

DANIEL F. FLORES

MA, MDiv, MS (ALA-accredited), MEd, MPhil, Ph.D.

PROFILE

Rev. Dr. Daniel F. Flores is an experienced library administrator, librarian, and historian of American religion with a sustained record of collaborative leadership across theological library networks, including service on the Atla Board of Directors (2022–2025) and current administration of a Boston Theological Institute (BTI) member library. He brings extensive experience in collection development, budget planning, fundraising and donor relations, educational administration, multi-campus oversight, personnel recruitment and training, project management, and teaching, paired with subject-matter expertise in the historical and current literature of American religion. He is a member of the American Library Association, Atla, and the Wesleyan Theological Society. Dr. Flores served as a church pastor, ordained UMC Elder, from 2002 to 2014 before transitioning to higher education full-time.

PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Senior Librarian and Associate Professor of Wesleyan Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, *July 2024 – present*

Manage an annual budget of approximately \$1,100,000 and strategic planning for three campus libraries across three states: South Hamilton, MA; Charlotte, NC; and Jacksonville, FL. Managed electronic resources for the library system from June 2025 to April 2026 in the absence of a trained staff member. Provided library statistics and narratives for accreditation reports. Taught information literacy workshops. Member of the course assessment team. Key projects: combining the former Boston CUME library with the Goddard Library collection to create a newly remodeled library facility on the Hamilton campus that will include a state-of-the-art, climate-controlled rare book and archives room.

University Librarian, Library Director, and Sappenfield Endowed Chair of Library Science, Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX, *June 2021 – July 2024*

Managed comprehensive library operations, including an annual budget of approximately \$650,000, personnel, collection development, donor relations, and grant writing. Taught information literacy workshops. Member of the course assessment team. Provided library statistics for accreditation reports. Key projects: served as NEA Big Read 2022 Project Manager; developed an Open Educational Resource (OER) title as part of a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board initiative; established Special Collections and Military Museum; successfully led institutional transition from Voyager to Alma ILS.

Library Director, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, *April 2019 – June 2021*

Provided executive leadership for library operations, managing an annual budget of approximately \$350,000, personnel, collection development, donor relations, outreach programs, and specialized research support for doctoral students. Taught information literacy workshops. Provided library statistics for accreditation reports. Key projects: developed Global Voices book collection; collaborated with donors to acquire original unpublished Karl Barth letters and photographs for special collections.

Public Services Librarian, Tarrant County College Southeast, Arlington, TX, *May 2014 – May 2019*

Provided in-person reference assistance for community college students. Presented information literacy instruction to first-year student orientation programs, and collection development with specialization in culinary and computer science literature. Taught information literacy workshops. Member, Autism in Libraries grants national committee. Taught US History I & II. Supervised student workers, Library Specialist Certificate students, and Master of Library Science practicum interns from Texas Woman's University. Key projects: Project Manager for NEA Big Read 2016 Tarrant County, partnering with the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

Ordained Elder, The United Methodist Church, *2002 – 2014*

Served in pastoral ministry within the United Methodist Church while concurrently pursuing graduate study and early library and higher education roles; transitioned to full-time higher education administration in 2014.

Librarian Assistant, Westwood College, Fort Worth, TX, *October 2007 – October 2010*

Managed library operations under the supervision of an MLS librarian, gaining foundational experience in library administration. Taught information literacy workshops. Provided library statistics for accreditation report. Key project: member of national research team for developing learning commons models for multi-campus libraries.

Director of Studies, Charles Wesley Heritage Centre, Bristol, England, 2000 – 2001

Collaborative project of the British Methodist Church, the UMC, and the Charles Wesley Society. Provided hospitality and research guidance to international scholars and spiritual pilgrims. Supported Methodist-Orthodox consultation led by S T Kimbrough, Jr. at Trinity College, Bristol. Convened “En Su Propia Lengua: Consultation on Obras de Wesley” international consultation at Trinity College, Bristol.

