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POSITIONS

- 2012- Research Fellow (tenured), Institute for Philosophical Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- 2007-2012 Associate Researcher, Institute for Philosophical Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico.

EDUCATION

- 2007 Science Juridical Doctor (S.J.D)
Harvard University
Thesis: Reasoning about Facts in Law
Supervisor: Frederick Schauer
Field Supervisors: Noam Chomsky, Robert Stalnaker, and Scott Brewer
- 2006 Doctor in Philosophy (Ph.D.)
European University Institute
Thesis: An Inquiry into the Nature of Coherence and its Role in Legal Argument
Supervisors: Manuel Atienza and Massimo La Torre
- 2000 Master in Laws
Harvard University
Thesis: Coherence, Facts, and Explanation
Supervisor: Scott Brewer
- 1997 LL.M. in Comparative, European, and International Law
European University Institute
Thesis: The Coherence Theories of Neil MacCormick and Ronald Dworkin
Supervisor: Massimo La Torre

1997 B. A. in Linguistics, with extraordinary prize
 University of Barcelona

1995 LL.B., first in class
 Law School
 University of Alicante

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 H.L.A. Hart Visiting Fellow
 University College, University of Oxford
- 2013 PASPA Fellowship
 Visiting Scholar University of Texas Law School
- 2012 National Autonomous University of Mexico Award for Best Young Researcher in Humanities
- 2008 European Award to the Best Doctoral Dissertation in Legal Theory
 European Academy of Legal Theory (Brussels) (one awarded every three years)
- 2004-2005 Edmond J. Safra Graduate Fellow
 Center for Ethics
 Harvard University
- 2003-2004 Byse Fellow
 Law School
 Harvard University
- 1999-2001 Graduate Studies Scholarship
 La Caixa Foundation
- 1996-1999 Graduate Studies Scholarship
 Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Salvador de Madariaga Program
- 1997 Research Grant
 Juan Gil Albert Institute
- 1996 Extraordinary Prize in Linguistics
 University of Barcelone
- 1995 Award for the Best Student in Law
 Juan Sempere Foundation
 University of Alicante

- 1994-1995 Research Grant
Department of Philosophy of Law, Ethics, and Political Philosophy
University of Alicante
- 1993-1994 Erasmus Fellowship (European Union) and Erasmus-Bancaja Fellowship (Bancaja Foundation) to study at the Catholic University of Leuven
- 1991 Award in Roman Law
Juan Sempere Foundation
University of Alicante

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of law, with a focus on the epistemology of legal proof, legal reasoning, and legal ethics.

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

THE TAPESTRY OF REASON: AN INQUIRY INTO THE NATURE OF COHERENCE AND ITS ROLE IN LEGAL ARGUMENT, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2015.

Edited Volumes

LAW, VIRTUE AND JUSTICE, A. Amaya and H. L. Ho, eds., Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2012.

LA PRUEBA EN EL DERECHO: UNA PERSPECTIVA LATINOAMERICANA, Amalia Amaya and Raymundo Gama, eds., ISONOMÍA, vol. 40, 2014.

Articles and Book Chapters

Formal Models of Coherence and Legal Epistemology, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LAW 15 (4), 2007.

Justification, Coherence, and Epistemic Responsibility in Legal Fact-Finding, EPISTEME: JOURNAL OF SOCIAL EPISTEMOLOGY 5 (3), 2008.

Virtudes judiciales y argumentación. Una aproximación a la ética jurídica. Temas selectos de Derecho Electoral, Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación, Mexico, 2009.

The Ethics of Trial Deliberation: Moral Agency in Legal Fact-finding, INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY ON EVIDENCE, vol. 7 (2), 2009.

Inference to the Best Legal Explanation, in H. Kaptein, H. Prakken y B. Verheij (eds.) *LEGAL EVIDENCE AND PROOF: STATISTICS, STORIES, LOGIC*, Ashgate Publishing, Applied Legal Philosophy Series, Aldershot, 2009 (Chinese translation in progress, to appear in The China Legal Publishing House).

