

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Philosophical facilitator and advocate for autonomous, critical thinking; Experienced curriculum writer, course content and reference materials repository builder and instructional designer; Social justice and student success advocate; Relationship-builder with community stakeholders and families.

## EDUCATION

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**Texas State University**, San Marcos, TX  
**M.A.**, Applied Philosophy and Ethics, 2012  
Emphasis in Evolutionary Ethics, Social Philosophy  
Thesis: Purpose for the Postmodern Individual  
Post-Graduate Certificate in Professional Ethics, 2011

**University of Texas at San Antonio**, TX  
**B.A.**, in Philosophy, 2009  
Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, History of Philosophy

*In Progress:*

**The University of the Incarnate Word**, San Antonio, TX  
**Ph.D.**, Adult Education, Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation  
Social And Political Philosophy, Social Justice, Social Entrepreneurship, International Education  
Advisors: Dr. Norman St. Clair / Dr. Alfredo Ortiz

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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**KIPP University Prep - San Antonio, 2017 - Present**  
*Content Team Lead; Curriculum writer; Theory of Knowledge teacher*  
Administration and management of: course curricula, student development, course grades.  
SPED, ELL experience; Team lead and content manager.  
Courses Taught: Government/Economics, Theory of Knowledge

**Northeast Lakeview College - Alamo Colleges - San Antonio, 2012 - Present**  
*Adjunct Lecturer from 2012-2014; Full-Time Adjunct 2015-present*  
Teach courses in PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 2306: Introduction to Ethics, and PHIL 1304: Introduction of World Religions.  
Administration and management of: course curricula, student development, course grades.  
Developer and designer of Villaphil.com, a student resource website for philosophy courses.  
Committee membership and development

**The University of the Incarnate Word - San Antonio, 2014**  
*Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy*  
Teach introductory courses in PHIL 1381: Introduction to Philosophy - sole developer of course content and curriculum.  
Administration and management of student development, course grades and assignments.

**Texas State University - San Marcos, 2012**  
*Lecturer in Philosophy*  
Teach introductory courses in PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy and PHIL 1320: Ethics and Society - sole developer of course content and curriculum  
Administration and management of student development, course grades and assignments.

## SERVICE TO INSTITUTIONS

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Teacher Liaison for International Baccalaureate Program Evaluation (2021)  
Content Team Lead and Curriculum builder  
Consultant for Alamo Colleges' The Learning Company  
Served as a judge for the 19th Annual Texas Ethics Bowl at St. Mary's University - 2016  
Serving on the Adjunct Academy Planning Committee (Northeast Lakeview College)  
Helping in the SACSCOC Application / Transition and Accreditation for NLC  
Serving on the International Education Committee (Northeast Lakeview College)  
The Texas State University Youth Mariachi Program; Strings Instructor (TXST)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### Research Interests

Social Justice and Political Philosophy  
Immigration, Education and Culture  
Evolutionary Psychology and Morality  
Philosophy of History / Hegelianism

### Conferences & Presentations

"No Moore Morality"  
Presenter | LSU Philosophy Conference, 2010

"The Great Schism"  
Presenter | University of Texas at San Antonio, 2010

"Justice and the General Welfare"  
Presenter | Texas State University - Philosophy Dialogue Series, 2011

"On the Obligations of Being a Student as Such"  
Presenter | Texas State University - Summer Philosophy Dialogue, 2011

"Texas State Feria Del Mariachi Conference"  
Workshop Educator| Texas State University Latin Music Studies, 2012

"Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza"  
Lead Instructor; Workshop Coordinator. - MPR - San Antonio, 2010-2017

"19th Annual Regional Ethics Bowl"  
Judge for Competition - St. Mary's University - San Antonio, 2016

"Teatro de Artes de Juan Seguin - 33rd Annual Noche De Gala"  
Judge for Competition - Seguin, TX - 2018

### Other Works

"The Incorporation of Undocumented Students into American Society" (2015)  
"Contrastive Analysis Through AERA Standards" (2015)  
"Marx and the Epoch of Capitalism" (2011)  
"In Search of American Eudaimonia" (2011)  
"Machiavellian Maneuvering in American Politics" (2011)  
"Liberalism in America" (2011)  
"Nussbaum's Attack on Aristotelian Relativism" (2011)  
"Betting on the Workhorse" (2010)  
"Know Your Dealer" (2010)  
"No Moore Morality" (2010)

## Other Mediums

**“Philosophy4me.com”** | Student Learning and Resource Website for Philosophy  
<http://www.philosophy4me.com>

**“VillaPhil.com”** | Student Learning and Resource Website for Introductory Philosophy Courses  
<http://www.villaphil.com> (*Defunct*)

**The “Modern Mayhem” Podcast (2015)** | Philosophy Podcast available through iTunes  
<http://www.modernmayhemshow.com>

**“Know Your Dealer”** | Newspaper Article, The San Antonio Current, (2010) [150,000+ readers]  
<http://www2.sacurrent.com/news/story.asp?id=70962>

**“The Green Philosopher: Musings on Environmental Ethics”** | Blog (15,000+ followers)  
<http://www.thegreenphilosopher.tumblr.com> (*Defunct*)

## Training and Skills

- Adjunct Academy Presenter
- Teaching and Learning Committee
- Active Shooter Training
- Drug Free Workplace Training
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Training
- Composer-Producer of Music and Sound Recordings / Albums
- Website and Graphic Design: Personal and Commercial
- Freelance Columnist: Social commentary and essays
- Volunteer Work: 250+ hours (School for Leadership and Public Service)
- Experience working with underserved communities in regards to college education.
- Experience with people management and scheduling/collaboration.
- Experience in Financial Aid, FAFSA applications, College applications and essays.
- Presentation and interview skills; lecturing and social event coordination.
- Writing experience in Academic, Professional and Entertainment fields.
- Research and data collection background with an ongoing study into International education and entrepreneurship, along past business ethics research.
- Bilingual: Fluent in English and Spanish (read, write, speak); Learning Greek & Arabic
- Social Media and Internet-based research experience.
- IB World School Experience

## REFERENCES

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**Jonathan Villegas-Caine**

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KIPP University Prep HS

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