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**Qualifications ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯**

* **Experience:** Eighteen years of research experience about religion in Latin American and about global religious change and its impact.
* **Strengths:** Strong theoretical, statistical and technical qualifications. Proven ability to successfully design research strategies, gather and organize info, design database systems, analyze data through multivariate and hierarchical models including temporal and spatial dimensions, and prepare results for general and scholar audiences.

**Education ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯**

Ph.D. (Sociology, focus on Religion and Development): University of Texas at Austin 2012

Dissertation: “An Empirical Measurement of the Option for the Poor in Mexico”

MA (Education Research): Centro de Investigaciones Pedagógicas y Sociales - Mexico 2017

MA (Social Sciences, Specialization in Latin American Studies): Universidad de Guadalajara - Mexico 2001

BA (Philosophy, Mención Honorífica): Universidad del Valle de Atemajac - Mexico 2000

BA (Theology): Colegio Máximo de Cristo Rey de la Compañía de Jesús - Mexico 1993

**Professional Experience ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯**

* 2005-present Project on Religion and Economic Change

Assistant Director from 2008. PI: Dr. Robert D. Woodberry

Coordinated research teams in the Vatican Secret Archives (2005, 2010, 2015)

* 2016-present Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México

(Research Network on Religious Phenomena in Mexico)

Mexican Survey on Religious Beliefs and Practices – Analysis Team

Reporting to: Dr. Cristina Gutiérrez Zúñiga

* 2011-2018 Pew Research Center: Religion Project

Data Manager (design and organization of research database)

Reporting to: Dr. Brian Grim (2011-14), Dr. Conrad Hackett (2014-18)

* 2010-2011 Medical Services Use of Low Income and Uninsured Population

(Central Texas) Consultant for Integrated Care Collaboration

PI, reporting to Carl D. Angel, Executive Director

* 2009-2011 External consultant for the Pontifical Council for the Culture (Vatican)

Reporting to Msgr. Miguel Angel Reyes Arreguín

* 2005-2008 Evaluation of Permanence and Identity in a Religious Community

Instituto de Santa María de Guadalupe para las Misiones Extranjeras

PI, reporting to the General Council of the Institute

* 2004-2005 Diagnosis on the University Community: Ethical-Religious Perspective

Centro Ignaciano. ITESO, Jesuit University in Guadalajara, Mexico

PI, reporting to the chair of the Center

* 2002-2005 Magical-Religious Representations among College Students

(at four Mexican Universities in Guadalajara, Mexico)

Department of Sociocultural Studies, ITESO (Jesuit University)

PI

* 2002-2004 Representations of “Super-Natural” Experiences

Department of Sociocultural Studies. ITESO (Jesuit University)

PI, co-PI: Dr. Francisco Javier Martínez Rivera, S.I.

* 2000-2001 Social Construction of Fear

Department of Sociocultural Studies. ITESO (Jesuit University)

R.A. PI: Dr. Rossana Reguillo Cruz

**Other Positions:**

♦ 2007-2011 Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin

♦ 2000-2005 Profesor Titular, ITESO, Jesuit University in Guadalajara  
Promoted in recognition to academic work and service to the institution.

♦ 2001-2004 Member of the Council of the Department of Sociocultural Studies (elected position) ITESO, Jesuit University in Guadalajara

♦ 2001-2004 Teaching Team Supervisor, ITESO, Jesuit University in Guadalajara, Mexico

♦ 1994-2002 Profesor de Asignatura, Universidad LaSalle Guadalajara, Mexico

♦ 1995-2000 Profesor Asistente, ITESO, Jesuit University in Guadalajara, Mexico

♦ 1993-2000 Instructor (intensive theological training), Centro de Reflexión Teológica, A.C., Mexico

♦ 1994-1996 Profesor de Asignatura, Escuela Normal Superior Nueva Galicia, Mexico

♦ 1994-1995 Profesor de Asignatura, Universidad del Valle de Atemajac, Mexico

♦ 1983-1994 Missionary, Congregation of the Mission - Vincentian Fathers, Serving in rural and urban (peripheral) environments in different cities of Mexico (08/1983-07/1993), Honduras (summer of 1991) and Cuba (07/1993-01/1994).

♦ 1991-1993 Teacher/Principal, Centro Vicentino de Estudios Teológicos, Mexico

**Academic Production ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯**

**Major Grants:**

2008-2009 Co-Investigator “Extending the Project on Religion and Economic Change.” Templeton Foundation, Aug. 1 -2008 – Sept. 1 2009 - $99,995.

