-and-mothers-are-not-a-competitive-hierarchy-in-the-home/

2022 “Burning Away Barriers and Blowing Down Walls.” *Missio Alliance*. 1 June 2022. https://www.missioalliance.org/burning-away-barriers-and-blowing-down-walls/

2022 “When the Psalm Isn’t For Me.” *Missio Alliance*. 9 March 2022. https://www.missioalliance.org/when-the-psalm-isnt-for-me/

2022 “Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2022 “Harris, William Wadé.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2022 “Latvia.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2022 “Lithuania.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2022 “Small, Mary J.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2022 “Tilly, Dorothy Rogers.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2022 “Waugh, Beverly.” In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

2021 “Christian Sexual Ethics.” Curriculum and Resource Document written for internal use at Indiana Wesleyan University.

2021 “Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz.” In *Women Who Changed the World*. Edited by Candace Goucher. ABC-CLIO, 2021.

2015 “Incitement to Dialogue: Josef Hromádka’s Call for Christian-Marxist Dialogue in Gospel for Atheists.” Theology Today 72(1) (2015) 32-46.

2014 “The Role of Catholicism in the Development of Lithuanian National Identity.” Church History and Religious Culture 94 (2014) 1-26.

PRESENTATIONS, PREACHING, WORKSHOPS, AND PODCASTS

2024 “Following Jesus into the Voting Booth.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 13 February 2024.

2023 “Always Better When We’re Together.” Panel Discussion Moderator at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 14 February 2023.

2022 “Women in Ministry: Historical Foundations.” Guest on the *Deep Grace* podcast, hosted by Faith Van Schaick and the Called Collective.

2022 “Sacrifice and Transformation: The Gift of Marriage.” Sermon on Romans 12:1-11 for Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 18 February 2022.

2022 “Are Women Allowed to Do That.” Panel Discussion Moderator at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 15 February 2022.

2022 “Sacrifice and Transformation: The Gift of Singleness.” Sermon on Romans 12:1-11 at Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 28 January 2022.

2021 “The Dangers of Christian Nationalism.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 18 February 2021.

2021 “Faith and Politics.” Presented at the Kern Program First Year Student Retreat at Indiana Wesleyan University, 13 November 2021.

2021 “Expansive or Exclusive: Christian Political Engagement.” Presented for Mountain View United Methodist Church, Boulder, CO, 17 October 2021.

2021 “Handle with Care: The Image of God and Sexuality.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Student Leader Training, 26 August 2021.

2021 “Learning and Unlearning White Superiority.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 16 February 2021.

2021 “The Intersection of Kingdom and Country.” Guest on *The Theologizing Life* Podcast, hosted by Rev. Anthony Cotrell, 3 February 2021.

2020 Interview with Dr. Andrew Whitehead, author of *Taking America Back for God* for the President’s Author Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, 29 October 2020.

2020 “Faith and Politics.” Presented at College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, 10 October 2020.

2020 “Christian Nationalism.” Guest on the *Tealos* Podcast of the John Wesley Honors College at Indiana Wesleyan University, 30 October 2020.

2020 “Faithful Community: Following Christ Through Division, Disagreement, and Disunity.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Student Leader Training, 11 August 2020.

2020 “Faithful Citizenship: Belonging to Kingdom and Nation.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 11 February 2020.

2020 “Flag and Altar.” Presented at Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 2 February 2020.

2019 “Thou Shall Not Make an Idol.” Sermon on Exodus 20:4-6 for Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 30 September 2019.

2019 “Doubting Faithfully.” Presented at College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, 28 September 2019.

2019 “Empowering Women in Ministry.” Presented for ministry residents at College Wesleyan Church, 10 September 2019.

2019 “New Creation.” Sermon on 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 for Marion County Jail Inmate Chapel, Indianapolis, IN, 16 May 2019.

2019 “From Simple Affirmation to Sacred Alliance: Practical Steps for Mutuality in Ministry.” Presented at The Wesleyan Church’s “The Gathering,” Orlando, FL10 January 2019.

2018 “The Stories We Tell.” Sermon on John 4:1-42 at Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 8 October 2018.

2018 “What is a Follower?” Sermon on Matthew 7:24-27 for Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 7 October 2018.

2018 “It’s Not Mexican Food, It’s Just Food.” Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 13 February 2018.

2017 “Methodists, Millennials, and the Means of Grace.” Presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, March 2017.

2017 “Remember Who You are Becoming.” Sermon on Romans 8:28-30 for Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 1 January 2017.

2015 “The Fullness of God.” Sermon on Ephesians 3 for the Cox Holiness Series at Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 20 March 2015.

2015 “Methodists, Millennials, and the Means of Grace.” Presented for the Cox Holiness Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, 19 March 2015.

2013 “From Crusades to Cathedrals: A History of Catholicism and Lithuanian National Identity.” Presented at the Keston Center Symposium: “Religion in Political Culture in Communist Countries: Past, Present, and Future.” November 2013

2012 “Being in Exile.” Sermon on Jeremiah 29:1-14 for Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church, Waco, TX, 17 June 2012.

2012 “Sajūdis and the Lithuanian Catholic Church.” Presented at the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, April 2012

2011 “On the Way There.” Sermon on Joshua 3:7-17 for Gerald United Church of Christ, Mexia, TX, 30 October 2011.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Membership: Wesleyan Theological Society, Evangelical Theological Society, American Academy of Religion

2023 AALHE Annual Assessment Conference

2023 Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop

Indiana Wesleyan University

2021 Academy on Race and Pedagogy with Dr. Willie Jennings

Indiana Wesleyan University

2021-22 Advancing Women in Leadership Mentoring Program

Indiana Wesleyan University

2018 Emerging Leaders in Assessment Seminar

Higher Learning Commission

2015, 2016 Acton University

The Acton Institute

2015 Oikonomia Network Annual Meeting

2013-2014 Teaching Capstone in Higher Education

Baylor University

2011-2012 Conyers Graduate Scholars Program

Baylor University

2006-2007 Teaching Ministry Field Education Program

Princeton Theological Seminary

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

College of Arts and Sciences

Task Force on the 2024 Election

Task Force on Christian Community – CAS representative (2020-2021)

Chair – CAS Assessment Committee (2018-Present)

University Assessment Council (2018-Present)

CAS Assessment Committee (2016-Present)

School of Theology and Ministry

Academic Chair (2023-Present)

Interim Division Chair (2022)

Assessment Fellow (2018-Present)

Curriculum Committee (2018-Present)

Graduate Studies Committee (2018-Present)

Scholarship Committee (2017-Present)