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Associate Professor of Philosophy at University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley  
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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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**AOS:** Existentialism

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

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### EDUCATION

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**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*

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### TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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**Book:** [\*Night Vision: Seeing Ourselves Through Dark Moods\*](#), Princeton: Princeton University Press, May 2023 (available as hardcover, audiobook, and e-book, and chosen as PUP's "All Staff Read" book for Spring 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, *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (11:1, 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).

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**PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY PUBLICATIONS**

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- Philosophy Blog Post:** “[Stop Calling Women Strong](#),” *Psychology Today* (May 2023)
- Philosophy Blog Post:** “[Navigating \(Living\) Philosophy: Playing in a Rigged Game](#),” American Philosophical Association Blog (March 2023)
- 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).

**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](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.

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#### PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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“La mexicana en la chicana: las fuentes mexicanas de la filosofía de Gloria Anzaldúa” ■ co-presented with Dr. Alex V. Stehn ■ Primer Congreso Internacional de Filosofía Mexicana Toluca, México March 2023

“Anger in a Perilous Environment: Maria Lugones” ■ Society for The Advancement of American Philosophy, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting ■ March 2023 (won the Jane Addams Prize)

“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

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## PODCASTS & INTERVIEWS

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Interview with Madi Kirch: “Night Vision” ▪ Google Talks ▪ May 2023

Interview with Gisela Chipe and Mark Klobas: “Living with Dark Moods” ▪ Princeton University Press Ideas Podcast ▪ May 2023

Interview with Hannah Murray: “Night Vision” ▪ Talk Radio Europe ▪ The Book Show ▪ May 2023

Interview with Andrew Keen: “[Why Night Vision is the Right Vision](#)” ▪ Keen On, May 2023

Conversation with Kieran Setiya: “[Living with Dark Moods](#)” ▪ co-sponsored by The Philosopher and Oxford Public Philosophy ▪ May 2023

[Visiting Angels: migration, activism, and theology in the Texas Rio Grande Valley](#) ▪ Hispanic Theological Initiative, Open Plaza

Interview with Robin Morgan: WMC Live #274: [Mariana Alessandri](#) ▪ (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

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**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—19<sup>th</sup> 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—19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## LANGUAGES

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**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

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## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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**New Faculty Mentor** ▪ 2022-23

**Faculty Review Chair** ▪ 2022-present

**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 ▪ Spring 2023, 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

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI)

Society for Philosophers in America (SOPHIA)

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)

Friends of the Hong Kierkegaard Library

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**GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS**


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[The Next Big Idea Club's May 2023 Must-Read Books](#) ▪ *Night Vision* ▪ April 2023

**Jane Addams Prize** ▪ SAAP Addams Prize Committee ▪ 2023

Won a \$500 award for “Paper that best advances the work of Jane Addams.”

**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 to write *Night Vision*

**Inter-American Philosophy Award** ▪ SAAP Committee on Inter-American 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 *Samlde 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

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**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  
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