Indigenismo y Humanismo en México, with Pablo Larrañaga, in P. Aullón de Haro ed., *TEORÍA DEL HUMANISMO*, vol. 7, Verbum, Madrid, 2010.

Virtue and Reason in Law, in Maksymilian del Mar, ed., *NEW WAVES IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW*, Palgrave MacMillan, New York, 2011.

Legal Justification by Optimal Coherence, RATIO IURIS 24 (3), 2011.

Virtudes, argumentación jurídica y ética judicial, DIANOIA, vol. LVI, n. 67, 2011.

Diez tesis acerca de la coherencia, DISCUSIONES 10, 2011.

Coherencia, justificación y Derecho: Respuesta a los participantes, DISCUSIONES 10, 2011 (reply to five commentators).

The Role of Virtue in Legal Justification, in Amalia Amaya and Ho Hock Lai, eds., *VIRTUE, LAW, AND JUSTICE*, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2012.

Of Virtue, Law, and Justice (with Ho Hock Lai), in Amalia Amaya and Ho Hock Lai, eds., *VIRTUE, LAW, AND JUSTICE*, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2012.

Coherence, Evidence, and Legal Proof, LEGAL THEORY 19 (1), 2013.

La coherencia en el Derecho, DOXA: CUADERNOS DE FILOSOFÍA DEL DERECHO 35, 2013.

Virtud y razón en el Derecho: Hacia una teoría neo-aristotélica de argumentación jurídica, in Guillermo Lariguet and René de la Vega, eds., *CUESTIONES CONTEMPORÁNEAS DE FILOSOFÍA DEL DERECHO*, Temis, Bogotá, 2013.

Ten Theses about Coherence and Law, in Michal Araszkiewicz and Jaromír Šavelka, eds., *COHERENCE: INSIGHTS FROM PHILOSOPHY, JURISPRUDENCE, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2013.

Derecho y Literatura, Pedro Aullón de Haro, ed., *METODOLOGÍAS COMPARATISTAS Y Y LITERATURA COMPARADA*, Dykinson, Madrid, 2013.

Exemplarism and Judicial Virtue, in *Exemplary Narratives in Law and Legal Reasoning*, Maksymilian del Mar and Randy Gordon, eds., Special Issue, LAW AND LITERATURE 25 (3), 2013.

Virtudes y filosofía del Derecho, ENCICLOPEDIA DE FILOSOFÍA DEL DERECHO Y TEORÍA JUÍDICA, Jorge Luís Fabra Zamora, ed., vol. III (FILOSOFÍA DEL DERECHO APLICADA), Jorge Luis Fabra Zamora and Ezequiel Spector, eds., UNAM, forthcoming.

Forthcoming

Coherencia y verdad en el Derecho, in Jorge Cerdio and Germán Súcar eds., DERECHO Y VERDAD, Marcial Pons, Madrid, forthcoming.

Coherence and Systematization in Law, in HANDBOOK OF LEGAL REASONING AND ARGUMENTATION, G. Bongiovanni, G. Postema, A. Rotolo, S. Sartor, and D. Walton, eds. Springer, Dordrecht, forthcoming.

Imitation and Analogy, in ANALOGY AND EXEMPLARY REASONING IN LEGAL DISCOURSE, C. E. Smith et al., eds. Ashgate, Aldershot, forthcoming.

Fraternidad, DICCIONARIO DE JUSTICIA, Carlos Pereda, ed., Siglo XXI, forthcoming.

Coherencia y prueba en el Derecho, in Andrés Páez, ed., Hechos, evidencia y estándares de prueba. Ensayos de epistemología jurídica, Ediciones Uniandes, Bogotá, forthcoming.

