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EDUCATION

Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, Florida
Juris Doctor, December 2012
J.D. Policy Thesis: Society categorically cannot be Rational

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland
Master of Arts, May 1988
Thesis: Metaphysics of Revelation in Franz Rosenzweig's "The Star of Redemption"

University of Texas, Austin, Texas
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, May 1985

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sul Ross State University, Spring 2018

Kirkwood Community College, 1999-2008

Hawkeye Community College, 2001

Muscatine Community College, 1999-2001

CURRENT PROJECTS

The analytical method of modal logic as applied to American Jurisprudence;

Canon Law court decisions and their influence on Francisco Suarez's views of equality;

Of *silence* in Kierkegaard and Wittgenstein.

El Nuevo Machismo: an essay on the Contemplative Life

Trilogy for the Theatre:

Jesus y La Tamalera, La Penultima Cena, and A Chicano Kicks a Tumbleweed

On Closing the Aesthetic Distance: essays on a Theory of Aesthetics

Presocratic influences on Heidegger: the lost tension between Thinking and Being

The Aristotelian Formal Logic and its application in the transforming Ethos of American Society as it relates to Children

LANGUAGES

- **Spanish:** Fluent – interpret, translate, read, and write;
- **Ancient Greek:** working knowledge;
- **Ancient Latin:** working knowledge.

Current Work Experience

Project Director, Frontier CASA, Alpine, TX

Provide advocacy services for children in foster care. Oversee daily operations and management of advocates and cases. Primary duties include fund development, expanding on quality of advocacy, and developing strategic planning for inclusivity and presence in each of the 7 counties that we serve: Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, and Reeves.

Legal Research includes Federal and State Jurisprudence (case law) on juvenile justice, children's rights, and methodologies of child advocacy. Current projects include: reviewing international case law on children's rights, strategies for increasing educational prospects for children aging out of the foster care system, and the current ethos reflective of philosophical attitudes toward the rights of children.

Research on the work of William Blackstone, Hugo Grotius, Mathew Hale, Edward Coke, John Jay, John Marshall, Louis Brandeis, Learned Hand, and Benjamin Cardozo to examine the relation between elements of black letter law and the changing ethos of society.

Research on contributions to Hispanic philosophy by: Bartolome de Las Casas, Francisco Suarez, Antonio Rubio, Juan de Zumarraga, Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, Francisco Javier Clavijero, Jose Maria Morelos, Jose Marti, Justo Sierra, Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, Enrique Jose Varona, Alejandro Octavio Deustua, Miguel Unamuno, Jose Ortega y Gasset, Antonio Caso, Carlos Vaz Ferreira, and Jose Vasconcelos.