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POSITION	Postdoctoral researcher at the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), at the Center for Research in Cognitive Sciences (CINCCO), at the Autonomous University of Morelos (UAEM), 2022-25
PRIOR AFFILIATIONS	Full-time assistant professor (Profesor Titular-C), Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (UPN), Unidad 095, 2018 Postdoctoral researcher at Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 2020
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Philosophy of Mind, Mexican Philosophy
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of pain and suffering
EDUCATION	UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW & SORBONNE UNIVERSITY Double Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2018 ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE Master's in Cognitive Science, 2013 NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO Bachelor's in Philosophy (Highest Honors)
HONORS & AWARDS	Fulbright-García Robles Award, Cátedras de Estudios de México, UT, Austin, spring 2024 Member of the National Research System (SNI) of Mexico's National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), 2020 Research Support Award (Postgraduate Conference <i>Science Normes Décisions</i> , Paris-Sorbonne) from the University of Glasgow, College of Arts, Scotland, UK, 2015 Research Travel Award (17th International Graduate Conference <i>Pleasure and Pain</i> , Essex University), from the Philosophy Department, University of Glasgow, UK, 2014

GRANTS

Posdoctoral fellowship CONACYT, 2022-25

Posdoctoral grant from Coordinación de Humanidades, UNAM, 2020

PhD grant from the Mexican government, CONACYT (the National Council of Science and Technology), 2013

PhD grant, the Value of Suffering Project, University of Glasgow, John Templeton Foundation, USA, 2013

MacRobertson postgraduate scholarship from University of Glasgow, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, 2016

Mission de doctorans à l'étranger scholarship from Sorbone University, June-August 2016, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, 2016

Bourse d'excellence, French government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (SRE) scholarship for Master's 2nd year, 2012

Scholarship from the Cognitive Studies Department (DEC), École Normale Supérieure (ENS), France, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

All publications are single-authored, except where noted.

2022 A taxonomy of masochism, *Resistances: Journal of the Philosophy of History*, Vol. 3 No. 6, <http://doi.org/10.46652/resistances.v3i6.97> ISSN 2737-6222

Sapién, A. & Fajardo-Chica, D. (2022), Mictlán: vivir la propia muerte. In *La década Covid en México: Salud mental, afectividad y resiliencia*. Medina-Mora & Hansberg (eds). UNAM. Ciudad de México.

2021 El justo miedo: miedo colectivo y colaboración, in *La vida emocional en la pandemia*, eds. Olbeth Hansberg, David Fajardo-Chica, México: UNAM. ISBN: 978-607-30- 5488. <http://suafem.unam.mx/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Fajardo-Chica-Hansberg-eds.-2021-La-vida-emocional-en-la-pandemia.pdf>

Sapién, A. & Kohl, S., (2021). Debunking the Holy Trinity: Competition, Individualism, and Meritocracy. In S. Arora-Jonsson, N. Brunsson, R. Hasse, & K. Lagerström (Eds.), *Competition: What It Is and Why It Happens*. Oxford University Press. DOI:10.1093/oso/9780192898012.003.0013.

2020 The structure of unpleasantness, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-019-00458-5>.

Lo está pidiendo: Nota Crítica de 'What the Body Commands; (Klein, 2015), *Azafea: Revista de Filosofía*, Vol. 22 (2020): *Filosofía del dolor, Nota Crítica*, pp. 221- 236, <https://doi.org/10.14201/azafea202022221236>.

2019 Zozobra: Somos humanos y nos llaman mexicanos, Vol. VII *Los procesos corpoemocionales en los estudios de género y sexualidades, de la colección Emociones e Interdisciplina*, Facultad de Estudios Superiores Iztacala UNAM and Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara (ITESO).

2018 The evolutionary explanation: the limits of the desire theories of unpleasantness, *Contrastes. Revista Internacional de Filosofía*, vol. XXIII-Nº3 (2018), pp. 121-140. <http://dx.doi.org/10.24310/Contrastescontrastes.v23i3.6597>.

2013 Córdoba Basulto, D. I., Arías García, A., **Sapién, A.**, (2013), Deseo sexual en hombres con y sin vasectomía: experiencias y significados, *RU-Iztacala*, <https://ru.iztacala.unam.mx/items/show/375>.

Public philosophy

2021 Todos somos masoquistas, *Revista de la Universidad*, Número Dolor, mayo 2021, <https://www.revistadelauniversidad.mx/articles/ff196509-c1c3-46d8-a883-bfb2acd671f6/todos-somos-masoquistas>.

Sapién, A., Oseguera, J., (2021), Identidad sin opresión, *Revista Animal Político, Una vida examinada: reflexiono bioéticas*, Programa Universitario de Bioética (PUB), UNAM. <https://www.animalpolitico.com/una-vida-examinada-reflexiones-bioeticas/identidad-sin-opresion/>.

Under review

Decolonial IA: implementing Humanitaria Artificial Intelligence, *Journal of Machine Consciousness*.

Dolor, SEFA, *Sociedad Española de Filosofía Analítica*.

