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EDUCATION

- Doctoral Candidate, History of Ideas | University of Texas at Dallas** Expected May 2023
Majors: Continental Philosophy & American Intellectual History | Minor: Modernist Literature
- M.A. English as a Second Language | University of Texas Rio Grande Valley,*** Edinburg, TX May 2015
- M.A. Theological Studies | Dallas Baptist University,** Dallas, TX December 2012
- B.A. History | Bob Jones University,** Greenville, SC May 2009
Minors in Ancient Greek and Spanish

COURSES TUTORED / TAUGHT

History of Philosophy – Private Tutoring

- Hermeneutic Philosophy (private tutoring for interested grad students in management and economics)
- Existentialism (private tutoring for interested grad students in management and psychology)
- German Idealism (private tutoring for interested grad students in management and religion)
- American Pragmatism (private tutoring interested grad students in management and economics)
- American Intellectual History (private tutoring for undergrad elective-takers & grad students in other fields)
- Philosophy of Religion (private tutoring for grad students in theology, counseling, and management)
- History of Marxism (private tutoring for undergrad elective-takers & grad students in management)
- Aesthetics: Futurism, Dada, Cubism, Surrealism (private tutoring for interested grad students in management)

English as Second Language, Rhet.-Comp., and Test Prep – University, CC, and Private Lessons

- Workshops on English as a Second Language in Business for Management Grad Students (UT Dallas)
- Workshops on English as a Second Language Pedagogy for University Faculty and Staff (UT Dallas)
- English as a Second Language Writing Level 3 (Richland College)
- English as a Second Language Grammar Level 3 (Richland College)
- Rhetoric and Composition I, a developmental writing class (University of Texas Pan American)
- Rhetoric and Composition II, a research and writing class (University of Texas Pan American)
- Intermediate English as a Second Language (Sharp Educational Services)
- Beginner English as a Second Language (private language instruction)
- Advanced Business English (private language instruction customized for individual student)
- Test Prep (GMAT, LSAT)

*May 2015 alumnus of UT Pan American, which in August 2015 merged with UT Brownsville to form UT Rio Grande Valley.

WRITING

In-Progress Dissertation: *The Apocalypse of Ennui: Existential Baudelaire in Fondane, Benjamin, and Sartre*
Unpublished M.A. thesis: *Eavesdropping on the Past: An Oral History Exploration of English and Spanish in Contact in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, 1904-1945*

Contributor: *Athwart Magazine, RGVision Magazine, D Magazine*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Baudelaire, Fondane, and the Abyssal Crisis of Democracy” (Society for United States Intellectual History; Boston, Massachusetts; 5 November 2022)
- “Crying through Metamodern Oscillations: Suffering Selves in Benjamin Fondane’s Poetry” (South Central Modern Language Association; Memphis, Tennessee/Virtual; October 14, 2022)
- “Existentialism and Hyperbole: Benjamin Fondane” (Research, Arts, & Writing Conference; University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas; 6 March, 2021)
- “Walter Benjamin’s Revolutionary Retrieval: The Unexpected Anti-Fascist Afterlives of Charles Baudelaire” (Research, Arts, & Writing Conference; University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas; 22 February 2020)
- “Practical Outcomes from Confusing Ourselves with Humanities Research” (Festival of International Books and Arts; University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas; 4 March 2016)

TEACHING, TUTORING, WRITING, & EDITING EXPERIENCE

- The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX August 2017 – Present
English Language Specialist - Business Communication Center (March 2018 – Present)
Writing Tutor & Consultant - Business Communication Center (August 2017 – February 2018)
- Renaissance Animal**, Weslaco & Dallas, TX January 2016 – Present
Tutor / Editor / ESL Teacher - Freelance
- Richland College**,[†] Dallas, TX August 2016 – May 2017
Adjunct English as a Second Language Writing Instructor
- Institute of Reading Development**, McAllen, TX Summer 2016 & 2017
Reading Teacher
- IDEA Weslaco College Prep**, Weslaco, TX June 2015 – December 2015
English Language Arts Teacher
- University of Texas Pan American**, Edinburg, TX September 2013 – May 2015
Sole-Teaching Teaching Assistant (January 2014 – May 2015)
Graduate Assistant (January 2014 – August 2014)
LSAT and GMAT Test Preparation Instructor (September 2013 – December 2014)

[†] In 2020, Richland College became Dallas College-Richland Campus.

INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kaiser Aluminum, Sherman, TX

Maintenance Planner / Continuous Improvement Coordinator (2010-2013)

Intern (2009)

2009 – 2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Society for United States Intellectual History

American Philosophical Association

South Central Modern Language Association