
Associate Professor of Philosophy at University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley
 Director, Religious Studies
 Mexican-American Studies Affiliate Faculty
 Gender and Women's Studies Affiliate Faculty
 Dept. of Philosophy, ELABS 302
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Existentialism

AOC: Latin American/Latinx Philosophy, Latinx Feminisms, Ancient Philosophy, Religious Studies

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 2010

Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation: "Flesh and Bone: Reading Unamuno's Quixotism as an Incarnation of Kierkegaard's 'Religiousness A'" (Directors: Shannon Sullivan and Daniel Conway)

American University, Washington, DC, 2004

M.A. in Philosophy and Social Policy

Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA, 2000

B.A. in Philosophy and Religion

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*

TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book: [*Night Vision: Seeing Ourselves Through Dark Moods*](#), Princeton: Princeton University Press, May 2023.

Scholarly Book Chapter: "La Mexicana en la Chicana: Sources of Anzaldúa's Mexican Philosophy," co-authored with Alexander Stehn in *El Mundo Zurdo 8: Planetary Citizenship: Anzaldúan Thought Across Communities, Histories, Cultures*, eds. Norma E. Cantú, Rita Urquijo-Ruiz, and Adrianna M. Santos, San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 2022.

Book Review: "Suffering with Cynthia Wallace" A Review of *Of Women Borne* by Cynthia Wallace, [*Syndicate*](#) (June 2021).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: "Who Has the Epistemological Advantage?: A Reply to R. Aída Hernández Castillo," *The Pluralist* (Vol. 16; Spring 2021).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: "Place-Based Philosophical Activism on the US–Mexico Border," *Hypatia* (Vol. 36; August 2021).

Scholarly Book Chapter: "Becoming Faithful: Reading Gloria Anzaldúa Reading Kierkegaard," in *Taking Kierkegaard Personally*, Eds. Gordon Marino and Jamie Lorentzen, Macon: Mercer UP, 2020.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: "Gloria Anzaldúa as philosopher: The early years (1962–1987)," *Philosophy Compass* (15:7, July 2020) DOI: 10.1111/phc3.12687.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “La Mexicana en la Chicana: The Mexican Sources of Gloria Anzaldúa’s Inter-American Philosophy,” co-authored with Alexander Stehn, *Interamerican Journal of Philosophy* (11:1, Spring 2020).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Nuestra Gloria: The Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Publication of *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*,” co-authored with Stephanie Alvarez and Amanda Tovar, *Rio Bravo: Journal of the Borderlands* (vol. 24, Spring 2020).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: "Gloria Anzaldúa’s Mexican Genealogy: From Pelados and Pachucos to New Mestizas," co-authored with Alexander Stehn, *Genealogy* (4:12, January 2020).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Three Existentialist Readings of Gloria Anzaldúa’s *Borderlands/La Frontera*,” *Cuadernos de ALDEEU* (Vol. 34, 2019, pp. 117-35).

Scholarly Book Chapter: “Leave out Kierkegaard?: Reading Gloria Anzaldúa Reading Kierkegaard” in *El Mundo Zurdo* 7, Eds. Sara A. Ramirez, Larissa M. Mercado-López, & Sonia Saldívar Hull, San Francisco: Aunt Lute Books, 2019.

Scholarly Book Chapter: “The Redemption of Negative Feeling: Miguel de Unamuno” in *The Religious Existentialists and the Redemption of Feeling*, Eds. Anthony Malagon and Abi Doukhan, Lanham, MD, Lexington Books 2019.

Book Review: “Can Love Work? A Review of Daniel Campos’ *Loving Immigrants in America*,” in *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (Volume 10, Issue 1).

Scholarly Book Chapter: “A Popular Blogger’s Theology of Failure: Glennon Doyle on the Redemptive Act of Showing Up” in *Theologies of Failure*, Eds. Roberto Sirvent and Duncan Rayburn, Eugene, OR, Wipf and Stock Publishers, April 2019.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Interpreting Unamuno’s Quixotism as a Religion,” *Philosophy Today* (62:3, summer 2018).

