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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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**Areas of Specialization** Early Modern Philosophy, Early Modern Political Philosophy, Latin American Philosophy, Descartes.

**Areas of Competence** History of Modern philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Contemporary philosophy, Theory of Knowledge, Philosophy of Mind, Ethics, Contemporary Latin American Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Introduction to Logic.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

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- 2016-2017 **Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Faculty of Philosophy**  
Honorific Collaborator
- 2016 **Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Faculty of Philosophy**  
Visiting Scholar
- 2006-2017 **Universidad Central de Venezuela, School of Philosophy. Caracas, VE.**  
Lecturer
- 2006-2015 **Universidad Monteávila, Caracas, VE.**  
Lecturer
- 2006-2008 **Universidad Central de Venezuela, Consejo de Desarrollo Científico y Humanístico, Caracas, VE.**  
Research Assistant.  
Research Project: Concepts of Experience in Modern Philosophy.  
Chair: Luz Marina Barreto

## EDUCATION:

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- 2016-Present **Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Faculty of Philosophy**  
PhD. Candidate.  
Dissertation: The concept of political science in Early Modern Philosophy  
Advisor: Juan Manuel Forte Monge
- 2017 **TEFL Certificate** (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)  
Accredited by IATQuO and completed with TtMadrid.
- 2017 **ELE Certificate** (Teaching Spanish as a foreign Language)  
Accredited by Instituto Cervantes and completed with LAE Madrid.
- 2006-2010 **Universidad Central de Venezuela. Facultad de Humanidades y Educación. Caracas, VE**  
M.A., Philosophy.  
Dissertation: The problem of sensory experience in R. Descartes.  
Committee: Ezra Heymann (chair), Argenis Pareles, Alfredo Vallota
- 1997-2002 **Universidad Central de Venezuela, School of Philosophy. Caracas, VE.**  
Licenciatura, Philosophy.

Dissertation: The notion of mind in Descartes' philosophy.

#### COMPETITIVE AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:

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- 2010 **Committee of Humanities of Universidad Central de Venezuela**  
Research Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies.
- 2007 **Federico Ríu Foundation**  
Federico Ríu Award for Philosophical Research. (For the essay *The a priori Method and Its Relation to Experience: An Analysis of Desmond Clarke's Interpretation of Descartes' Method*)

#### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS:

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- 2017 **The legacy of the modernity in Venezuela: Hibrid State and constitutional fetishism.** (Under Review)
- 2017 **The Role of Sensory Experience in Descartes' Method.** Anales del Seminario de Historia de la Filosofía. Universidad Complutense de Madrid, vol. 34, n.3.
- 2016 **Universales y Particulares en Descartes y Locke.** Ingenium. Universidad Complutense, Madrid, vol. 10, 209-228.
- 2015 **Filosofía, ciencia y racionalidad: Consideraciones prácticas y fundacionales.** Episteme NS. Instituto de Filosofía-UCV, vol. 36, n.1, 41-59.
- 2014 **Mundo exterior, conocimiento y experiencia sensible en Descartes.** Akademos, UCV, FHE, vol.16 n. 1 y 2, 267-278.
- 2012 **Intencionalidad, libre albedrío y acción racional: un acercamiento a las posturas de John Searle y Anthony Kenny.** Apuntes filosóficos. 38, 89-102.
- 2008 **El método a priori y su relación con la experiencia: Una lectura del método cartesiano desde la propuesta de Desmond Clarke.** Apuntes filosóficos. 33. (2008), pp.109-128.
- 2006 **Representación, ideas y conocimiento sensible en René Descartes.** Apuntes Filosóficos. 28, pp. 35-54.

