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Areas of Expertise

Real Estate Law, Ethics, History of the American West, Genre Studies

Areas of Competency

Environmental Law, Philosophy of Justice, Cultural History, Borderlands Studies

Education

M.F.A., Texas State University, Creative Writing-Poetry, 2028 (*expected*)

M.A., University of Hertfordshire, Global Film and Television Studies, 2028 (*expected*)

M.A., Northeastern State University, American Studies, 2026

M.A., Texas A&M San Antonio, English, 2025

M.A., Texas State Univeristy, Philosophy, 2023

M.A., University of Texas San Antonio, History, 2021

J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 2017

B.A., University of the Incarnate Word, Philosophy, 2012

University of the Incarnate Word, English, 2012

Professional Positions

Texas State University: Full-Time Lecturer, 2025-Present

The University of the Incarnate Word: Adjunct Professor, 2022- Present

SIMPL Realty: General Counsel, 2020-Present

StormPro Adjusters LLC: General Counsel, 2018-2020

Sherer & Associates PLLC: Clerk/Associate Attorney, 2016-2018

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran School: Middle School Teacher, 2013-2014

Awards, Scholarship, and Honors

LaVerne Harrell Clark Literary Endowment, Texas State University, 2025

Peter Hosey Scholarship, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2015-2017

Aloysius A. Leopold Scholarship, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2014-2017

Outstanding Advocate, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2016

Robert Connelly Award for the Humanities, 2009-2012

Sean Burke Award for Excellence in Philosophy, 2011

Academic Associations

Guest Lecturer, Dialogue Series of the Philosophy, Texas State University, 2023

Coach, Ethics Bowl Debate Team, University of Incarnate Word, 2022-Present

Member, Board of Advocates, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2016-2017

Member, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013-2021

Captain, Ethics Bowl Debate Team, University of the Incarnate Word, 2009-2012

President, Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society), University of the Incarnate Word, 2010-2012

President, English Club, University of the Incarnate Word, 2010-2011

Professional Service and Associations

Member, American Studies Association, 2024-Present

Member, Western Literature of America, 2023-Present

Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Texas San Antonio, 2020 Research Assistant, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2015-2017 Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Texas San Antonio, 2013

Other Accomplishments

International Law Certification, Univeristy of Innsbruck, Austria, 2016

Presenter, World History Association of Texas Conference, 2012

Quirk Literary Journal: Four published poems, two published short stories, 2009-2012

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