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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hispanic Studies; Central American borderlands; identity and belonging; territorial disputes; hermeneutic phenomenology.

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas

Ph.D., Hispanic Studies 2026

Dissertation: The Guatemala-Belize Territorial Dispute as Lived Experience in the Borderlands

Dissertation chair: Dr Alain Lawo-Sukam

Dissertation co-chair: Dr David Chroust

Villanova University | Villanova, Pennsylvania

M.A., Political Science 2016

Columbia University | New York, New York

B.A., Philosophy 1998

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Hermeneutic phenomenological study of the Guatemala–Belize territorial dispute as experienced in border communities. The research examines the relationship between an unresolved territorial claim and everyday understandings of identity and belonging. The dissertation develops the working concepts of latentism and demographic anxiety.

PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS

2020. Review of Alain Lawo-Sukam, “La poesía guineoecuatoriana en español en su contexto colonial y (trans)nacional.” *Imposibilia* 19: 164–169.

2019. Spanish translation of David F. Babbel, *Mis ángeles alrededor de vosotros: las manos del Señor en el campo misional*. Dominican Republic: Babbel.

2016. “Manifestaciones del poder en Foucault y el problema de la episteme: Análisis crítico de ‘Pensar en/con Foucault.’” *Letralia* (online journal).

2008. “Ingenios de la voluntad.” *Ciencia y Humanismo* 5: 117–132.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 “Avanzando en la equidad educativa mediante innovaciones tecnológicas en el desarrollo del vocabulario” AATSP, Panama City, Panama. Presenter.

2016 “Epictetus in the Classroom” From Ancient Greece to the Modern Curriculum: Where Does Philosophy Fit?, Crete, Greece. Presenter.

2008 “Dynamics of Teaching: Catering to Diversity in the Classroom” 11th Annual Conference for Teachers of English, John F. Kennedy Institute, Dominican Republic. Presenter.

2008 “The Negative Impact of Foreign Investment in the Poor Sector of Dominican Republic” Department of Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (in Spanish). Presenter.

2007 “In Defense of the Theological Foundation of Ethics and Political Philosophy in Dominican Republic” Philosophy Panel, Centro Cultural La Nave, Dominican Republic (in Spanish). Discussant and organizer.

2007 “The English Language Learner Perspective” ICDA, Dominican Republic. Presenter.

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Perkiomen School | Pennsburg, Pennsylvania

Department Head and Instructor, World Languages

Selected courses: AP Spanish Language and Culture; Senior Contemporary Literature.

2023–present

Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas

Instructor, Department of Hispanic Studies

Beginning Spanish (SPAN 101, sections 501 and 508); Advanced Spanish Composition (SPAN 303, section 902).

2017–2023

Ursinus College | Collegeville, Pennsylvania

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Modern Languages

Introductory Spanish (501 and 502).

Spring 2017

Universidad Dominico-Americana | Dominican Republic

Adjunct, Department of Education

2008–2010

Universidad Católica Nordestana | Dominican Republic

Adjunct, Department of Modern Languages

2006–2008

EARLIER TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Equity Project Charter School New York, New York <i>Master Language Arts Teacher</i>	2012–2013
Harlem Village Academies New York, New York <i>Lead Reading Teacher</i>	2010–2012
Instituto Cultural Dominico-Americano (ICDA) Dominican Republic <i>Academic Director</i>	2005–2008
New York City Department of Education New York, New York <i>Academic Intervention Specialist</i>	2004–2005
New York City Department of Education New York, New York <i>Lead Teacher, English, Mathematics, and History</i>	2001–2003

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Research Fellowship, Texas A&M University
- TAMU/AFS Fellowship, Texas A&M University
- Student Mentor Award, Texas A&M University
- Presidential Fellowship, Villanova University
- Clark Scholarship, Columbia University

EDITORIAL, RESEARCH AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brinl, LLC Pennsburg, Pennsylvania <i>Co-founder</i>	2024–present
Lima Consulting Group Malvern, Pennsylvania <i>Research Coordinator</i>	2016–2017
Ediciones SM Dominican Republic <i>Spanish Text Editor, Secondary and Elementary School Textbooks</i>	2008–2010
New York City Department of Education New York, New York <i>Parent and Community Liaison</i>	2003–2004

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Rise for Hope Foundation | Director, 2026–present
The Heights Center for Immigrant Advocacy | Volunteer ESL Teacher, 2001–2003

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native); English (native); Portuguese (advanced); French (intermediate).

CERTIFICATIONS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Google Advanced Data Analytics Certificate (2025)
IBM Machine Learning Professional Certification (2025)
Python, R, C/C++, Swift; HTML and CSS; Blackboard and Canvas learning management systems.