TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Jay Cruz Title: Assistant Professor of Instruction

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*
M.A.	2019	Texas State University	Literature
M.S.	2017	University of Houston-Victoria	Publishing
B.A.	2015	University of Texas-Pan American	English

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Assistant Professor of Instruction	Texas State University	2024
Lecturer	Texas State University	2019-present
Teaching Assistant	Texas State University	2018-2019
Instructional Assistant	Texas State University	2017-2018

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	*Entity*	*Dates*
Substitute Teacher	Washoe County School District, Nevada	2016-2017

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

Nevada State Education Licensure for substitute teacher

II. TEACHING

A. Courses Taught, Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Honors American Literature-Sci-Fi	Texas State University	2025-Present
American Literature after 1865	Texas State University	2023-Present
US1100 University Seminar	Texas State University	2020-Present
1320 College Writing II	Texas State University	2019-Present

1310P College Writing I Texas State University 2021-Present
1310 College Writing I Texas State University 2018-Present
Catechetical Instruction for High-schoolers, Immaculate Conception Church 2016-2017
Catechetical Instruction for Adult Catholics, Sacred Heart Church 2004-2015

Student Accomplishments:

Campbell Burke:
"Queer Representation Within the Film A Streetcar Named Desire," Presenter, Popular Culture Association Conference, April 2025. Sponsor.
Dakota Schule:
"Poisoned Apples: Jungian Analysis and Misogyny in Disney's Snow White," Presenter, Popular Culture Association Conference, April 2019. Sponsor
"Poisoned Apples: Jungian Analysis and Misogyny in Disney's Snow White," Chapter V in *Interpreting and Experiencing the Disney*: *Mediating the Mouse*. Edited by Pricilla Hobbs, 2021. Editor

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. University

—Editor, Designer for *Growl Magazine*, University of Houston-Victoria Summer'2016
—Edited a live manuscript PUBL 6316, University of Houston-Victoria 2016

B. Conference Proceedings

—Refereed Conference Proceedings:

"Comics and Graphics Narratives I," Panel Moderator, Pacific Ancient and Modern language Association, Las Vegas, NV. November 2021
"The Faces of Horror," Panel Moderator, Far West Popular Conference Association, Las Vegas, NV. February 2020
"Scanning the Horizons with the Posthuman" Panel Moderator, British Women Writer's Conference, University of Texas-Austin. April 2018

C. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

"Increased Church Attendance Through Diabolical Means Within "Sister Act"" Presenter, Southwest Popular/American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM. February 2026
"Sorcery Equals Power in Fight Club and Office Space" Presenter, Popular Culture Association Conference, April 2025
"The Union of Catholic and Feminist Ideologies Within Ouida's Moths," Presenter, Southwest Popular/American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM. February 2025
"Critical Pedagogy as Resistance in Grimms' Fairy Tales" Presenter, Southwest

Popular/American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM. February 2024
"Pedagogical Tools within the Beatles' "Blackbird,"" Presenter, Southwest Popular/American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM. February 2023
"Kerouac's Pilgrimage Towards Empathy," Presenter, Pacific Ancient and Modern language Association, Las Vegas, NV. November 2021
"Connected Hypermasculinity in Nineties Films and Today: *Fight Club*, *The Truman Show*, and *Office Space*," Presenter, Far West Popular Culture Association Conference, February 2020.
"Critical Pedagogy within Terry Gilliam's *Brazil*," Presenter, Popular Culture Association Conference, April 2019
"The Enigmas of American Postmodernist Literature" Guest Lecturer ENG 2360 American Literature, Texas State University. 2018
"C.S. Lewis and *The Magician's Nephew*" Guest Lecturer ENG 3386 Adolescent Literature, Texas State University. 2018
"Censorship and the Popul Vuh" Guest Lecturer ENG 2330 World Literature, Texas State University. 2017
Undergraduate Research Conference, Presenter, University of Texas-Pan American. April 2015

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Mary Taylor Agnes Scholarship- Spring 2019
Sigma Tau Delta, International Honors Society – Member 2018

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:
Teaching Assistant Aid, University of Nevada-Reno. 2016-2017

2. Department/School:
Parent Volunteer, Esther Bennet Elementary School. 2015-2017 Parent Volunteer, Lehman High School. 2020-Present

B. Community:

Secretary and Member of Board of Directors for Austin Shakespeare Spring 2023-Present
Member, Band Boosters, Lehman High School 2021-2025
Member, Parent Teacher Association, Chapa Middle School 2019-2020
Catechetical Instructor, Immaculate Conception Church 2016-2017
Catechetical Instructor, Sacred Heart Church 2003-2015