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AOS: Latin American and Latinx Philosophy, Decolonial Philosophy, Caribbean Philosophy, 20th Century Continental Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy in the Americas

AOC: Social & Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Race, Ecological Thought, Critical Geography

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Affiliate Faculty, Latino/a and Mexican-American Studies Affiliate Faculty, Race & Ethnic Studies Institute Texas A&M University	Fall 2023-
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy & Visiting Scholar, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University	2022-2023
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Wesleyan University	2021-2022
Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fordham University	2019-2021
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Loyola Marymount University	2016-2019
Lecturer, Liberal Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2011-2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy with Distinction	DePaul University	2016
M.A. Philosophy with Distinction	DePaul University	2009
B.A. Department of Philosophy Department of Government Certificate in Latin American Studies	Cornell University	2007

PUBLICATIONS**BOOKS**

1. *The Invention of Order: On the Coloniality of Space*. Duke University Press, 2025.
Foreword by Santiago Castro-Gómez.

TRANSLATED BOOKS

2. *Zero-Point Hubris: Science, Race, and Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century Latin America*. Translation from Spanish. By Santiago Castro-Gómez. Co-translated with George Ciccariello-Maher. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2021 (50%).

BOOKS (IN PREPARATION)

3. *Decolonial Landscape: Unbounded Ecologies Across the Americas*. Monograph. In Preparation.
4. *Latin American Marxisms: Challenges to Modernity*. Edited Volume. Co-edited with Miguel Gualdrón Ramírez. In Preparation for Bloomsbury Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Foucault and Latin America: Colonial Formations of Biopolitics and Pastoral Power," *The Foucauldian Mind*, edited by Daniele Lorenzini. Routledge Press. Forthcoming, 2026.
2. "Thinking Past the Zero-Point: Santiago Castro-Gómez and Places of Critique in Decolonial Philosophy." *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 39.4 (2025): 482-501.
<https://doi.org/10.5325/jspecphil.39.4.0482>
3. "Transmodern Geographies and Coloniality: On Enrique Dussel's Pluriversal Modernity." *Latin American Perspectives*. (2025): 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094582X251389502>
4. "Lugares de crítica en *La hybris del punto cero*, de Santiago Castro-Gómez" In *Entre la hybris y la república: Crítica decolonial y transmodernidad en el pensamiento de Santiago Castro-Gómez*. Eds. Juan Camilo Cajigas, María Juliana Flórez, and Carlos Arturo López. Bogotá: University of Javeriana Press, 2024, 73-83.
5. "The Upsurge of the Living: Critical Ethics and the Materiality of Community." In *Decolonizing Ethics: The Critical Theory of Enrique Dussel*. Eds. Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta. State College: Penn State University Press, 2021, 90-106.
6. "Translator's Introduction." In *Zero-Point Hubris: Science, Race, and Enlightenment*. Co-Authored with George Ciccariello-Maher. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2021.
7. "The Spacing of Decolonial Aesthetics." *Journal of World Philosophies*. 5.1 (2020): 89-98.
8. "Coloniality and Disciplinary Power: On Spatial Techniques of Ordering." *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*. 10.2 (2019): 25-42.
9. "Truth." In *The Cambridge Foucault Lexicon*. Eds. Leonard Lawlor and John Nale. Cambridge University Press, 2014, 517-527.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (UNDER REVIEW)

1. “Transmodern Temporalities: Between Dussel and Castro-Gómez,” *Transmodern Horizons*, edited by Frederick Mills and Jorge Zuñiga. SUNY Press.
2. “Whither Las Casas? Colonial Entanglements and Decolonial Directions.” Journal Article. Revise & Resubmit.
3. “Echoes from Elsewhere: Creolization Between Glissant and Derrida.” Journal Article. Under Review.

REFERENCE ENTRIES (INVITED & PEER-REVIEWED)

1. “History of Latino/a Philosophy.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies*. Co-Authored with Elizabeth Millán. (50%) Ed. Ilan Stavans. Oxford University Press, 2017.

BOOK CHAPTERS (IN PROGRESS--UNDER CONTRACT)

1. “Critical Traditions of Latin American Philosophy Between North and South,” *The Routledge Handbook of Latin American Philosophy*, edited by Elizabeth Millán Brussian and Jimena Sole, Routledge Press. Under Contract. In Progress. Under Contract.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (IN PROGRESS)

- “Glissant’s Decolonial Landscape: Ecology, Counter-History, and Memory.” Journal Article. Preparing for submission.

