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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California San Diego — expected 2027
Dissertation: *Rooted Republics: Democracy in the Americas*
Committee: Manuel Vargas (chair), Clinton Tolley, David Brink, Saba Bazargan-Forward, Sean Ingham

B.A., Philosophy, Cal Poly Pomona — 2021

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS Social and Political Philosophy, Latin American Philosophy (inc. Mexican, Latinx), Philosophy of AI, Applied Ethics (inc. AI and Migration)

AOC Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Feminist Philosophy

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Rickless, Samuel C., and Karina Ortiz Villa. 2025. "Locke on Consent, Societal Membership, and Political Obligation." *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 42 (2): 105–26. https://doi.org/10.5406/21521026.42.2.01.

Ortiz Villa, Karina. 2023. "*La Facultad*: Towards Active Embodied Agency and an Embodied Epistemology." *APA Studies on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* 23 (1): 7–12.

Ortiz Villa, Karina. 2021. "*Construyendo Masculinidad*: The Oppression of Men in the United States." *Social Philosophy Today* 37: 75–90. https://doi.org/10.5840/socphiltoday202192988.

Book Chapters

Ortiz Villa, Karina, E. Salomón, and Manuel Vargas. Forthcoming. "Work and Latin American Philosophy." In *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Work*, edited by Julian Jonker and Grant Rozeboom. New York: Oxford University Press.

Cartwright, Nancy, Samuel Foglesong, Katherine Furman, Byron Hyde, Gabriel Nyberg, Karina Ortiz Villa, and Helena Slanickova. 2025. "Towards a Theory of Objectivity for Activist Research." In *Research and Activism: Ruth First and Activist Research*, edited by Saleem Badat and Vasu Reddy, 93–128. Pretoria: ESI Press. https://doi.org/10.35293/esi.36.

Works in Progress

Political Inculturation: A Mexican Liberal Strategy for Political Stability

The Moral Structure of Deterrence: Harm, Agency, and Border Enforcement

The Promise and Peril of AI in the Law

Juan Ginés de Sepúlveda's *Democrates Alter* and the Natural Slave

Learning to Be a Fool: Lugones, Playfulness, and the Teaching of Philosophy

Violetas de Anáhuac and the Feminist Political Thought of Porfirian Mexico

Fellowships and Awards

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship ($3,000) Project: "Rethinking the Subject of Liberal Reform: Autonomy in José María Luis Mora"	2026
Danny Weltman Citizen of the Year Award, UCSD Philosophy	2022, 2023, 2024
Graduate Student Stipend Award, APA Pacific Division	2022, 2023
Ph.D. Fellow, Institute for Practical Ethics, UCSD	2022–2023
Strategic Enhancement of Excellence Through Diversity Fellowship	2021–present
Student Fellow, California Center for Ethics and Policy	2020–2021
McNair Scholar, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Cal Poly Pomona	2020–2021

Presentations

Political Inculturation: A Mexican Liberal Strategy for Political Stability *III Congreso Internacional de Filosofía Mexicana*	Mar 2027
Political Inculturation: A Mexican Liberal Strategy for Political Stability *Latinx Philosophy Conference*	Nov 2026
The Moral Structure of Deterrence: Harm, Agency, and Border Enforcement *TITO (Tijuana/Torino) International Discussion Seminar: Philosophy, Law and Borders: Technology and Communities*	Mar 2026
The Promise and Peril of AI in the Law *PPE Society Eighth Annual Meeting*	Nov 2024
Pragmatic Encroachment on Standards of Proof *APA Pacific Division Meeting*	Apr 2023
La Facultad: Towards an Active Agency and Bodily Epistemology *Latinx Philosophy Conference*	Apr 2023
El Perfeccionismo Normativo de Sepúlveda y las Justificaciones para la Colonización de las Américas *Congreso Internacional de Filosofía Mexicana*	Mar 2023
Treating Asylum Testimony as Knowledge Transmission *APA Pacific Division Meeting*	Apr 2022

Teaching (UC San Diego)

Instructor of Record

PHIL 28, Ethics and Society II: AI Ethics	Summer 2026
PHIL 32, Philosophy of the Americas	Summer 2025
WCWP 10B, UCSD Warren College Writing Program	Spring 2023
WCWP 10A, UCSD Warren College Writing Program	Winter 2023
WCWP 10A, UCSD Warren College Writing Program	Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 28, Ethics and Society II (David Brink)	Fall 2026
PHIL 50, Law and Society (Yuan Yuan)	Spring 2026
PHIL 163, Biomedical Ethics (Reuven Brandt)	Winter 2026
PHIL 155, Mexican Philosophy (Clinton Tolley)	Spring 2025
PHIL 32, Philosophy of the Americas (Patricia Marechal)	Winter 2025
PHIL 28, Ethics and Society II (Saba Bazargan-Forward)	Fall 2024
PHIL 163, Biomedical Ethics (Reuven Brandt)	Summer 2024
PHIL 28, Ethics and Society II (Andy Lamey)	Spring 2024
PHIL 50, Law and Society (Dana Nelkin)	Winter 2024
PHIL 28, Ethics and Society II (Andy Lamey)	Fall 2023

Service

Ethics Bowl Assistant Coach, UC San Diego	2022–present
Graduate Student Council, American Philosophical Association	2024–2026
Liaison, APA Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession	2024–2026
Liaison, APA Committee on Professional Rights and Academic Freedom	2024–2026
Chapter Vice President, Philosophy in the CiTY, San Diego	2023–2024
Chapter President, Corrupt the Youth, San Diego	2022–2023
Graduate Rep, UCSD Philosophy	2021–2024

Affiliations

Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society	2024–present
American Philosophical Association	2020–present
Society for Mexican American Philosophy	2020–present

Graduate Coursework

Greek Philosophy: Aristotle's *Politics* (Patricia Marechal)	Spring 2023
Core in Ethics: Perfectionism (David Brink)	Winter 2024
Core in Ethics: Responsibility and Justice (Dana Nelkin, David Brink)	Winter 2023
Indigenous Epistemologies (Andrew Jolivette)	Winter 2023
Mexican Philosophy (Clinton Tolley, Manuel Vargas)	Fall 2022
Core in Ethics: Normativity and Prudence (David Brink)	Fall 2021
Core in History: John Locke (Samuel Rickless)	Fall 2021