

MICHAEL J. MUNIZ, M.A.

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Motivated teacher, author, and school administrator with seven years in higher education and fifteen years in secondary education. Accomplished lecturer, conference speaker, active church member, and published researcher who effectively communicates knowledge. Authentic and servant leader who aims to transform minds and hearts.

SKILLS

- Leadership Skills & Applications
- School Administration
- AP, AICE, & IB Course Instruction
- Inquiry-Based Learning
- Instructional Coaching
- Expertise in Christian Apologetics, Philosophy, Ethics, & Literature
- Public Speaking
- Academic Advising
- Curriculum Development

WORK HISTORY

- 07/2022 to Present **Assistant Headmaster**
Founders Classical Academy of Corinth UPPER Campus - Corinth, TX
Assistant to the Headmaster at the Upper Campus serving students 6-12.
- 07/2021 to 06/2022 **Assistant Headmaster**
Founders Classical Academy of Corinth LOWER Campus - Hickory Creek, TX
Assistant to the Headmaster at the Grammar Campus serving students K-6.
- 08/2019 to 07/2021 **High School English Teacher**
Founders Classical Academy of Corinth UPPER Campus - Corinth, TX
English II (10th Grade), English III and Paideia (11th Grade)
- 08/2018 to 08/2019 **High School English Teacher**
North Garland High School - Garland, TX
 - Advanced Placement English Language and Composition teacher.
- 08/2016 to 05/2020 **Online Professor**
Doral College - Doral, FL
 - Courses Taught: Introduction to Philosophy

- Designed and developed the online curriculum, instructional guidelines, and student learning objectives (SLO's) for: Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to Ethics courses
- Sponsored the Doral College Literary Magazine: *The Millennial*

08/2015 to 05/2017 Adjunct Professor

West Coast University - Doral, FL

- Courses Taught: Critical Reasoning
- Additional Courses Qualified to Teach: Medical Ethics and Cultural Pluralism

08/2014 to 06/2018 High School Teacher

Doral Academy Charter High School - Doral, FL

- Courses Taught: Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition; Philosophy/Ethics Honors; & Great Books.
- Designed and developed high school level curriculum for Philosophy/Ethics Honors course.
- Sponsored the Philosophy Club and Coached the High School Ethics Bowl Team: 2nd Place Winner at Regionals
- Voted most inspiring teacher by students and peers for two consecutive years.

05/2014 to 07/2014 SAT Instructor/Tutor

Doral SAT Prep - Doral, FL

- Designed and developed the SAT Verbal test prep curriculum with emphasis on vocabulary enhancement and writing strategies.
- Facilitated weekend courses over the summer on SAT Verbal test prep.
- Private tutoring included.

10/2013 to 08/2014 Adjunct Professor

University Of Phoenix Inc. - Miramar, FL

- Courses Taught: Essentials of College Writing and Philosophy: Methods and Applications

06/2013 to 07/2014 Adjunct Professor

Broward College - Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Courses Taught: Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to Ethics

05/2013 to 07/2015 Adjunct Professor

Northwood University - West Palm Beach, FL

- Courses Taught: Introduction to Ethics

- 08/2012 to 05/2013 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Liberty University - Lynchburg, VA
- Courses Taught: Philosophy & Contemporary Ideas
- 05/2012 to 07/2012 **Adult Education Instructor**
Hialeah Gardens Sr. High School - Hialeah Gardens, FL
- Courses Taught: 10th Grade Intensive Reading and 11th Grade English III for at-risk students. Part-Time
- 08/2011 to 05/2012 **Graduate Writing Tutor**
Liberty University - Lynchburg, VA
- Privately and collaboratively tutored graduate students in academic writing success.
 - Managed and facilitated writing workshops for undergraduate and graduate research.
 - Revised, proofread, and edited theses and dissertations.
- 08/2007 to 07/2011 **High School Teacher**
Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Sr. High - Doral, FL
- Courses Taught: Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition; Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Thinking Skills (A & AS level); Introduction to Film and Entertainment
 - Sponsored Bible Club and Odyssey of the Mind
- 08/2005 to 07/2007 **High School English Teacher**
Mater Academy Charter High - Hialeah Gardens, FL
- Courses Taught: Advanced Placement English and Composition Teacher
 - Sponsored Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society)

EDUCATION

- 2019 - Present **Ph.D.: Leadership Studies**
Dallas Baptist University - Dallas, TX
- Doctoral Candidate
 - Dissertation Research: Authentic, Servant, and Transformational Leadership Characteristics in the Educational Philosophy of Mortimer J. Adler
- 2013 **Master of Arts: Philosophy**
Liberty University - Lynchburg, VA
- Track in Philosophy of Religion.