Scholarly Book Chapter: “On Whose Authority? Søren Kierkegaard and Ada María Isasi-Díaz on Christian Truth-Witnessing” in *Kierkegaard and Political Theology*, Eds. Roberto Sirvent and Silas Morgan, Eugene, Oregon, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Wages for Academic Whiteness: Hispanics and Professionalization,” *The Pluralist* (Vol 13; 2018).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Forging El Mundo Zurdo: Sexual and Linguistic Atravesados in Gloria Anzaldúa’s Rio Grande Valley” in *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* (Spring 2015; Vol. 14, No. 2: 2-11).

Scholarly Book Chapter: “Quidam: Earnest for Ten Minutes a Week” in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Volume 17: Kierkegaard's Pseudonyms*. Eds. Jon Stewart & Katalin Nun, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Ashgate Publishing, May 2015.

Scholarly Book Chapter: “William Afham: The Line by which an Ape may become an Apostle” in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Volume 17: Kierkegaard's Pseudonyms*. Eds. Jon Stewart & Katalin Nun, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Ashgate Publishing, May 2015.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Miguel de Unamuno and William James, el gran pensador yanqui” in *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (October 2014, Vol. 5, Issue 2).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “The Strenuous and Sufficient Task of Kierkegaard’s Religiousness A” in *Philosophy Today* (Winter 2012, Vol. 56, No. 4: pp. 434-448).

Scholarly Book Chapter: “John Alexander Mackay: The Road Approach to Truth” in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Volume 10: Kierkegaard's Influence on Theology. Tome II, Anglophone and Scandinavian Protestant Theology*. Ed. Jon Stewart, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Ashgate Publishing, 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “Phil 2380: Introduction to Latin American Philosophy (An Annotated Syllabus)” in *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* (Fall 2011; Vol. 11, No. 1: 15-17).

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY PUBLICATIONS

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[No Regrets](#),” The Best Scholarly Books of 2022, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (December 2022).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Counting Ourselves Worthy](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 38, Winter 2022).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Gender Outlines](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 37, Fall 2022).

Magazine Article: “[Homeschooling Bliss](#)” *Womankind* (Issue 32, Summer 2022)

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Relentless Uncertainty](#)” *New Philosopher* (Issue 36, Summer 2022).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Strangers in Love](#)” *New Philosopher* (Issue 35, Spring 2022).

Magazine Article: “[Re-membering Ourselves](#)” *Womankind* (Issue 31, Spring 2022).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[The Shifting Seat of Truth](#)” *New Philosopher* (Issue 34, Winter 2021).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[The Color of My Language](#)” *New Philosopher* (Issue 33, Fall 2021).

Magazine Article: “[What is a Life Lived Well?](#)” *Womankind* (Issue 28, Summer 2021).

Magazine Article: “[Existential Therapy](#),” *Womankind* (Issue 27, Spring 2021).

Magazine Article: “[Lessons in Anger](#),” *Womankind* (Issue 26, Winter 2020).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[X-Risks and Existentialism](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 28, Summer 2020).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Children Make us Gods](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 27, Spring 2020).

Blog Post: [A White Scholar in a Brown Body](#). *HTI Open Plaza* (Dec. 2019).

Newspaper Article: “[It’s a Terrible Day in the Neighborhood. And That’s OK.](#)” *New York Times* (The Stone). November 28, 2019. (A version of this article appears in print on Nov. 29, 2019, Section A, Page 27 of the New York edition with the headline: Mister Rogers’s Anger Management).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Trying to Escape the Sea](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 26, Winter 2019).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Spitting in Death’s Eye](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 25, Fall 2019).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Against Cheerfulness](#),” *Aeon* (May 2019). Named one of 12 “Reader’s Favourites” for 2019.

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[There are No Mothers](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 24, Spring 2019).

Newspaper Article: “[The Gender Politics of Fasting](#),” *New York Times* (The Stone). January 14, 2019.

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[The Art of Time Management](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 22, Winter 2018).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Uncontrollable Feelings](#)” *New Philosopher* (Issue 21, Fall 2018).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Be a Winner, Not a Whiner](#)” *New Philosopher* (Issue 20, Summer 2018).

Academic Blog Post: “[Précis to Kate Norlock’s “Can’t Complain”: Complain We Must!”](#) Pea Soup: Philosophy, Ethics, Academia, March 2018.

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Giving Birth to Difference](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 19, Spring 2018).

Blog Post: “[Unfolding Gloria Anzaldúa’s Gift to the Rio Grande Valley](#),” NETA (Feb 2018)

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[Laughing in Spanish](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 17, Summer 2017).