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES (IN PREPARATION)

1. “Critical Thought of the Global South Today,” Proposal to be submitted to *Critical Times*. In Preparation.

TRANSLATED ARTICLES

1. “León Rozitchner’s ‘Philosophy and Terror.’” Co-translated with Ricardo Ortiz Vázquez. *Theory & Event*. 20.3 (2017): 738-745. (50%)
2. “On the Violence of Positivity in Hegel’s *Early Theological Writings*.” By María del Rosario Acosta López. In *The Young Hegel and Religion*. Peter Lang, 2017, 93-118.

APPENDICES & BOOK REVIEWS

1. “Appendix 2: Santiago Castro-Gómez’s *Critique of Latin American Reason*: Contemporary Provocations. Response to Chapter 1.” In *Critique of Latin American Reason*. By Santiago Castro-Gómez. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021, 246-247.
2. “Enrique Dussel: *Ethics of Liberation in the Age of Globalization and Exclusion*.” *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* 13.2 (2014): 17-21.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI), Faculty Small Research Seed Grant, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A&M University, Spring 2025 (\$2,000)

International Consortium of the Thought of the Global South (Co-PI), College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A&M University, 2023-2024 (\$20,000)

Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Short-Term Visiting Fellowship Grant, Texas A&M University (For Dr. Santiago Castro-Gómez), Fall, 2024 (\$5,000)

Mellon Career Enhancement Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Citizens & Scholars, 2021 (\$10,000)

Michael Mezey Excellence in Teaching Award, DePaul University, 2015

Doctoral-Undergraduate Opportunity for Scholarship (DUOS), DePaul University
Research and Mentoring Grant, Awarded 2010-11 & 2012-13

Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Seminar, Cornell University, Spring 2012
Dissertation Workshop and Research Fellowship

Mellon Dissertation Research Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation
Archival Research, IMEC, Caen, France, 2011

John T. Richardson Fellowship, DePaul University
Research and Language Study, Paris, France, Spring, 2009

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2005-2007

PRESENTATIONS

2026 “On the Coloniality of Space,” Race and Ethnic Studies Institute Colloquium, Texas A&M University, February 26th, 2026.

2025 “Inventions of the Coloniality of Space,” Middle East Technical University, Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Ankara, Turkey, December 15, 2025.

2025 “Between Castro-Gómez and Dussel: On Transmodernity,” North Texas Philosophical Association, Dallas, March 28-29, 2025.

2024 “Echoes from Elsewhere: Creolization and Language Between Derrida and Glissant,” Decoloniality, Infrapolitics & the Anthropocene, Texas A&M University, Nov. 6-9, 2024

2024 “Archipelagos of Resistance: Landscapes of Resistance Across the Américas,” Decolonial Perspectives on the Becoming of Our Present, University of Oregon, Oct. 25, 2024

2024 “Introduction” and “Reply” to Santiago Castro-Gómez Keynote Lecture, “Transmodern Primitivisms,” Critical Thought of the Global South Workshop, Texas A&M University, October 17, 2024

2024 “Monolingualism Across Borders: Creolization in Derrida and Glissant,” Derrida Today, Athens, Greece, June 10-14, 2024

- 2024 **Keynote Speaker:** “Situated Critique in Latin American Philosophy” New School for Social Research Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, March 21-23rd, 2024
- 2023 “Places of Critique in Santiago Castro-Gómez’s *Zero-Point Hubris*,” Philosophy Department Colloquium, DePaul University, May 12th, 2023
- 2023 “Response to Miguel Gualdrón: ‘Why is the World So Beautiful?’” Early Career Scholar Symposium, Glasscock Center for the Humanities: Land, Sea, Space Initiative, Texas A&M University, May 4th, 2023
- 2023 “Decolonial Landscape and Abyssal Racial Reason,” Panel on Race and the Environmental Humanities, APA Central, Denver, February 22nd, 2023
- 2022 “Genealogy and Coloniality in Castro-Gómez’s *Zero-Point Hubris*,” *Homenaje a Santiago Castro-Gómez*, Instituto Pensar, Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia, October 20-21, 2022
- 2022 “The Invention of Order: On the Coloniality of Space,” Book Presentation, Texas A&M University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 6, 2022
- 2022 “Patricio Gúzman’s Ecological Thought of Memory,” Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Public Lecture for Screening of Patricio Gúzman’s *The Cordillera of Dreams*, September 21st, 2022
- 2022 “Édouard Glissant’s Sense of Space,” Ethics and Caribbean Philosophy Speaker Series, University of Toronto, Centre for Ethics, March 21, 2022
- 2022 “The Traveler, the Settler, and the Racial-Colonial Ordering of Space,” Wesleyan University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, February 15, 2022
- 2021 “Transmodernity and the Entanglements of Modern Violence,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, September 23-25, 2021
- 2020 “Reflections on the Critique of Latin American Reason,” Critical Theory in Critical Times Workshop on Santiago Castro-Gómez’s *Critique of Latin American Reason*, Northwestern University, October 29-30, 2020
- 2020 “The Settler, the Traveler, and the Coloniality of Space: On Vitoria, Locke, and Lugones,” Texas A&M University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 8, 2020
- 2019 “Coloniality and Disciplinary Power: On Spatial Techniques of Ordering,” Critical Genealogies Workshop, University of Oregon, May 10-11, 2019 & Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, October 31-Nov. 2, 2019
- 2019 “On Spatial Histories and Indigenous Perspectives on Decolonial Philosophy,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, April 17-20, 2019.
- 2018 “Decolonial Method, Multiplicity, and Coloniality Critique,” Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, May 23-26, 2018.