Graduate Assistant, Drew University (reporting to Dr. Kenneth E. Rowe, Methodist Librarian), Madison, NJ, 1994 – 1996

Assisted visiting researchers in accessing resources in the Methodist Library at Drew University. Responded to genealogical requests. Verified citations in dissertations for Dr. Rowe.

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Wesleyan Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, 2024 – *present*

Online courses: “Panorama de Teología I & II.” Designed and taught “Holy Club,” a two-semester spiritual formation module inspired by Wesley’s Oxford Holy Club.

Adjunct Online Faculty, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, 2012 – *present*

Online courses: “Santificación,” “Soteriología,” “Liderazgo,” “Doctrine of Scripture/Doctrine of God,” “Ecclesiology,” “Introduction to the New Testament,” “Introduction to the Old Testament,” “Life/Faith in the New Testament,” “Philosophy/Christian Thought,” “Themes in Biblical Literature,” and “Worship in the Local Church.”

Adjunct Online Faculty, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Regional Course of Study School, Delaware, OH, Fall 2021 and Summer 2024

Course: “Wesleyan Movement.”

Adjunct Instructor, Tarrant County College Southeast Campus, Arlington, TX, 2016 – 2019

In-person courses: “US History I & II.”

Adjunct Faculty, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, 2014 – 2016

Online and in-person intensive courses: “Ética Cristiana,” “Systematic Theology I & II,” “Teología I, II, & III.”

Adjunct Faculty, Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, 2005 – 2016

Courses: “Christian Heritage II” and “Methodist History.” Regional Course of Study School courses: “Reformation” and “Wesleyan Movement.”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- Rio Texas Conference of the UMC, Committee on Archives & History, 2025 – present.
- Atla, Board of Directors, 2022 – 2025.
- Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Faculty Advisor, 2022 – 2024.
- Texas Library Association, District 10 Chair, 2022 – 2023.
- Texas Methodist Foundation, Board of Directors, 2014 – 2022.
- Wesley Heritage Foundation, Board of Directors, 2012 – 2022.
- World Methodist Council, Council Member, Education Committee, 2012 – 2016.
- General Commission on Archives & History, Commissioner, 2008 – 2016.
- Rio Grande Conference of the UMC, Volunteer Archivist, 2012 – 2014.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), American Religion & Culture, 2004. Drew University, Madison, NJ. Dissertation: “Respectable Methodism: Nathan Bangs and the Rise of Respectability in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Early National Period.”

Master of Education (M.Ed.), Curriculum & Instruction, concentration in history, 2020. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Capstone: “Writing Support for Adult Learners in MA Programs.”

Master of Science (M.S.), Library and Information Science, 2012 (ALA-accredited). Postgraduate coursework, 2012–2013. Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), 2002. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), Theological & Religious Studies, 1999. Drew University, Madison, NJ. Thesis: “Methodization of Jonathan Edwards.”

Master of Arts (M.A.), Theology, 1993. Postgraduate coursework, 1997–1999. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA. Thesis: “Latino Pentecostalism: Fiesta in the Soul.”

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bible/Theology, 1991 (cum laude). Southeastern College, Lakeland, FL.

