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Speaker Addresses Evil and Salvation at Play in Mexico's Drug Wars

NEWTON CENTRE, Mass. (Sept. 25, 2013) — A leading Latina religious scholar will discuss the theological themes of evil and salvation as she saw them lived out in one of Mexico's most violent cities.

Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid will deliver the annual Orlando and Rose Costas Lecture in Latino/a Theology and Religion on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Wilson Chapel. The lecture is free, and all are invited to attend.

Pineda-Madrid is Associate Professor of Theology and U.S. Latino/a Ministry at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. Her lecture title will be "Resisting Evil in Ciudad Juarez: Catching Glimpses of Salvation." The talk will reflect on her experiences in the city of Juarez, Mexico, all the while gesturing toward new ways of understanding and dealing with the theological topics of evil and salvation.

The lecture is part of the school's Orlando E. Costas Hispanic and Latin-American Ministries program, an academic and ministerial effort to strengthen the voice and presence of the Hispanic community within and outside Andover Newton through an open dialogue with the Hispanic Christian community at large. The program's goal is to empower the Hispanic community through the academic and spiritual formation of leaders who will contribute to the ongoing expression of a Hispanic theology in their roles as scholars, pastors, and lay leaders in ministry. It focuses primarily on Hispanic ministries in the United States.

Since 2007, Andover Newton has offered three full three-year scholarships for outstanding Hispanic/Latin American students preparing for pastoral ministry.

Orlando Costas was one of the nation's leading Hispanic scholars and was serving as Andover Newton's academic dean from 1984 to his death in 1987. Starting in 2012, the lectureship also bears the name of Costas' wife, Rose, who retired in late 2011 as the executive assistant to the seminary's president.

For more information, contact Dr. Benjamin Valentin, Professor of Theology and Culture and Director of the Orlando and Rose Costas Lectureship in Latino/a Theology at Andover Newton, at bvalentin@ants.edu.

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