Jueces Ejemplares, A MEDIO CAMINO: INTERTEXTOS ENTRE LA LITERATURA Y EL DERECHO, Diego Falconi ed., Tirant Lo Blanch, Valencia, forthcoming.

Work in Progress

VIRTUE, LEGAL REASONING, AND LEGAL ETHICS, book manuscript in progress.

Probability, Coherence and Rationality in Legal Fact-Finding (under review).

Virtues in Jury Decision-Making, paper in progress.

Jury-Decision Making and the Space of Public Reason, paper in progress.

Virtue and Fraternity, paper in progress.

The Relevance of Fraternity, paper in progress.

Abstracts

I have published eighteen abstracts of articles and books in philosophy of law, political philosophy, and ethics in DOXA: CUADERNOS DE FILOSOFÍA DEL DERECHO 10, 12, y 14.

Book review, J. C. Sager, *Language Engineering and Translation*, REVISTA DE LINGÜÍSTICA 12, 1996.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited chairman, ‘Law and Constitutional Interpretation: Moral Readings vs Originalisms’, Institute for Legal Research, 16 February, 2015.

“Exemplarism and Judicial Virtue”, “Virtue, Legal Reasoning and Politics” Workshop, Edinburgh University, 14 June, 2014.

“A Coherence Theory of Legal Reasoning”, Law and Philosophy Program, University of Texas at Austin, 19 November, 2013.

“Hacia una teoría neo-aristotélica de la argumentación jurídica”, Law School, University of Alicante, 11 July, 2013.

“Hacia una teoría neo-aristotélica de la argumentación jurídica”, Law School, Los Andes University (Bogotá), 5 June, 2013.

‘Coherencia, virtud y prueba en el Derecho’, 1st LatinAmerican Conference of Legal Epistemology, Los Andes University (Bogotá), 3 June, 2013.

“Virtue, Legal Reasoning, and Legal Ethics”, Edinburgh University, Legal Theory Research Group, 20 June, 2012.

“Una teoría coherentista del razonamiento jurídico”, Practical Philosophy Workshop, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 1 June, 2012.

Invited chairman, “Lecturas críticas de ‘Los aprendizajes del exilio.’ *Normatividad y argumentación. Homenaje a Carlos Pereda*”, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 24 November, 2011.

“Virtues, Legal Reasoning, and Legal Ethics”, University of Texas at Austin, Law and Philosophy Workshop, 27 October 2011.

“Legal Reasoning as Re-Description: Murdoch, Facts, and Values”, Special Workshop “The Fact/Value Separation and its Relevance for Interdisciplinary Research”, XXV World Congress on Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Frankfurt, 15 August 2011.

“Exemplars, Legal Reasoning, and Legal Ethics”, Special Workshop “Analogical and Exemplary Reasoning in Legal Discourse”, XXV World Congress on Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Frankfurt, 16 August 2011.

“Coherencia, virtud y justificación”, University of Costa Rica, *Nous* Group, 16 June 2011.

“Las virtudes de un buen juez”, Austral University, Valdivia (Chile), 19 April 2011.

“Virtud y razón en el Derecho”, Torcuato di Tella University, Buenos Aires, 15 April 2011.

“Virtudes judiciales y argumentación”, San Andrés University, Buenos Aires, 13 April 2011.

Invited commentator, II Conference of the Latin-American School of Analytical Philosophy, Mexico, 17 March 2011.

Invited chairman, “The Present and Future of Virtue Epistemology”, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 12 January 2011.

“Virtud y razón en el Derecho”, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelone, 19 December 2011.

“Virtudes, argumentación jurídica y ética judicial”, Cátedra Diánoia, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 20 September 2010.

“Virtudes y argumentación jurídica”, Legal Reasoning Workshop, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 23 August 2010.

“Virtudes y argumentación jurídica”, House of Legal Culture, Cuernavaca, 19 August, 2010.

Invited chairman in Roundtable “Rights, Citizenship, and Immigration”, Institute for Legal Research, UNAM, 3 February 2010.

