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## EDUCATION

- PhD, History of Ideas | University of Texas at Dallas** May 2023  
Dissertation: *Existential Baudelaire in Fondane, Benjamin, and Sartre*  
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

## SUBJECTS TUTORED

### History of Philosophy – Private Tutoring for Interdisciplinary Scholars, Entrepreneurs, and Amateurs

Existentialism

Pragmatism

Hermeneutic Philosophy

American Intellectual History

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Poetry

Aesthetics

## COURSES & WORKSHOPS TAUGHT

### 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)

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

## WRITING

Unpublished dissertation: *Existential Baudelaire in Fondane, Benjamin, and Sartre*

Unpublished M.A. thesis: *Eavesdropping on the Past: An Oral History Exploration of English and Spanish in Contact in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, 1904-1945*

Contributing Writer: *RGVision Magazine, Athwart 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**,<sup>†</sup> 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)*

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<sup>†</sup> 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