



# Immigration, Disinformation, and Faith Why Getting this Issue Right Should Matter to People of Good Will

## 2024-2025 Hispanic Ministry and Theology Community Conversation

Presented by the LMU Latino/a/x Theology and  
Ministry Initiative & cosponsors

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Loyola Marymount University  
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## **Preliminary Remarks | Palabras iniciales:**

**Dr. Jennifer Owens-Jofré**

Assistant Professor of Theological Studies, LMU

*Online Moderator*

## **Welcome and Introduction of Program | Bienvenida y presentación del programa:**

**Dr. Eliza Rodríguez**

Professor and Associate Dean, Bellarmine College of  
Liberal Arts, LMU

## **Keynote | Conferencia**

**Immigration, Disinformation, and Faith**

**Why Getting this Issue Right Should Matter to  
People of Good Will**

**La inmigración, la desinformación y la fe**

**Por qué abordar este tema correctamente debería ser  
importante para la gente de buena voluntad**

## **Panel Discussion**

***Panelists:***

**Alejandra Alarcón**

**María Barragán**

**Brett Hoover, PhD**

Moderator: **Rubén Martínez**

Online Moderator: **Jennifer Owens-Jofré, PhD**

## **Q&A | Preguntas y diálogo**

## **Reception | Convivencia**

## Participant Bios

**Alejandra Alarcón**, Communications Manager, Thomas & Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles at LMU. She is an LMU graduate who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies.

**María Barragán**, Director of LMU's Undocumented Student Support Services. María received an AA-T in Communication Studies from Chaffey College, a BA in Communication Studies from California State University, San Bernardino, and a master's degree in Higher Education-Student Affairs from the University of Redlands.

**Brett Hoover, PhD** is Professor of Pastoral and Practical Theology in the LMU Department of Theological Studies. He is the author of several books and articles, including *Immigration and Faith: Cultural, Biblical, and Theological Narratives* (Paulist, 2021), and *The Shared Parish: Latinos, Anglos and the Future of U.S. Catholicism*.

**Moderator: Rubén Martínez**, Author, Journalist, Performer, and LMU Professor, holding the Fletcher Jones Chair in Literature and Writing with Joint Appointment in the Departments of English and Chicana/o Latina/o Studies and Acting Chair of Journalism.

**Online Moderator: Jennifer Owens-Jofré, PhD**

Jennifer Owens-Jofré earned her B.A. and M.A. at LMU followed by a Master of Divinity from Harvard University. She completed her Ph.D. in interdisciplinary studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Owens-Jofré's research includes how Latine Catholics practice faith, community and activism; she recently completed a manuscript entitled, "Taking Up la Virgen's Mantle: A Practical Theology of Accompaniment."

## The LMU Latino/a/x Theology and Ministry Committee

**Rev. Dr. Allan Figueroa Deck, S.J.**

**Dr. Cecilia González-Andrieu**

**Dr. Brett Hoover**

**Dr. Robert Hurteau**

**Dr. Jennifer Owens-Jofré**

## About the LMU Latino/a/x Theology and Ministry Initiative

This initiative is a joint project of Loyola Marymount University's Department of Theological Studies and Center for Religion and Spirituality. As the Latino Catholic population continues to grow, LMU seeks to grow in the capacity to truly serve this important community in the Body of Christ.

Esta iniciativa es un proyecto conjunto del Departamento de Estudios Teológicos y el Centro para la Religión y la Espiritualidad de LMU. A medida que la población católica latina continúa creciendo, LMU busca crecer en la capacidad de servir verdaderamente a esta importante comunidad en el Cuerpo de Cristo.

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