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## Education

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### **Masters of Arts**

San Francisco State University  
Philosophy

**Expected Fall 2020**

### **Bachelor of Arts**

University of California, Los Angeles  
Philosophy

**Spring 2018**

### **Associate of Arts**

Los Angeles Pierce College  
Los Angeles Mission College  
Philosophy

**June 2015**

## Research Interests

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Metaphysical issues concerning mind-body relations, mental causation, and arguments for physicalism are what first drew me to philosophy of mind. While I remain interested in these fundamental ontological issues, I have also begun to ask different kinds of questions about the nature of subjective experience. For example, I have a longstanding interest in attention and how it relates to the nature of perception and consciousness. I would like to pursue research on the cognitive architecture of attention and phenomenal conscious and the implications of attentional phenomena for the nature of representation and perceptual content. I am interested in the debate between internalist and externalist theories of justification, especially formulations of and objections to reliabilism and evidentialism.

## Research Experience

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### **Undergraduate Independent study**

*Department of Philosophy, University of Los Angeles*

Advisor: A.J. Julius

- Read and explain what a modern take of reification means
- Write a research paper supporting my argument
- Collaborate and coordinate with my advisor

## Relevant Courses

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### **Philosophical Issues in A.I.**

**Fall 2019**

Philosophy 828

*Department of Philosophy, San Francisco State University*

Professor Carlos Montemayor

Grade: A

### **Public Philosophy**

**Spring 2018**

Philosophy 890: Seminar in Current Issue

*Department of Philosophy, San Francisco State University*

Professor Àsta

Grade: A-

### **Empire & Anti-Empire**

**Fall 2017**

Philosophy 156C

*Department of Philosophy, University of California*

Professor A.J. Julius

Grade: A

### **Marx**

**Spring 2017**

Philosophy 154B

*Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles*

Professor A.J. Julius

Grade: A

### **Elements of Metaphysics**

**Spring 2017**

*Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles*

Professor Alexis Burgess

Grade: A-

## Conference Presentations

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Oral Presentation

**Valdez, Francisco** (2017, January). Desire-Machine as Culture Industry. CSULA Philosophy Conference, Los Angeles, California

Oral and Paper Seminar

**Valdez, Francisco** (2019, April) Life as Time-in-itself: Late Stage Capitalism and Its Temporal Effects, Gettysburg University, Philosophy and Film Seminar. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

## References

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