“El papel de la virtud en la justificación jurídica”, XIV Ibero-American Colloquium of Philosophy, Lisbon University, 7-9 October 2009.

“The Role of Virtue in Legal Justification”, 24th World Congreso of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Beijing, 15-20 Septiembre, 2009.

“Virtues in Jury Decision-Making”, IV Workshop of Legal Epistemology, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 4-5 September 2009.

“Virtudes judiciales y argumentación”, Bar Association, San José de Costa Rica, 4 June 2009.

“El papel de la virtud en la justificación jurídica”, X International Seminar of Theory of Law, National University of the South (Bahía Blanca, Argentina), 14-15 August 2009.

“The Role of Virtue in a Theory of Legal Justification”, International Symposium of Philosophy, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 3-7 November 2008.

“Diatriba y calumnia desde la perspectiva filosófica y filológica”, Conference on “Electoral Reform and Democratic Process”, organized by *Nexos* and the Federal Institute of the State of Mexico, Toluca, 3-4 September 2008.

“Justification, Coherence, and Epistemic Responsibility in Legal Fact-Finding”, Conference on Evidence and Law, Dartmouth College, 20-22 June 2008.

“Jury Decision-Making and the Space of Public Reason”, III Workshop of Legal Epistemology, Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 12-13 June 2008.

“Inference to the Best Legal Explanation”, XXIII World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Cracow, 1-6 August 2007.

ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS

V Workshop of Legal Epistemology (with Larry Laudan), Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 11-12 November 2011.

Law and Philosophy Seminar (with Larry Laudan), Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, January 2009-January 2010.

V Workshop of Legal Epistemology (with Larry Laudan), Institute for Philosophical Research, UNAM, 4-5 September 2009.

Special workshop “Virtues in Law” (with Ho Hock Lai) at the XXIV World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Beijing, 14-19 September 2009.

‘Virtue, Legal Reasoning, and Politics’ (with Claudio Michelon), 12-13th June 2014 in Edinburgh Law School.

TEACHING

Undergraduate and Graduate Courses at UNAM

2008 Philosophy of Law (co-taught with Juan Cruz and Larry Laudan)
 Undergraduate course

2009 Virtue Theory in Ethics and Epistemology (co-taught with Gustavo Ortiz)
 Graduate seminar

2009 Philosophy of Law (co-taught with Juan Cruz and Larry Laudan)
 Undergraduate course

2009 Problems in Ethics

	Undergraduate course
2010	Ethics I Undergraduate course
2010	Ethics II Undergraduate course
2011	Problems in Ethics Graduate course
2011	Theory of Justice Graduate seminar
2012	Coherence and Justification Graduate Seminar
2013	Contemporary Virtue Ethics Undergraduate and Graduate Seminar
2015	Topics in Contemporary Legal Theory Graduate Seminar
2015	Problems in Ethics Undergraduate course

Teaching at other Universities

‘Coherence, justification and Knowledge’. Graduate seminar. Master in Cognitive Science, University of Costa Rica, 13-15 June 2011.

‘Coherence in Legal Reasoning.’ Graduate seminar. Master in Administration of Justice, National University of Costa Rica, 1-2 June, 2009.

‘Coherence in Law.’ Graduate seminar. LL. M., National University of the South (Bahia Blanca, Argentina), August 2009, 30h.

‘Coherence in Law’. Graduate seminar. Master in Legal Theory, European Academy of Legal Theory and Facultés Universitaires de Saint Louis, Brussels, 19-23 January 2009.

Teaching Assistant, ‘Introduction to Political Thought’ and ‘Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy’, Government Department, Harvard University, 2006.

Teaching Assistant, ‘Theory of Democracy’, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2007.

‘Reasoning about Facts: Coherence, Truth, and Explanation in Law’, Harvard Law School, Byse Seminar, 2003-2004.

