TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Robert F. O'Connor Title: Associate Professor of Instruction

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
	Summer 1981	University of Texas at Austin	MBA Program for Humanities PhDs	
PhD	1975	University of Texas at Austin	Philosophy	*The Social Philosophy of Ortega y Gasset*
B.A.	1965	Georgetown University	Philosophy	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Lecturer/Assoc Prof of Instruction, Phil	Texas State University	Fall 2009-present
Adjunct Faculty, Humanities	Northwest Vista College	Spring 2008-14
Instructor, Philosophy Dept.	St. Mary's University	Fall 2003—07
Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy	Univ. of the Incarnate Word	Fall 2004-Spring 06
Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy	Univ. of Texas at Arlington	June 1976; 1979-80
Assist. Professor, Philosophy	University of Memphis	Spring 1977
Assist. Professor, Philosophy	Texas Christian University	Spring 1973-May 76

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	*Entity*	*Dates*
ESL Teacher	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in SA	Fall 2006—Sum. 09
Administrator/Dir.	Hertzberg Museum, San Antonio, TX	Oct. 1992-Sept. 2001
Assoc. Director	Texas Council for the Humanities, Austin, TX	July 1977-Sept. 1992
Field Representative	U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, Wash., DC	March 1966-Apr. 68

II. TEACHING

B. Courses Taught:

TXST: professional ethics, applied ethics, ethics and society, philosophy and critical thinking, logic, and philosophical issues.
Taught in the Study Abroad Program Hub in Edinburgh in May-June 2025: converted an ethics course from online to hybrid.
Teaching students this fall online at the TXST school in Queretaro, Mexico

Other Universities: ethical theory, business ethics, introduction to philosophy, science and the modern world, logic, modern philosophy, philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, theories of human nature, and humanities (interdisciplinary courses with faculty from literature, religion, and art history, covering the classical-medieval and modern periods)
D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

- Developed online courses in professional ethics, applied ethics, ethics and society, philosophy and critical thinking, logic, and philosophical issues.
- Developed an upper division/graduate course in theories of human nature.
- Developed a graduate philosophy of technology course for spring 2026
- After taking an Advanced Online Course Design and Development (Instructional Technologies Support), fall 2017, I redesigned my online Professional Ethics course.

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press)

c. Edited Books:
Texas Myths, editor (Texas A&M University Press, 1986)

2. Articles
a. Refereed Journal Articles:
"Ortega's Reformulation of Husserlian Phenomenology." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. XL #1 (September 1979) pp. 53-63.

6. Book Reviews:
Phenomenology and Art, ed. and trans. by Philip Silver. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. XXXVI #2 (December 1975) pp. 268-69.
Ortega and Phenomenology, by Philip Silver. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

Book review of Garry Wills, *Inventing America: Jefferson's Declaration of Independence*. *The Texas Humanist*, Vol. I, No. 1 (September 1, 1978) p. 7.

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

"Community in Texas: The Myth of Rugged Individualism"— paper delivered at annual meeting of American Cultural Association, St. Louis, MO, April 1989.

"A Moral and Pragmatic Argument for the Fate of the Dreamers"—presentation delivered at the annual international conference of the Association for Professional and Practical Ethics, Baltimore, March 2019

"Amnesty or Enmity: Moral and Pragmatic Arguments for the Fate of the Dreamers" -- 15th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, May 2020 (I had to decline the invitation because of COVID.)

"Unmasking the Anti-Maskers' Freedom Argument"—presentation at the annual international conference of the Association for Professional and Practical Ethics, Cincinnati, March 2022

"The Texas Heartbeat Act: Its Roots and Implications" —video delivered online at the annual international conference of the Association for Professional and Practical Ethics, Portland, March 2023

"The Texas Heartbeat Act"—revision of the above video for presentation at the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Athens, Greece, May 2025

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations

"A Moral and Pragmatic Argument for the Fate of the Dreamers"–paper delivered for the department's Dialogue Series, March 2017.

5. Other Works not in Print:
b. Works "in progress"
Early stages of a paper critiquing the Catholic Church's position on abortion.

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Amer. Assoc. of State & Local History	Award of Merit: "Texas Experience"	1988
Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México	Silver Medal: Distinguished Service	1988
Texas Historical Commission Publications	Honorable Mention: *Texas Myths* book	1986

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional
Department committee making recommendations for online teaching (Fall 2107-19)
Review essays for Texas Philosophical publication (Spring 2020-present)
Department's Microsoft Teams Group: *Problems in Philosophical Pedagogy* (Fall 2025-present)

B. Professional:
- Judge for annual Texas Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (Association for Practical and Professional Ethics), St. Mary's University and TAMU San Antonio (2004 -present)
- Judge for annual National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (Association for Practical and Professional Ethics), San Antonio (2013), Cincinnati (2024), St. Louis (2026), and Pittsburg (2027)

Reviewer
- proposals for the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual conference (2023-present)
- proposals for ATINER's annual conference, Athens, Greece (2024-present)
- papers considered for publication in the Athens Journal of Philosophy, Greece (2024-present)

C. Community:

Trustee, San Antonio Arts Fund (2012-2015)
Rotary Club of San Antonio, chair of the club's Rotary International Foundation, 2016-2025

D. Service Honors and Awards:

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Univ. Nacional Autónoma de México	Silver Medal: Distinguished Service	1988
Texas Historical Commission Publications	Honorable Mention: *Texas Myths* book	1986