Zozobra: the feeling of not belonging, in *Philosophy Compass*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 Masters' seminar, 'Philosophy on pain and motivation', at the Center for Research in Cognitive Sciences (CINCCO).
Doctoral seminar on 'Transdiscipline', at the Center for Research in Cognitive Sciences (CINCCO).

2022 Masters' seminar in Philosophy, 'Sensaciones y afectos: sufrimiento, dolor y afectividad epistémica', Posgrado en Filosofía, UNAM.

Masters' seminar in Philosophy, 'Dolor & Sufrimiento', Posgrado en Filosofía, UNAM.

2021 Masters' seminar in Philosophy, 'Placer, dolor, sufrimiento 1', Posgrado en Filosofía, UNAM.

2018 Full-time assistant professor (Profesor Titular-C), Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (UPN), Unidad 095, Mexico City, Mexico.

Courses 2020-1. **a)** Masters' in Environmental Education: Research Seminar II. **b)** Bachelor in Pedagogy: Epistemology and pedagogy. **c)** Bachelor in Education: Artistic appreciation and expression.

Courses 2019-2. **a)** Masters' in Environmental Education: Research Seminar I. **b)** Bachelor in Pedagogy: Social Aspects of Education. **c)** Bachelor in Education: Methodology for Creating Learning and Research Communities, Artistic Appreciation and Expression.

Courses 2019-1. **a)** Masters' in Environmental Education: Research Methodology Workshop. **b)** Bachelor in Educational Psychology: Research Approaches and Methods. **c)** Bachelor in Education: Design of Socioeducational Intervention Projects, Artistic Appreciation and Expression.

Courses 2018-2. **a)** Bachelor in Education: Children's Psychomotor Development, Detection of Socio-educational Problems, Systematization of Problems in the Classroom, Parental Involvement in the School.

2016-17 Tutor in Moral Philosophy, 1st year, University of Glasgow (2 groups, 10-15 students).

2010/11 Teaching assistant in Propositional and Quantificational Logics, Philosophy Faculty, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH

2020 Postdoctoral researcher at Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, with the projects 'Suffering & Self-modelling' and 'Suffering & Society', Mexico City, Mexico.

2020 Principal Investigator CESPII project 2019-21, 'El valor del sufrimiento: cómo aprendemos quienes somos' [The value of suffering: how we learn who we are], 095 Unit, UPN.

2012/13 Bibliographical research internship 'Did it hurt?: Truth conditions for memory of pain' at Jean Nicod Institute, supervised by Jérôme Dokic.

2011/12 Bibliographical research internship 'The cognitive model of depression' at Jean Nicod Institute, supervised by Elisabeth Pacherie.

PROFESIONAL SERVICES

Peer-review evaluator

- Analysis, "Aah and Phew: A Puzzle about Relief", (ANALYSIS-2022-606), 2022-12-30.
- Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 'The Endorsed-Feeling View of Pleasure and Pain', (RAJP- 2021-0749), 2021-12-01.
- Mind, "Less of This!: Against Barlassina and Hayward's Defense of Reflexive Imperativism" (MIND-2020-252), 2020-10-09.
- Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 'From the Heterogeneity Problem to a Natural-Kind Approach to Pleasure', (RAJP-2020-0104), 2020-05-11.

Organisation of academic events

2023

Co-organizer, with Dr. David Fajardo-Chica, conference 'Sentir morir, seguir viviendo', 2023-11-28/29, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, Casa Cultural Jesús Reyes Heróles, 2023-12-01, Foro Cultural Ana María Hernández.

Seminar organisation 'Afectividad & cultura', 3rd Edition, IIF, UNAM. Sessions:

- **2022-06-14** Dr. Axel Barceló (Institute for Philosophical Research (UNAM), 'Opresión', co-organized with Universidad del Valle, Colombia

2022

Seminar organisation and chair 'Afectividad & cultura', 3rd Edition, IIF, UNAM. Sessions:

- **2022-06-14** Dr. Axel Barceló (Institute for Philosophical Research (UNAM), 'Opresión', co-organized with Universidad del Valle, Colombia
- **2022-05-31** Dr. David Fajardo-Chica (Departamento de Psiquiatría y Salud Mental-UNAM), 'Alivio psicológico del dolor'
- **2022-05-17** Dr. Leonardo Ramos-Umaña (Universidad Panamericana), 'En defensa del suicidio: la perspectiva estoica'
- **2022-04-19** Dr. María José Pietrini Sánchez (Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM), '¿Es la gestación subrogada comercial moralmente inadmisibles? El argumento de la mercantilización.'
- **2022-03-22** Dr Alejandro Vázquez (Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, UNAM), 'Metacognición y afectos epistémicos'
- **2022-02-22** Dr Alejandro Mosqueda (CISAN, UNAM), 'Responsabilidad prospectiva por la opresión'

2021

Round table at the *Día Mundial de la Filosofía, Virtualidad y Emociones*, IIF, SUAFEM, UNAM, 2021-11-18. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6igbtoss4&t=3524s>