University of Baja California (Mexico), ‘Legal Reasoning and Legal Theory’ (10 h course for judges and prosecutors), 2002.

Teaching Assistant, ‘Epistemology’, Philosophy Department, Harvard University, 2001.

Supervision

Main supervisor. UNAM. Mauricio Morales. PhD Thesis: “El problema de la racionalidad en la auto-defensa anticipatoria”.

Main supervisor. UNAM. Juan Manuel Garduño. PhD Thesis: ‘¿Qué es la democracia?: crítica para una reconfiguración del concepto.’

Main supervisor. Master in Philosophy, UNAM. Itzel López Nájera. Thesis: ‘Virtudes y educación’.

Main supervisor. Master in Philosophy, UNAM. Marco Antonio Valenzuela. Thesis: ‘La teoría sentimentalista de la justicia y su aplicación al Derecho’.

Main supervisor. Master in Philosophy, UNAM. Zita Mendoza. Thesis: ‘Renta básica: Una perspectiva latinoamericana’.

Supervisor in the Associate Students Program at the Institute for Philosophical Research (UNAM) (Víctor Carlos Hurtado Estrada, 2009-2010; José Eduardo Latapí, 2012-2013; Jesús Ricardo Miranda, 2012-2013).

Supervisor in the Summer Program of Scientific Research (Paola Recendiz Hernández, 2012; Leoncio Monroy Núñez, 2012).

Dissertation Committees

Member of the Ph.D. dissertation committee. UNAM. Mario García Berger. Thesis “La relación entre la ética y el derecho: un análisis desde la teoría pura del derecho de Hans Kelsen y el neokantismo de Marburgo”.

Member of the Ph.D. dissertation committee. UNAM. Itzel Mayans. Thesis: “La tolerancia como virtud”.

Member of the Ph.D. dissertation committee. UNAM. Estudiante: Diana Beatriz González Carvallo. Thesis: “Derechos y estados sociales: Hacia un modelo integrado de evaluación”.

Member of the Ph.D. dissertation committee. UNAM. Bernardo Andrés Gallegos Mendoza. Thesis: “La objetividad interna en el Derecho y el problema de la tesis de la única respuesta correcta”.

Examining Board

Member of the Examining Board for Xochiquetzal Voyatzis Hernández. PhD thesis: ‘Changing Hearts and Minds in Mexico. A Cognitive-Jurisprudential Approach to Legal Education Reform in a Legal System in Transition’, University of Edinburgh Law School.

Member of Examining board for Wendy Van der Neut’ Ph.D. thesis: ‘Consensual Exploitation: The Moral Wrong in Exploitation and Legal Restrictions on Consensual Exploitative Transactions’, University of Edinburgh Law School.

Reader and member of the examining board for Master theses at UNAM on a regular basis, since 2007.

MEDIA

Interview, “El lugar del abogado en la Teoría del Derecho”, *El Mundo del Abogado*, año 13, n. 144, April, 2011.

Interview, Radio UNAM, November 2012.

Interview, Proyecto Cero, “Virtudes y Derecho”, March 2013.

Interview, ‘Escúchate’ Radio Program of the Federal Electoral Court, February 2014.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Member of the Editorial Board of *Isonomía. Revista de Teoría y Filosofía del Derecho*, since 2014.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Crítica. Revista Hispanoamérica de Filosofía*, since 2009.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Nuevas Fronteras de la Filosofía Práctica*, since 2012.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Member of the Latinamerican Seminar of Constitutional and Political Theory (SELA), Yale Law School.

Member of the Latinamerican Association of Analytical Philosophy (ALFA).

REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS

Oxford University Press, *Law and Philosophy*, *Isonomía, Crítica, Diánoia, Erkenntnis*, UNAM Press, Kluwer (Springer), *Artificial Intelligence and Law*, *Mexican Law Review*, *Frontiers of Legal Research*, *Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology*, *International Commentary on Evidence*.