Newspaper Article: “[In Praise of Lost Causes](#),” *New York Times* (The Stone). May 29, 2017; translated into Spanish and reprinted in [El Faro](#) (El Salvador’s major newspaper).

Philosophy Magazine Interview: “[Living Philosophy](#),” *New Philosopher* (Issue 16, Spring 2017).

Philosophy Magazine Article: “[The Freedom to Fail](#),” *Womankind* (Jan 2017; Issue #11).

Newspaper Article: “[Can philosophy survive in an academy driven by impact and employability?](#)” (co-written with John Kaag), *Times Higher Education*, December 10, 2015.

Academic Blog Post: “What can Philosophy of Religion Offer to the Modern University?” <http://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=355120> Nov. 17, 2015.

Blog Post: “Why Are We Always Trying to Be Positive Around Kids?” *Yahoo Parenting*, April 15, 2015 <https://www.yahoo.com/parenting/why-are-we-always-trying-to-be-positive-around-115134610187.html>

Newspaper Article: “Poke, Prod, and Rile: Secrets of Good Teaching” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Jan. 27, 2015. <http://chronicle.com/blogs/conversation/2015/01/27/poke-prod-and-rile-secrets-of-good-teaching/>

Newspaper Article: “Companions in Misery,” *New York Times* (The Stone). Nov. 22, 2014; reprinted in the Sunday edition, Nov. 23. http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/22/companions-in-misery/?_r=0 Won APA prize in Public Philosophy.

Academic Blog Post: “What is Philosophy of Religion?” <http://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=51787> Nov. 12, 2014.

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “RGV PUEDE: Past, Present, Future” ▪ co-presented with Dr. Alex Stehn ▪ 2023 RGV-TABE ▪ South Padre Island ▪ January 2023
- “Seeing Depression in the Dark with Gloria Anzaldúa” ▪ El Mundo Zurdo 9 ▪ UT San Antonio ▪ Nov. 2022
- “Learning to be Anxious in the Right Way” ▪ The Ninth International Kierkegaard Conference ▪ The Hong Kierkegaard Library ▪ May 2022
- “Gloria Anzaldúa and Linguistic Shame” ▪ Invited Guest Lecture ▪ St. John’s College ▪ March 2022
- “Mister Rogers, American Philosopher” ▪ Society for The Advancement of American Philosophy, 49th Annual Meeting ▪ March 2022
- “*La Vergüenza Lingüística*: Linguistic Terrorism and Liberation in the Texas Borderlands” ▪ Public Lecture co-presented with Dr. Lori Gallegos ▪ Texas A&M International University ▪ March 2021
- “What are You So Ashamed Of?” ▪ Invited University Lecture ▪ Texas A&M International University ▪ March 2021
- “Taco Tech” ▪ Invited Lecture for Early College High School Students ▪ Texas A&M International University ▪ March 11, 2021
- “Teaching Kierkegaard” ▪ American Philosophical Association Central Division, Søren Kierkegaard Society Panel ▪ February 2021
- “La Mexicana En La Chicana: The Mexican Sources of Anzaldúa’s Inter-American Philosophy” co-presented with Dr. Alexander Stehn ▪ Society for The Advancement of American Philosophy, 47th Annual Meeting ▪ March 2020
- “Es Espanglish Feo?” ▪ Public Lecture ▪ International Museum of Arts and Sciences ▪ December 2019
- “Gloria Anzaldúa, Chicana Existentialist” ▪ El Mundo Zurdo ▪ San Antonio ▪ November 2019
- “When Speaking Spanish Feels Like Shame” ▪ Linguistic Seminar Series ▪ UTRGV ▪ November 2019
- “*Platicando* about Linguistic Shame in the Rio Grande Valley” ▪ Philosophy from All Walks of Life ▪ Public Philosophy Network ▪ Michigan State ▪ University October 2019
- “Three Existentialist Readings of Gloria Anzaldúa’s Borderlands/La Frontera” ▪ Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II ▪ George Washington University ▪ June 2019
- “Gloria Anzaldúa and the French Existentialists” ▪ Gloria Anzaldúa: Translating B/borders ▪ University of Paris VIII, Paris, France ▪ May 2019
- “La Vergüenza Lingüística” ▪ Public Lecture ▪ McAllen Public Library ▪ April 2019
- “Restoring Human Dignity”: Sister Norma Pimentel and Jane Addams on Immigration ▪ Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy ▪ Columbus, OH ▪ Mar 2019