- Thesis Research in Philosophy of Religion through Cinema
- Advanced Coursework in: Classical & Religious Epistemology; Apologetics; Historical Theology; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of C.S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien; Research Methods; Existentialism; Symbolic Logic; and Metaphysics
- Advanced Research: Ethics; Aesthetics; Philosophy of Film; and Narratology

2005

Bachelor of Arts: English

Florida International University - Miami, FL

- Tracks in English Literature & Creative Writing.
- Minor in Religious Studies
- Academic Certificate in Film Studies

AFFILIATIONS

- Board Member: Vanguard Christian Academy (Frisco, TX)
- American Philosophical Association (APA) - 2013-2019
- Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) - 2013-2019
- Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS) - 2012-2019
- Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP) - 2012-2019
- Phi Sigma Tau: International Philosophical Society - Zeta Chapter - President from 2012-2013
- Sigma Tau Delta: English Honor Society - Member, 2001-2005

CERTIFICATIONS

- TEA T-TESS Appraiser Certification
- TEA AEL Certification
- Florida Department of Education: Professional Educator Certificate: Humanities K-12; English 6-12. (2018-2023) License number: 980505
- State Board of Education: Standard Texas Educator Certificate - English-Language Arts 7-12 and 4-8 (2019-2024)
- AICE/Cambridge Certified in Thinking Skills
- Great Books Foundation: Shared Inquiry Method Certified
- IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning: Theory of Knowledge, Philosophy, and Language A: Literature (SL/HL)

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

- Muniz, Michael J. "Hasty Generalization" and "Slippery Slope" (Two chapters). *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy*,

Edited by Robert Arp, Steven Barbone & Michael Bruce. Hoboken, NJ: Blackwell-Wiley Publishing, 2018.

- _____. "Breaking the Fourth Wall in Comics" *Comic-Con: Comic Arts Conference* Presentation. San Diego, CA: 2014.
- _____. "Breaking Down the Walls: Experience & *MirrorMask* " *Jim Hensen and Philosophy* , Edited by Tim Dale, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.
- _____. "The Paradox of Horror and the Ocean of Fear" *Adventure Time and Philosophy* , Edited by Nicolas Michaud, Chicago, IL: Open Court Publishing, 2014.
- _____. "Finn's Righteousness and Real Life Enchiridions" *Adventure Time and Philosophy* , Edited by Nicolas Michaud, Chicago, IL: Open Court Publishing, 2014.
- _____. "Vending Machine Values: Buying Beliefs, Beauty, and *BioShock* " *BioShock and Philosophy* , Edited by Luke Cuddy, Hoboken, NJ: Blackwell-Wiley Publishing, 2014.
- _____. "Do Dinosaurs Really Scare Us?" *Jurassic Park and Philosophy* , Edited by Nicolas Michaud, IL: Open Court Publishing, 2014.
- _____. "What's the Story" *Psych and Philosophy* , Edited by Robert Arp. Chicago, IL: Open Court Publishing, 2013.
- _____. "Depicting Love Experiences in C.S. Lewis's Later Fiction" *Mythopoeic Society Conference* Presentation. East Lansing, MI: 2013.
- _____. "Breaking the Fourth Wall in Comics" *Wonder-Con: Comic Arts Conference* Presentation. Anaheim, CA: 2013.
- _____. "Film's Fourth Wall As Barrier to Higher Reality" *UNC-Wilmington Graduate Student Conference* . Wilmington, NC: 2012.
- _____. Thesis & Dissertation Panelist at the LU Writing Forum & Talk 2012.
- _____. "How to Write a Research Paper" LU Graduate Writing Workshop, Organizer and Facilitator. Lynchburg, VA: 2012

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Teacher of the Year - 2020/21 School Year at FCA-Corinth
- Liberty University Philosophy Graduate Fellowship (2012)
- First Prize: Liberty University Graduate Research Symposium (2012)
- Vivian M. & Theodore R. Johnson Scholarship (2001-2005)
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship (2001-2005)
- FIU Invitational Scholars Scholarship (2001-2005)