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## From the Editor

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### **From the Editor**

We are living through difficult national and global health and economic emergencies. My first thought as I write the introduction to this new issue of the *Journal of Hispanic/Latinoax Theology* is a hope and a prayer that all our readers and their families be well and safe. All of us have been forced to live under the stress that the COVID-19 crisis has provoked, but we can follow the directives of the health authorities (CDC et al.), stay at home, wear face masks, frequently wash your hands, keep physical distance recommendations, and keep hope and solidarity alive.

Here is the Spring 2020 issue of our journal: four solid and thought-provoking articles by César Baldelomar (Boston College), Carmen Nanko-Fernández (Catholic Theological Union, Chicago), Melissa Pagán (Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles), and Jean-Pierre Ruiz (St. John's University, New York) and two book reviews by Raúl Gómez (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology) and Ramón Luzárraga (Dominican University, Mesa). My deepest thanks to the authors, book reviewers, referees and editors for having contributed to this excellent issue despite the current emergency and the weight of our individual, family, and community concerns. Special thanks to José Santana (Southern Methodist University) for his generous technical support with this issue.

The reader will discover that this is a particularly good collection of *very* good texts. The *JHLT* has a well-earned reputation for high scholarly quality, and the articles in this spring 2020 issue again confirm this. Latinoax theology keeps expanding, challenging, and constructing new

thoughts through new insights. Our ecumenical journal's sole mission is to be an avenue for our scholarship to reach colleagues and communities-- to serve, enlighten, and challenge them.

A journal's worth is found in its contents and in its readers. Once again, I urge our readers to request that libraries subscribe to, and colleagues read and assign the *JHLT*. There is no cost for subscribing, since the journal has been open-access for many years, but we do covet and need a larger and wider readership. We always continue to need and welcome more articles and book reviews. Articles (all of which will be peer-reviewed) are to be sent to me, directly, at [espin@sandiego.edu](mailto:espin@sandiego.edu), and book reviews to the corresponding editor.

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