- “Philosophers on Love” ▪ UTRGV Public Lecture with Dr. Alex Stehn ▪ McAllen, TX ▪ Spring 2019
- “Strategies of Resistance in the Rio Grande Valley: Sister Norma Pimentel” ▪ Radical Philosophy Conference
▪ University of Massachusetts Lowell ▪ Lowell, MA ▪ Nov 2018
- “Valley Pride: Gloria Anzaldúa Talks to her Gente about Atravesando” ▪ Celebration of Gloria Anzaldúa’s
Birthday ▪ McAllen Public Library ▪ Sep 26, 2018
- “Linguistic Terrorism in Gloria Anzaldúa” ▪ Pride Month Event ▪ McAllen Public Library ▪ June 2018
- “Becoming Faithful: Reading Gloria Anzaldúa Reading Kierkegaard” ▪ The Eighth International
Kierkegaard Conference ▪ St. Olaf College ▪ Northfield, MN ▪ June 2018
- “Leave out “Kierkegaard”: Reading Gloria Anzaldúa Reading Kierkegaard” The Society for the Study of
Gloria Anzaldúa ▪ Trinity University & UTSA, Women’s Studies Institute ▪ May 2018
- “Can Love Work? A Response to Daniel Campos’ Loving Immigrants in America” Society for the
Advancement of American Philosophy ▪ Indianapolis, Indiana ▪ March 2018
- “Unfolding UTRGV Students” ▪ FOLD Art Exhibit Academic Panel on “Unfolding Social Issues” ▪
UTRGV ▪ Feb 2018
- “Kierkegaard’s Influence on Anzaldúa” ▪ Mexican-American Studies Plática Marathon ▪ UTRGV ▪ Feb 2018
- “Welcoming the Undocumented Immigrant “Con Brazos Abiertos” in Deep South Texas” ▪ Revisiting
Mamre: The Stranger in the Three Abrahamic Faiths ▪ Queens College ▪ NYC ▪ Dec 2017
- “Gloria Anzaldúa and Linguistic Terrorism” ▪ Plenary Session at the Summer Institute of American
Philosophy ▪ Eugene, OR ▪ Jul 2017
- “Educated but not *Educado*” ▪ Public Philosophy Lecture ▪ University of Texas Rio Grande Valley ▪ May 2017
- “Does Grammar Matter? Should It?” ▪ Center for Teaching Excellence ▪ University of Texas Rio Grande
Valley ▪ Apr 2017 (I was invited to, and did, give this talk again for the Linguistics Seminar in Fall 2017)
- “Roundtable Discussion on God” ▪ Philosophy Public Presentation ▪ University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
▪ Mar 2017
- “Wages for Academic Whiteness: Hispanics and Professionalization” ▪ Society for the Advancement of
American Philosophy ▪ Birmingham, Alabama ▪ Mar 2017
- “The Rules of Academic Whiteness” ▪ MAS Plática Marathon ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ Mar
2017
- “Getting to know our Students to Help Them Succeed” ▪ Center for Teaching Excellence ▪ University of
Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ Feb 2017
- “Taco Tech” ▪ Public Philosophy Lecture ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ Nov 2016 (I was invited
to, and did, give a version of this talk on the Brownsville Campus during FESTIBA 2017, titled “Tamale
Tech”)