**Awards:**

2009 Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant. University of Texas at Austin. – A university-wide award

**Publications:**

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos (collaboration as Data Manager):

— Pew Research Center, June 21, 2018, “Global Uptick in Government Restrictions”

— Pew Research Center, June 13, 2018, “The Age Gap in Religion Around the World”

— Pew Research Center, Nov. 29, 2017, “Europe’s Growing Muslim Population”

— Pew Research Center, Nov. 8, 2017, “Orthodox Christianity in the 21st Century”

— Pew Research Center, Oct. 3, 2017, “Many countries favor specific religions, officially or unofficially”

— Pew Research Center, July 26, 2017, “U.S. Muslims Concerned About Their Place in Society, but Continue to Believe in the American Dream”

— Pew Research Center, May 10, 2017, “Religious Belief and National Belonging in Central and Eastern Europe”

— Pew Research Center, April 11, 2017, “Global Restrictions on Religion Rise Modestly in 2015, Reversing Downward Trend”

— Pew Research Center, April 5, 2017, “The Changing Global Religious Landscape”

— Pew Research Center, Dec. 13, 2016, “Religion and Education Around the World”

— Pew Research Center, June 23, 2016, “Trends in Global Restrictions on Religion”

— Pew Research Center, March 22, 2016, “The Gender Gap in Religion Around the World”

— Pew Research Center, Nov. 3, 2015, “U.S. Public Becoming Less Religious”

— Pew Research Center, May 12, 2015, “America’s Changing Religious Landscape”

— Pew Research Center, April 2, 2015, “The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050”

— Pew Research Center, Feb. 26, 2015, “Latest Trends in Religious Restrictions and Hostilities”

— Pew Research Center, Nov. 13, 2014, “Religion in Latin America: Widespread Change in a Historically Catholic Region”

— Pew Research Center, May 7, 2014, “The Shifting Religious Identity of Latinos in the United States”

— Pew Research Center, January 14, 2014, “Religious Hostilities Reach Six-Year High”

— Pew Research Center, June 20, 2013, “Arab Spring Adds to Global Restrictions on Religion”

— Pew Research Center, Dec. 18, 2012, “The Global Religious Landscape”

— Pew Research Center, September 20, 2012, “Rising Tide of Restrictions on Religion”

— Pew Research Center, March 8, 2012, “Faith on the Move”

— Pew Research Center, Dec. 19, 2011, “Global Christianity”

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and Melisa Aguilar Quevedo (2018) “Data Sources” in Grim, Brian, Todd Johnson, Vegard Skirbekk and Gina Zurlo (Eds) Yearbook of International Religious Demography, Volume: 5. Brill Academic Pub, Leiden, The Netherlands.

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and María Concepción Servín Nieto (2017) “Data Sources” in Grim, Brian, Todd Johnson, Vegard Skirbekk and Gina Zurlo (Eds) Yearbook of International Religious Demography, Volume: 4. Brill Academic Pub, Leiden, The Netherlands.

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and María Concepción Servín Nieto (2016) “Data Sources” in Grim, Brian, Todd Johnson, Vegard Skirbekk and Gina Zurlo (Eds) Yearbook of International Religious Demography, Volume: 3. Brill Academic Pub, Leiden, The Netherlands.

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and María Concepción Servín Nieto (2015) “Data Sources” in Grim, Brian, Todd Johnson, Vegard Skirbekk and Gina Zurlo (Eds) Yearbook of International Religious Demography, Volume: 3. Brill Academic Pub, Leiden, The Netherlands.

♦ Woodberry, Robert, Juan Carlos Esparza, Reid Porter, and Xiaoyun Lu (2010) Conceptual Framework and Technical Innovations for Creating the Project on Religion & Economy Change Geo-Spatial Database. In http://www.prc.utexas.edu/prec/en/publications /news\_releases/Report20100922.pdf

♦ Yoshioka, Hirotoshi and Juan Carlos Esparza (2009) “Desigualdad socioeconómica y mortalidad infantil en Nicaragua: una cuestión étnica” in Latin American Research Review. 44(1):199-217.

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos (2008) “Acercamiento estadístico a los jóvenes católicos” in Christus: Revista de Teología y Ciencias Sociales. No. 766.

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos and Robert Woodberry (2006) “La atención pastoral en sectores indígenas y afroamericanos en el contexto del estudio de la religión y el cambio económico” in ALER (Ed) Mundos Religiosos: Identidades y Convergencias. UNINOVE/PUC-SP/ALER/Mackenzie/ Universidade Metodista de São Paulo (CD, currently in its second edition).

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos (2003) “Una fiesta de Cumpleaños de Santo en Guadalajara. La catolización de una ceremonia sincrética” in Hernández Madrid, Miguel and Elizabeth Juárez Cerdi (Eds) Religión y Cultura. El Colegio de Michoacán-CONACYT, Zamora, Mexico.