- 2018 “Decolonial Subjects and Multiplicity in Lugones, Ortega, and Dussel,” Toward Decolonial Feminisms, Penn State University, May 11-13, 2018.
- 2018 “The Upsurge of the Living: Critical Ethics and the Materiality of Community,” Decolonizing Ethics: Enrique Dussel’s Ethics of Liberation, Penn State University, April 12-14th, 2018.
- 2017 “Decolonial Methodologies,” Workshop on Philosophy and Decolonial Theory, University of the Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, December 12-14th, 2017.
- 2017 “The Critique of Liberal Individualism in the Ethics of Liberation: The Will to Live and Questions of Harm,” Congreso Internacional de La Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, September 28, 2017.
- 2017 “The Right to Move and the Rights of Others: From Vitoria to the Present,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, April 12-15, 2017.
- 2017 “Truth, Terror, and Dangerous Speech: Foucault and León Rozitchner,” Foucault Circle, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, March 22-24, 2017.
- 2016 “The Coloniality of Land: Indigenous and Popular Struggles,” XVIII Congreso Internacional de Filosofía, Philosophy of Liberation Symposium, San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, October 28, 2016.
- 2016 “The Politics of Space: Indigenous Thought and Decolonial Struggles for Land in Latin America,” APA Committee on Hispanics, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, March 3, 2016; & American Comparative Literature Association, Harvard University, March 19, 2016.
- 2015 “Transmodernity and the Poetics of Relation: Colonial Space and De-colonial Resistance in Dussel and Glissant,” TransAmerican Experience Conference, University of Oregon, Nov., 2015.
- 2014 “Two Concepts of Nomos: The Order and Anti-Order of the Earth in Schmitt and Deleuze & Guattari,” 7th International Deleuze Studies Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, July 16, 2014
- 2014 “The Spatial Aspect of Transmodernity: Enrique Dussel on Dependency and World Systems,” Mellon Mays Fellowship 25th Anniversary Celebration, Cornell University, March 15, 2014.
- 2014 “Enrique Dussel’s Spatial Philosophy,” APA Committee on Hispanics, American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, Feb. 27, 2014.
- 2013 “A Critical Material Ethics of Life: A Response to *Ethics of Liberation in the Age of Globalization and Exclusion*,” Author Meets Critic with Enrique Dussel, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore, Dec. 28, 2013.
- 2013 “Geophilosophy and Decoloniality,” Caribbean Philosophical Association, 10th Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 23, 2013.

2013 “Unmooring the Center: Geophilosophy and Latin America,” Revolution and Liberation in Latin American Thought, Lewis University 18th Annual Philosophy Conference, April 12, 2013.

2012 “Foucault’s Truth-Event: Disrupting the Governmentality of Self-Evidence,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, NY, Nov. 3, 2012.

2012 “The Place of the Americas and the Displacement of Resemblance,” Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Seminar, Cornell University, June 8, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level

Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Text Seminar Leader, Città di Castello, Italy

- “Genos, Bio, Nekros,” Week 3, July 2025
- “Cosmology and Cosmopolitanism,” Week 3, July 2023

Pacifica Graduate Institute, Community, Liberation, Indigenous, and Eco-Psychologies

- DPC 925, Decolonial Philosophy (Fall 2023, 2024, & 2025)

Texas A&M University, Department of Philosophy

- Philosophy 620, The Spatial Turn (Fall 2023)
- Philosophy 620, Glissant and his Interlocutors (Spring 2026)