- “A Pessimistic Art of Living: Miguel de Unamuno’s Don Quixote” ▪ Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy ▪ Texas A&M ▪ May 2016
- “The Redemption of Negative Feeling: Miguel de Unamuno” ▪ The Redemption of Feeling ▪ Queens College, NYC ▪ Dec 2015
- “Forging El Mundo Zurdo: Sexual and Linguistic Atravesados in Gloria Anzaldúa's Rio Grande Valley" ▪ El Mundo Zurdo 2015 ▪ Austin, TX ▪ May 2015
- “The Religious Aspects of the Zapatista Movement” as part of a panel: “Liberating Faith: Popular Ritual, Zapatismo, and Prophetic Pragmatism” ▪ Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy ▪ New York, NY ▪ Mar 2012
- “The Healing Power of Borders” ▪ FEAST (Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory) ▪ Zion, IL ▪ Sep 2011
- “Inhabiting the ‘Third Country’ for the First Time as Second Nature” ▪ Latina Feminism Roundtable ▪ John Carroll University, OH ▪ Apr 2011
- “Integrating Borders: Developing my ‘Second Skin’ in this ‘Third Country’” ▪ Gloria E. Anzaldúa Speaker Series in Philosophy, in conjunction with FESTIBA ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ Mar 2011
- “Found: A New Yorkan Chilena in the Rio Grande Valley” ▪ National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Conference ▪ South Texas College ▪ Feb 2011
- “Unamuno’s Religion of Quixotism” ▪ Kentucky Foreign Language Conference ▪ University of Kentucky ▪ Apr 2010
- “Unamuno-as-Pragmatist” ▪ First International Conference on Pragmatism and the Hispanic/Latino World ▪ Texas A&M University ▪ Feb 2010
- “Real Losses and Real Losers: The Tragic Sense of Life According to Sidney Hook” ▪ Experiencia y Comunidad: Antecedentes de un debate ▪ Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Madrid ▪ May 2009
- “Am I White? The Invisible Bio-and Anatomico-Politics of Race in the U.S.” ▪ Latina Feminism Roundtable ▪ John Carroll University, OH ▪ Apr 2007
- “Guadalupe vs. La Malinche: A Genealogy of Mexican Feminine Identity” Latina Feminism Roundtable ▪ John Carroll University, OH ▪ Apr 2006
- Participant in Jornadas de Unamuno ▪ University of Salamanca, Spain ▪ Fall 2009

PODCASTS & INTERVIEWS

- Visiting Angels: migration, activism, and theology in the Texas Rio Grande Valley ▪ <https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/visiting-angels> ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative, Open Plaza
- WMC Live #274: Mariana Alessandri ▪ [Interview with Robin Morgan](#) (minute 27) ▪ Original Airdate 2/3/2019
- [“Education and Educación”](#) ▪ UTRGV’s First Year Experience Podcast, episode 5 ▪ Nov 2017
- [“The Little Engine that Couldn’t”](#) ▪ Philosophy Bakes Bread Radio Podcast, episodes 22, 23, 24 ▪ Society of Philosophers in America ▪ WRFL Lexington, KY ▪ May 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (2019-present)

PHIL 4300—Philosophy of Our Darker Moods ▪ Spring 2023
 PHIL 4305—Senior Seminar ▪ Spring 2022
 PHIL 3301—Ancient Philosophy ▪ Fall 2021
 PHIL 4301/RELS 4301—Great Thinkers: Søren Kierkegaard ▪ Fall 2022
 PHIL 1300—Critical Thinking ▪ Fall 2019
 PHIL 1310—Ethics, Happiness, and the Good Life ▪ Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2020
 PHIL 3304—19th Century Philosophy ▪ Fall 2019, Fall 2015
 PHIL 4300—Special Topics in Philosophy: Don Quixote and Miguel de Unamuno Spring 2016
 PHIL 1301—Introduction to Philosophy ▪ Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Assistant Professor ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (2015-2019)

PHIL 4305—Senior Seminar ▪ Spring 2019
 PHIL 3301—Ancient Philosophy ▪ Fall 2018
 PHIL 4301/RELS 4301—Great Thinkers: Søren Kierkegaard ▪ Spring 2018
 PHIL 4305/RELS 4304—Latinx Theologies ▪ Fall 2017
 PHIL 1300—Critical Thinking ▪ Fall 2017
 PHIL 1305—Introduction to Latin American Philosophy ▪ Spring 2019, Spring 2017
 PHIL 3310—Existentialism and Phenomenology ▪ Fall 2016
 PHIL 1310—Ethics, Happiness, and the Good Life ▪ Spring 2018, Fall 2016
 PHIL 3304—19th Century Philosophy ▪ Fall 2015
 PHIL 4300—Special Topics in Philosophy: Don Quixote and Miguel de Unamuno Spring 2016
 PHIL 1301—Introduction to Philosophy ▪ Fall 2015

Assistant Professor ▪ University of Texas-Pan American (2013-2015)