CERTIFICATES AND SPECIAL COURSES

- Exploring AI with Critical Information Literacy, 2026. ACRL.
- GenAI for University Leaders, 2025. Coursera.
- OER Core Elements Academy, 2021. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Austin, TX.
- Permanent Professional Librarian, 2020. Michigan Department of Education, Library of Michigan, Lansing, MI.
- Preservation Management Institute, 2009. Rutgers School of Communication and Information, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Theological Librarianship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- “Faith to Face the Deep,” *Christian History Magazine*, Issue 159 (2026).
- *Los Profetas: The Prophetic Role of Hispanic Churches in America*. General editor and contributor. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2022, reprint 2026.
- “Supresión de las Voces Abolicionistas en la Iglesia Episcopal Metodista,” *Teología e Historia*, Volumen 9, Año 2025, pp. 35–57. ISSN 1667-3735.
- “From Aztlán with Love.” *Christian History Magazine*, Issue 152 (2024).
- “Nathan Bangs,” “Jabez Bunting,” “Cokesbury College,” “Gibraltar,” “Alejo Hernandez,” “John Street Church,” “Methodist Episcopal Church,” “Christian Newcomer,” “Thomas Rankin,” “Martin Ruter,” “Matthew Simpson,” “Thomas Webb,” and “Richard Whatcoat.” *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, Fourth Edition, edited by Jennifer Woodruff Tait and Christopher J. Anderson. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2024.
- *Respectable Methodism: Nathan Bangs and Respectability in Nineteenth Century American Methodism*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2023. (Saddlebag Award)
- “Anna Elizabeth Leger Walker.” Coauthor Margo McCutcheon. *Handbook of Texas Online*. Published by the Texas State Historical Association, April 16, 2019.
- “The Secret of the Roman Arch in Pastoral Leadership.” *Christianity Today Online*. April 6, 2017.
- “Catholic Spirit,” “Kingdom of God,” “Justice.” In *The Wesley Study Bible*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2009, 2012.
- “Elías Galván.” In *Hispanic American Religious Cultures*, edited by Miguel A. De La Torre. Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2009.
- “Two Remarkable Stories: Lost Entries of John Wesley’s Journal.” Coauthor Thelma Herrera Flores. *Methodist History* 38, no. 4 (July 2000): 251–257.

SELECT BOOK REVIEWS

- “The Gospel in Latin America: Historical Studies in Evangelicalism and the Global South, by David W. Bebbington (Ed.).” *Pneuma* 46 (2): 302–4. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700747-04602004>.
- “Matthews’s ‘Ministerial Orders and Sacramental Authority in the United Methodist Church and Its Antecedents’ (book review).” *The Christian Librarian*: Vol. 65: 1, Article 29. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.55221/2572-7478.2349>.

- “Richard F. Lovelace, Dynamics of Spiritual Life: An Evangelical Theology of Renewal.” *Pneuma* 43 (3/4): 301.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Saddlebag Book Award, UMC Historical Society, 2024.
- Fellow, Engle Preaching Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005, 2007.
- Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities, 2002–2003.
- Fellow, Dissertation Year Award, Hispanic Theological Initiative, 2002–2003.
- Edwards-Mercer Prize, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 1999.

LANGUAGES

- English: native speaker, fluent.
- Spanish: native speaker, reading proficiency.
- Koine Greek, Classical Latin, Classical Hebrew: basic reading proficiency.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- “Fundamentals of Research.” Research strategies workshop for doctoral students focusing on the level three use of AI for refining and revising research questions, Hispanic Theological Initiative Professional Development Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, June 2022, 2023, and 2026.
- “Nathan Bangs and Suppression of Abolitionist Voices in the Methodist Episcopal Church.” The Wesleyan Theological Society, annual meeting, Baylor University, Waco, March 2025.
- “Nathan Bangs and the Suppression of Abolitionist Voices in the Methodist Episcopal Church.” Fifteenth Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Keble College, Oxford, UK, August 2024.
- “When a Lamb Roars.” Historical review of contemporary ‘prophets’ and US Presidents. SCOLA presentation, Texas Lutheran University, February 2024.
- “Small Libraries Paving the Way.” Panel discussion with Elizabeth Miller and Susan Ebertz. Atla Annual Conference 2022, Baltimore, June 2022.
- “Library Services after Katrina.” Atla annual meeting, New Orleans, June 2014.
- “Diversity in Theological Libraries.” Atla annual meeting, Scottsdale, June 2012.
- “Practical Divinity in a Time of Cultural Xenophobia.” Presenter and Convener, Sociedad Wesleyana at Duke University, Durham, March 2008.
- “The Joseph Dilemma: Spiritual Advisors and the Burden of Political Access.” Fourteenth Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Pembroke College, Oxford, UK, August 2018.
- “En Su Propia Lengua: Global Consultation on Obras de Wesley,” Convener, sponsored by GBGM UMC. Hosted by Charles Wesley Heritage Centre and Trinity College, Bristol, 2001.
- “Methodist and Orthodox Theology Consultation,” Sponsored by GBGM UMC. Hosted by Charles Wesley Heritage Centre at Trinity College, Bristol, 2000.