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

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- 2016 **The legacy of the modernity in Venezuela: Hibrid State and constitutional fetishism.** Congreso Internacional "Populismo vs. Republicanismo: Genealogía, historia, crítica" Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
- 2010 **Certezas Morales: ¿Más allá o más acá de la certeza clara y distinta? (Moral Certainties: Beyond or closer to Clear and Distinct Certainty?)** Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Philosophy Congress. Venezuelan Society of Philosophy.
- 2010 **Ciencia y Experiencia en el Siglo XVII: Una breve introducción del caso cartesiano. Science and Experience in 17<sup>th</sup> Century: A review of Descartes' case)** Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Research Journals of the Faculty of Humanities and Education. Universidad Central de Venezuela

#### INVITED AND REFERRED CONFERENCES

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- 2017 **Modernidad y premodernidad en Maquiavelo: sensibilidad moral y política.** (Modernity and premodernity in Machiavelli's thought: political and moral sensibility) Seminario Internacional: Pueblo, Multitud, Vulgo: Sujeto y objeto político en

Maquiavelo. Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

- 2016 **Interpretes latinoamericanos de la filosofía de Spinoza: Astorga, Tatián, Chauí.** (Latin American commenters on Spinoza's philosophy) Seminario permanente de Estudios Spinozianos. Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
- 2016 **Sobre la lectura de Juan Rosales acerca de la obra de la filosofía política de Simón Rodríguez.** (On Rosales' interpretation of Simón Rodríguez's Political Philosophy) Grupo de Estudios de pensamiento Español y Latinoamericano. Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
- 2015 **Política y escepticismo en la temprana filosofía moderna: Los casos de Descartes y Hobbes.** (Politics and skepticism in Early Modern Philosophy) Universidad Central de Venezuela. School of Philosophy.

## TEACHING

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### *At Universidad Central de Venezuela*

- Winter 2016 Introduction to Spinoza's Philosophy.
- Winter 2016 Leibniz's Critique to Descartes' Principles of Philosophy
- Fall 2015 Introduction to Descartes' Philosophy.
- Fall 2015 Introduction to Theoretical Philosophy
- Spring 2015 Locke's Theory of Knowledge
- Spring 2015 The role of Sensory Experience in Descartes' Philosophy.
- Winter 2015 Descartes' Theory of Passion
- Winter 2015 Philosophy of Mind
- Fall 2014 The Notion of Free Will in Early Modern Philosophy: Hobbes, Spinoza and Descartes
- Fall 2014 Nagel's View From Nowhere
- Spring 2014 Universals and Particulars in Locke's Philosophy
- Spring 2014 Introduction to Theoretical Philosophy

### *At Universidad Monteávila*

- 2014-2015 Introduction to Ethics
- 2014-2015 Introduction to Logic
- 2014-2013 Philosophical Anthropology
- 2014-2013 Introduction to Philosophy
- 2013-2012 Introduction to Ethics
- 2013-2012 History of Philosophy

### Thesis Advisor

*At Universidad Central de Venezuela*

- 2014 M.A. Thesis Preceptor. (Dissertation: Cartesian Dualism and the Problem of Mental Causation)
- 2013 B.A. Thesis Preceptor (Dissertation: The Problem of Free Will in Spinoza's Philosophy)

**WORK AND SERVICE:**

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- 2017- Present **Ingenium, Journal of Modern Philosophy. Universidad Complutense de Madrid.**  
Technical Editor.
- 2010- Present **Universidad Complutense de Madrid. *Anales del Seminario de Historia de la Filosofía*. Universidad Central de Venezuela, Facultad de Humanidades y Educación. *Apuntes Filosóficos*. Universidad Complutense de Madrid. *Res Publica*.**  
Journal Referee
- 2016-2017 **Department of History, Aesthetic and theory of Knowledge. Faculty of philosophy. Universidad Complutense de Madrid**  
Honorific Collaborator
- 2006-2009 **Universidad Central de Venezuela. School of Philosophy.**  
Undergraduate Research Thesis Committee.

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 2017-Present **Lingua Viva Idiomas. Madrid-Spain.**  
General English and Spanish Teacher
- 2014-2016 **Health and Welfare Office. Baruta Council Town. Caracas,Venezuela.**  
General Coordinator

**AFFILIATIONS**

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- 2017-Present **Latin American Studies Association (LASA)**
- 2017-Present **Section of Venezuelan Studies (SVS-LASA)**
- 2010-Present **Sociedad Venezolana de Filosofía.**
- 2006-2010 **FONACIT (Fondo Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, Caracas-Venezuela)**  
Researcher

**LANGUAGES**

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- Spanish Native
- English Fluent