PHIL 4390—Women and Religion ▪ Spring 2015
 PHIL 3363—Existentialism and Phenomenology ▪ Spring 2014
 PHIL 2330—Introduction to Ethics ▪ Spring 2015, 2014 & Fall 2013

Visiting Assistant Professor ▪ University of Texas-Pan American

PHIL 1310—Introduction to Philosophy ▪ Spring 2013
 PHIL 1305—Critical Thinking ▪ Fall 2012

Lecturer ▪ University of Texas-Pan American

PHIL 1305—Critical Thinking ▪ Spring 2012
 PHIL 2380—Introduction to Latin American Philosophy ▪ Spring 2011
 PHIL 1310—Introduction to Philosophy ▪ Fall 2010 & Fall 2011

Instructor ▪ Pennsylvania State University

PHIL 014—Philosophy of Love and Sex ▪ Spring 2010
 PHIL 100—Meaning of Human Existence ▪ Fall 2009
 PHIL 009—Philosophy, Race, and Diversity ▪ Spring 2007
 PHIL 008—Philosophy and Feminism ▪ Fall 2006
 PHIL 001—Basic Problems in Philosophy ▪ Spring 2006

Graduate Teaching Assistant ▪ Pennsylvania State University

PHIL 005—Philosophy, Art, and Film ▪ Fall 2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant ▪ American University

Introduction to Western Philosophy ▪ Spring & Fall 2003
 Moral Philosophy ▪ Spring 2004

Vocational Training Instructor & Development Office Intern ▪ CASA de Maryland ▪ Summer 2003
For the applied dimension of my M.A. in Philosophy & Social Policy at American University, I designed and taught a 12-week carpentry-skills class for Latina women (in Spanish). I also did grant-writing, web-design, and fundraising for Casa de Maryland, a nonprofit that serves the Latino/a community in the D.C. area.

LANGUAGES

Spanish ▪ Fluency in Speaking, Reading, and Writing
French ▪ Proficiency in Reading
Danish ▪ Completed the Danish Language Course at the Hong Kierkegaard Library
American Sign Language ▪ Beginner

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

HTI Dissertation Selection Committee ▪ 2022
Coordinator ▪ Religious Studies Program ▪ 2019-present
Thesis committee member ▪ 2022 (Natalie Salazar, MFA), 2021 (Nicholas Vanhee, Honors)
Equity & Diversity Advocate ▪ History Search Committee ▪ 2019-20
HTI Mentor ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative ▪ 2022-present, 2019-21
HTI Theology Book Prize Selection Committee Member ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative ▪ 2019, 2018
Conference Committee ▪ Philosophy Across the Americas: *Thinking la Frontera* ▪ UTRGV/STC Fall 2017
MAS Anzaldúa Coordinating Committee ▪ UTRGV ▪ 2017-present
MAS “El Retorno” Coordinating Committee ▪ UTRGV 2017-18
Multilingual Professional Development Series ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ Spring 2017
Curriculum Committee Chair ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ 2016-2017, 2021-22
Policy Committee ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ 2015-present
Philosophy Committee ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ 2015-present
Search Committee ▪ University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley ▪ Fall 2022, Fall 2018, Sum/Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring/Sum 2015
Religious Studies Committee ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2013-present
Peer Reviewer for Journal ▪ *Puncta* ▪ 2021; *Epoche* ▪ 2016; *Hypatia* ▪ 2014
Philosophy Committee ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2013-2015
Inter-American Philosophy Committee ▪ Society for the Advancement of American Phil. ▪ 2012-present
Writing Across the Curriculum Grant ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2011-2012
Mexican American Studies Planning Committee ▪ University of Texas Pan-American ▪ 2010-present
Diversity Committee ▪ Philosophy Department ▪ Pennsylvania State University ▪ 2005-2006
Hiring Committee ▪ Graduate Student Representative ▪ American University ▪ 2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI)
Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA)
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)
Friends of the Hong Kierkegaard Library

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Conexión ▪ Center for Teaching Excellence ▪ May 2022
Awarded \$1500 to develop a new equity-minded assignment for First-Year students
Faculty Development Leave ▪ UTRGV ▪ 2019
Granted one year teaching and service release for AY20-21
Inter-American Philosophy Award ▪ SAAP Committee on International Relations ▪ 2020

