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RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ JOINS PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AS PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT

Effective June 1, 2024, Dr. Rafael Rodriguez has joined the faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as professor of New Testament.

Dr. Rodriguez has taught New Testament for nearly 20 years and holds particular expertise in Pauline literature, Second Temple Judaism and Christian origins, and the study of Paul within Judaism. His professional contributions to the field include service on the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* editorial board, the Life, Letters, and Legacy of Paul (SCJ) steering committee, and the *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* editorial board. He holds membership in national and international professional societies associated with multiple ecclesial traditions, including the Institute for Biblical Research, The Catholic Biblical Association, the Society of Biblical Literature, and Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. He has authored or co-edited six books, contributed to volumes published by T&T Clark, Eerdmans, Zondervan, Brill, Fortress Academic, and others, and published numerous articles in journals such as *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *The T&T Clark Jesus Library*, and *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*. He holds a Ph.D. in biblical studies from the University of Sheffield.



“Dr. Rodriguez will make an excellent addition to our faculty,” said the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. “His nuanced approach to sacred texts, his charismatic engagement in the classroom, and his sensitivity to a broad range of ecclesial traditions will be a gift to the Seminary. He is a delight to learn from, and I believe he will effectively invite both theologically conservative and progressive students together in a space of mutual learning.”

Dr. Rodriguez said: “I am excited to join the work of forming students for ministry and to pursue my academic interests among others striving for shalom in a broken-but-beautiful world. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of equipping graduate students to pursue their calling, and I am honored by the opportunity to learn and grow alongside the PTS community.”

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