Seminar 'Afectividad & cultura', 2nd Edition, IIF, UNAM. Sessions:

- **2021-12-07** Dr José Tovar (Universidad del Valle, Colombia), 'La simpatía indolente a partir de la filosofía de Jonathan Haidt'
- **2021-11-30** Dr Jorge Oseguera (Florida State University), 'Vidas felices sin bienestar'
- **2021-11-16** Dr Nicolas Porot (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University), 'Fluency does not explain illusory truth'
- **2021-10-26** Dr Efraín Gayosso (Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM), 'El valor moral del sufrimiento'
- **2021-10-19** Diana Rojas (PEA, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM), 'La rabia como emoción política'
- **2021-09-28** Dr Rocío Cazáres Blanco (Unidad académica de filosofía, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas), 'Perdón y reciprocidad. Una alternativa al dilema gratuidad-condicionalidad del perdón'
- **2021-09-21** Dr Amalia Amaya, (Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM), 'Epistemic ambivalence in law'

Seminar 'Afectividad & cultura', 1st Edition, IIF, UNAM. Sessions:

- **2021-04-13** Dr José Araya, (Instituto de Filosofía y Ciencia de la Complejidad, IFICC, Chile), 'Las emociones individuales como sistema colectivo'
- **2021-04-27** Dr Jessica Vargas González (Binghamton University), 'El miedo como emoción política y antipolítica: un análisis normativo en tiempos de polarización política'
- **2021-05-11** Dr Rogelio Leal (Tec Monterrey), 'Psicología moral de la piedad filial en China'
- **2021-05-25** Dr David Fajardo-Chica (Departamento de Psiquiatría y Salud Mental, UNAM), 'Sufrimiento existencial al final de la vida'
- **2021-06-08** Dra Gloria Andrada (UCLA), 'Transparencia e intimidad en la mente extendida'

Reading group, Emociones sociales & Emociones colectivas <https://www.facebook.com/iifsunam/photos/a.541692749250532/3603282896424820/>.

Sessions:

- **2020-10-20** Emociones sociales.
- **2020-11-03** Emociones colectivas
- **2020-11-17** Emociones políticas

- **2020-12-01** Emoción y narrativas

2019 Head of the House of Culture, Casa de Cultura, 095 Unit, UPN.

2018 UPN delegate, Unit 095, in the Integral Planning Meeting of Higher Education of the Central Region 1, Intercultural University of the State of Mexico, Mexico, 10-10-11-2018.

2016 Co-organizer (with Manolo Martínez, LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy), workshop 'The content of pain', 26-08-2016, Barcelona, Spain.

2015-16 Co-organiser and Chair: Weekly Postgraduate Seminars, Philosophy, University of Glasgow.

2014-15 Post Graduate Research (PGR) representative for Philosophy and the School of Humanities at University of Glasgow.

2014-15 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) delegate for Glasgow chapter (see <http://tinyurl.com/map-at-glasgow>)

2013-16 Co-organizer (with Jennifer Corns), 6 workshops and 3 international conferences with the Value of Suffering Project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

2023 Co-curator, with Dr. Xalli Zúñiga, Devenir Fungi, Moloch Gallery, 2023-10-14, Mexico City, Mexico.

2019 Individual exhibition, installation: Excavación, 095 Unit UPN, 14-02-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.

2018 Text Contribution, Desiring Solid Things exhibition, Crownpoint Studios, 01-27-2018, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

2016 Individual exhibition Amazing Quotidianity, Veneer Gallery, in collaboration with people with disabilities at the Parklea Branching Out Project center, 10-14-2016, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

2014/16 Production and editing of video interviews for the Value of Suffering Project (University of Glasgow).

2014 Individual exhibition Sarah Cassidi: the dead of the day, Veneer Gallery, 01-11-2014, Glasgow, United Kingdom. <http://www.veneergalleryglasgow.com/2014-2/abraham-sapien-cordoba/>

Story published *On ne vit qu'une fois* in L'anthologie 17 boulevard Jourdan, Editorial Alliance Internationale, Paris, 2014.

Finalist in the photography contest organized by MexSoc UK, 2014.

2012 Solo exhibition 'Happy Nihilism', Maison du Mexique, Cité Universitaire de Paris, 01-18-2012, Paris, France.

Collaboration in the Femmes et WC project, Brazil Foundation, LE CORBUSIER building, 03-20-2012, Paris, France. <https://oliviamunozrojasblog.com/femmes-et-wc-women-and-toilets/>

Individual exhibition at the 11th Congress of Cognitive Sciences, Paris Descartes School of Medicine, 31-03-2012, Paris, France.

Audiovisual piece *For poetry sake*, in collaboration with Floruit Films, 08-17-12, Berlin, Germany.

Responsible for cultural dissemination of the Committee of Residents, Casa de México, Paris, France

2011 Solo exhibition, Cinco Pinturas by Sarah Cassidi, Ixkati, 06-03-2011, Mexico City.

REFERENCES

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Philosophy scholar in residence, NYU/Paris.

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Head Institute for Philosophical Research (2004-2012), UNAM.

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