- Won a \$500 award for “Best Paper Concerning Latin American, Latino/a, or Indigenous Philosophies Across the Americas” with co-author Dr. Alexander Stehn
- Distinguished Community Advocate** Texas Association for Bilingual Education ▪ 2019
Awarded as co-founder of RGV PUEDE (Rio Grande Valley Parents United for Excellent Dual Education)
- Pea Soup Award** ▪ Pea Soup Philosophy Blog ▪ 2019
Won \$500 for “Best Discussion Originators” for JMP Discussion of Kate Norlock’s “Can’t Complain”
- Honorarium** ▪ HTI Theology Book Selection Committee
- HTI Public Square Writing Session** ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative ▪ July 2018
All-expense paid 5-night trip to Princeton Theological Seminary to advance Public Theology
- Public Philosophy Prize** ▪ American Philosophical Association ▪ 2015
For New York Times published article, “Companions in Misery”
- Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant** ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2014-2015
Worked with Margaret Newton on Søren Kierkegaard and Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz
- Get in Gear Writing Program** ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ Fall 2014
Selected as one of 20 faculty to be part of a semester-long research cohort.
- Incorporating Research into the Curriculum** ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2014-15
Selected as one of 20 faculty to incorporate research in the classroom. Supported by Title V Grant
- Faculty Development Program Grant** ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2013
Participated in a 3-day workshop: Incorporating Digital “Testimonios” as Critical Pedagogy.
- Service Learning Pilot Program** ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2013-2014
Selected as one of 20 to incorporate service learning in the classroom. Supported by Title V Grant
- Writing Across the Curriculum Grant** ▪ University of Texas-Pan American ▪ 2012-13
Selected as one of 20 faculty to formally incorporate writing into the syllabus
- Smithsonian Community Grant** ▪ MetLife Foundation ▪ 2012
Won \$5,000 with 5 other faculty to develop a community mural project honoring farmworkers in conjunction with the Smithsonian exhibit Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program 1942-1964.
- Fulbright Scholar** ▪ Salamanca, Spain ▪ 2008-2009
Performed archival research on various texts in Unamuno’s library, focusing on the marginalia in his Danish copy of Kierkegaard’s *Samlede Værker* (Complete Works)
- Summer Fellow** ▪ Hong Kierkegaard Library ▪ St. Olaf College ▪ 2008
- Dissertation Fellow** ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative ▪ Princeton Theological Seminary ▪ 2008-2009
- Harold F. Martin Graduate Assistant Outstanding Teaching Award** ▪ Penn State University ▪ 2007-2008
- Doctoral Fellow** ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative ▪ Princeton Theological Seminary ▪ 2006-2007
- Bunton Waller Fellow** ▪ Pennsylvania State University ▪ 2004-2009
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship in Philosophy** ▪ Pennsylvania State University ▪ 2004-2007
- Borden Parker Bowne Fellowship** ▪ American University ▪ 2002-2004
- Outstanding Graduate in Philosophy** ▪ Mary Washington College ▪ 2000

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Treasurer, Blanca Sánchez Elementary School Chess Booster Club** ▪ 2023
- Co-Founder, [RGV PUEDE](#) (Parents United for Excellent Dual Education)** ▪ 2016-present
- Regular Blog Contributor** ▪ [RGV Moms Blog](#) ▪ 2017-2020
- Volunteer Child Advocate** ▪ The Young Center for Immigrant Rights ▪ Harlingen ▪ 2017-2019
- Volunteer Immigrant Facilitator** ▪ Humanitarian Respite Center ▪ McAllen TX ▪ 2014-2020
Helped recent immigrants eat, shower, use the phone, and get ready for travel outside of McAllen
- Volunteer Carpenter** ▪ Habitat for Humanity of the Rio Grande Valley, TX ▪ 2010-2012
- Volunteer Administrator** ▪ Easter Seals of the Rio Grande Valley, TX ▪ 2010
- Volunteer Carpenter** ▪ Centre County Habitat for Humanity ▪ PA ▪ 2004-2006
- AmeriCorps Construction Crew Leader**; Habitat for Humanity ▪ Redwood City, CA ▪ 2001-2002

Music Director ▪ Catholic Student Association ▪ Mary Washington College ▪ 1998-2000

Vocational Training Instructor ▪ CASA de Maryland ▪ Summer 2003

Development Office Intern ▪ CASA de Maryland ▪ Spring 2003