Loyola Marymount University, Department of Philosophy

- Philosophy 6999, Independent Study: Indigenous Philosophy of the Americas

Undergraduate Level

Introduction

- Philosophy 100, Philosophy and Its Issues, DePaul University (10 Sections)
- Philosophy 1000, Human Nature, Fordham University (6 sections)
- Philosophy 1800, Philosophical Inquiry, Loyola Marymount University (9 sections)
- Philosophy 251, Introduction to Philosophy, Texas A&M (6 sections)

Ethics

- Philosophy 3000, Philosophical Ethics, Fordham University (2 sections)
- Philosophy 3100, Ethics: The Good Life, Loyola Marymount University (9 Sections)
- Philosophy 248, Business Ethics, DePaul University (4 sections)
- First Year Seminar II, Philosophy & the Limits of the Human, School of the Art Institute, Chicago (2 Sections)

Social and Political

- First Year Seminar I, Marx and Social Theory, School of the Art Institute, Chicago (2 Sections)

- Philosophy 211, Critical Philosophy of Race, Wesleyan University
- Philosophy 232, What is Freedom?, DePaul University (3 Sections)
- Philosophy 234, Philosophy and Modern Society, DePaul University (2 Sections)
- Philosophy 236, Philosophy and the City, DePaul University (2 Sections)
- Philosophy 273, Latin American and Caribbean Political Philosophy, Wesleyan University

Latin American and Caribbean Philosophy

- First Year Seminar I, Philosophies of the Caribbean and Latin America, School of the Art Institute Chicago
- Philosophy 283, Latin American Philosophy, Texas A&M (Spring 2023, Fall 2024)
- Philosophy 273, Latin American and Caribbean Political Philosophy, Wesleyan University
- Philosophy 358, Decolonial Theory, Wesleyan University

Continental Philosophy

- Philosophy 213, Introduction to Existentialism, Wesleyan University (2 sections)
- Visual and Critical Studies 3001, Vision and Visibility in French Philosophy, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2 Sections)
- Philosophy 240, Love, Hatred & Resentment, DePaul University (1 section)
- Philosophy 419, Current Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University (Spring 2024)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Reading, Speaking, and Translation Proficiency

French: Reading and Translation Proficiency, Speaking Competency

Turkish: Basic Reading and Speaking Competency

SERVICE

History of Philosophy, Search Committee, Two Searches, Texas A&M Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Host and Organizer, Santiago Castro-Gómez, Short-Term Visiting Fellow Award from Melburn G.

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, Fall 2024

Co-Founder, International Consortium of Thought of the Global South, Texas A&M, Fall 2024-

Co-Host and Organizer, Critical Thought of the Global South Workshop, Texas A&M University,

October, 2024

Steering Committee, Critical Theory Collective, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A&M University

Editorial Board Member, *Política Común: A Journal for Thought*

Member, Latinx/Latin American/Africana Reading Group, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022-

Member, Reading Group for Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022-

Member, Latinx and Latin American Environmentalisms Reading Group, Texas A&M, 2022-23

Visiting Scholar, Elon University, Undergraduate Workshop, November 2020

Co-Host, Philosophies of Liberation Encuentro II, Bowie State and Fordham (remote), Sept 2020

Co-Founder and Host, Philosophies of Liberation Encuentro, Loyola Marymount, May 2019

Member, Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación (AFyL), USA

Member, Francophone Philosophy Reading Group, Fordham University, 2019-2021

Member, Social and Political Workshop, Fordham University, 2019-2021

Program Chair and Committee, Foucault Circle, 2017-2019

Referee, *Philosophy*, *Epoché*, *Foucault Studies*, *Ideas y Valores*, *Lexington Books*, *Watchung Review*, *Política Común*, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*

Fellowship Proposal Evaluator, *Harris Fellowship* for Grinnell College, 2025

Member, Society for Underrepresented Groups, DePaul University, 2014-16

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, DePaul University, 2010-11

M.A. Thesis Committees:

--Director (2023-2024): Hayden Ridings, "Disclosing the Tragedy of Community: Deferral and the Sacred in Glissant's Faulkner," Texas A&M University (Placed: University of North Texas, PhD Program)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

--Outside Reader (2023): Julian Rios Acuña, "Genealogy, Colonialism, Violence: Confronting Metaphysical Thinking Between and Beyond Santiago Castro-Gómez and Michel Foucault," DePaul University (Placed: Assistant Professor, Grinnell College)

--Co-Director (2023-): Raul Carrillo Covarrubias, "A Posthuman Cosmoethics for Planetary Justice," Texas A&M University