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos (2003) “El Sistema Ocha-Ifá: Producto de Importación Garantizado” in Covarrubias, Karla and Rogelio de la Mora (Comp) Cambios Religiosos Globales y Reacomodos Locales. Altexto, Colima, Mexico.

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos (2002) “Chamanismo Urbano en Guadalajara: una Respuesta a la Crisis y las Situaciones de Infortunio”, in Estudios Sociales No. 22, pp. 49-67.

**Papers & Presentations:**

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Un mapa de migración y conversión por grupo religioso.” Paper presented in the XVII Congreso Latinoamericano sobre Religión y Etnicidad of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios de la Religión (Toro, Spain, July 2018)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Recursos cuantitativos para el estudio de la identidad y las prácticas religiosas.” Paper presented in the XVII Congreso Latinoamericano sobre Religión y Etnicidad of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios de la Religión (Toro, Spain, July 2018)

♦ Melisa Aguilar Quevedo and Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa. “La Semana Santa en Iztapalapa, vista como turismo religioso.” Paper presented in the XVII Congreso Latinoamericano sobre Religión y Etnicidad of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios de la Religión (Toro, Spain, July 2018)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Claves de análisis cuantitativo de encuestas: la importancia del error estándar.” Presentation, working meeting of the core team at the XXI Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Oaxaca, Mexico, April 2018)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Recursos del Pew Research Center para el estudio de fenómeno religioso.” Workshop for graduated students at El Colegio de Jalisco – ColJal (Guadalajara, Mexico, October 2017)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Posibilidades y límites al medir la religión en México y América Latina.” Conference in the School of Political and Social Sciences, at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Mexico City, October 2017)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Claves de análisis cuantitativo de encuestas: los estimadores y su significatividad.” Presentation for the workshop on survey analysis, core team of the Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Mexico City, October 2017)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos, Conrad Hackett, and David McClendon. “Education and Religion in Latin America: Is there any Variation in Education Achievement across Religious Groups?” Paper presented in the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Washington, DC, October 2017)

♦ Aguilar Quevedo, Melisa Araceli and Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa “The Society of Jesus at San Luis De La Paz.” Paper presented in the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Washington, DC, October 2017)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Claves de análisis cuantitativo de encuestas: las características de los datos cuantitativos.” Presentation for the workshop on survey analysis, core team of the Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Claremont, CA, June 2017)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Mapping International Data of Pew Research Center for the study of Religion.” Special training workshop on Quantum-GIS for scholars, XX Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Claremont, CA, May 2017)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos "Aspectos cuantitativos en la estructura del campo religioso: Hacia un modelo de la Demografía Religiosa en América Latina." Round table at the XVI Congreso Latinoamericano Sobre Religión y Etnicidad (Heredia, Costa Rica, August 2016)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos "Perspectivas y recursos del Pew Research Center para el estudio de la religión en América Latina" Paper presented in the XVI Congreso Latinoamericano Sobre Religión y Etnicidad (Heredia, Costa Rica, August 2016)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Uso de recursos cuantitativos georreferenciados: Introducción al manejo de información cuantitativa con sistemas de información geográfica.” Special training workshop on Quantum-GIS for scholars, XIX Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Tlaxcala, Mexico, May 2016)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Hallazgos principales de la encuesta del Pew Research Center sobre religión en América Latina.” (Mendoza, Argentina, November 2015)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Religious demography and diversification in Latin America.” Paper presented in the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Newport Beach, CA, October 2015)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Religious freedom and hostilities in Latin America.” Paper presented in the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association (San Juan, PR, May 2015)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Social hostilities and religious diversity in Latin America.” Paper presented in 2014 Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA, November 2014)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Fertility of the unaffiliated in Latin America” Paper presented in the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Indianapolis, IN, October 2014)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and Robert Woodberry "Measurements of religious composition and poverty in Mexico from census data: Exploratory analysis." Paper presented in the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Boston, MA, November 2013)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos, Robert Woodberry, María Concepción Servín Nieto, and Melisa Araceli Aguilar Quevedo "Hegemony of the Catholic Church and religious diversity in Mexico: Historical demographical analysis of over 100 years of data." Paper presented in the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Boston, MA, November 2013)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos "PEW-Templeton Global Religious Futures website and database demonstration." Paper presented in the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Boston, MA, November 2013)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos, Brian Grim, and María Concepción Servín Nieto "Religion, poverty, and social tension in Mexico." Paper presented in the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Phoenix, AZ, November 2012)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and María Concepción Servín Nieto "Territory and population: Distribution of Catholic religious services." Paper presented in the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Milwaukee, WI, October 2011)

♦ Woodberry, Robert and Juan Carlos Esparza "Gazetteers and linking historical data through time." Paper presented in the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (Seattle, WA, April 2011)

♦ Blanchette, Karen and Juan Carlos Esparza “Power to the people: Understanding the Catholic Church through the concept of Spiritual Capital.” Paper presented in the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association (Las Vegas, NV, March 2011)

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos "Pastoral work and poverty: The case of contemporary Mexico." Paper presented in the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Baltimore, MD, October 2010)

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos, Robert Woodberry, and Conrad Hackett “Religious factors in marriage and pregnancy.” Paper presented in the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Baltimore, MD, October 2010)

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos "Evolution of the Catholic circumscriptions: Has Latin America a distinctive process as a region?" Paper presented in the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Denver, CO, October 2009)

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos and Maria Garfias-Davis. “Bourdieu’s concepts to understand religion in Latin America.” Paper presented in the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Louisville, KY, October 2008)

♦ Hirotoshi Yoshioka and Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa. “Acercamientos comparativos al Popol Vuh.” Paper presented in the XXI Congreso de Religión, Sociedad y Política (Mexico City, November 2007)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos “Algunas herramientas a partir de Bourdieu para el estudio de la religión en América Latina”. Paper presented in the X Reunión de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Phoenix, AZ, June 2007)

♦ Esparza, Juan Carlos and Hirotoshi Yoshioka. “Child mortality and religion in the Mexican Indigenous population.” Paper presented in the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Portland, OR, October 2006)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos and Robert D. Woodberry. “La atención pastoral en sectores indígenas y afroamericanos en el contexto del estudio de la religión y el cambio económico.” Paper presented in the X Congreso Latinoamericano sobre Religión y Etnicidad of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios de la Religión (São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil, July 2006)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos, Elisa Alejandra Guerra, María Eugenia Guadalupe. Núñez, Sofía Ortega, Ester Bernaus. “La representación de los jóvenes universitarios de las prácticas religiosas: Un estudio comparativo de dos universidades.»” Paper presented in the VIII Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Lagos de Moreno, Mexico, June 2005)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “De la superación de lo anecdótico al redescubrimiento de la estructura: algunos elementos de análisis semiótico de los relatos.” Paper presented in the V Coloquio de Investigación Educativa (Guadalajara, Mexico, 2004)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos, Sofía Ortega, Cecilia Segoviano, Resurrección Rodríguez and Luisa Fernanda Villalpando. “Representaciones de lo mágico-religioso en alumnos de Ciencias de la Comunicación.” Paper presented in the X Congreso Latinoamericano sobre Religión y Etnicidad of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios de la Religión (San Cristobal de Las Casas, Mexico, 2004)

♦ Martínez, Francisco Javier and Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa. “Representaciones de lo «sobrenatural».” Paper presented in the VII Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Zacatecas, Mexico, 2004; asked for publishing)

♦ Martínez, Francisco Javier and Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa. “Hacia una comprensión de las representaciones de lo «sobrenatural».” Paper presented in the VI Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Ocotlan, Mexico, 2003)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Una fiesta de Cumpleaños de Santo en Guadalajara. La catolización de una ceremonia sincrética.” Paper presented in the V Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Zamora, Mexico, 2002; published)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “Aproximación a un grupo de chamanismo urbano en Guadalajara.” Paper presented in the IV Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Guadalajara, Mexico, 2001)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “El Sistema Ocha-Ifá: Producto de importación garantizado.” Paper presented in the III Encuentro de la Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México (Colima, Mexico, 2000; published)

♦ Esparza Ochoa, Juan Carlos. “En busca de nuevas-viejas maneras de Ccnocer.” Paper presented in the IV Congreso Internacional de Filosofía, UNIVA (Guadalajara, Mexico, 1999).

**Scholarships and Small Grants ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯**

♦ 2017-2018 Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT, Mexico)  
Travel grant the Mexican National Survey on Religious Beliefs and Practices, core team of the Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México

♦ 2010 Emily Knauss Graduate Scholarship for Liberal Arts  
Board of Regents, University of Texas at Austin

♦ 2009 Scholarship for Overseas Research on the Catholic Church, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

♦ 2005-2009 Programa de Superación del Nivel Académico, Subprograma de Formación de Investigadores. ITESO (Funding for PhD studies).

♦ 2006 Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for Social Research. ICPSR. Longitudinal Analysis of Historical Demographic Data. Competitive admission with funding.

♦ 2005-200 The University of Texas System Board of Regents.  
David Bruton, Jr. Graduate Fellowship.

♦ 1998-2000 Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT, Mexico) Scholarship granted as a MA student in Social Sciences

**Other Skills and Software Knowledge ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯**

♦ Foreign languages: Spanish

♦ Reading in foreign languages: Italian, French, Portuguese, Latin

♦ Advanced knowledge and programming: STATA, ArcGIS, VBA for Excel & Access, SQL Server and SQL for Access.

♦ Intermediate knowledge: R and SAS.