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PUBLICATIONS

- 2020** Sapién, A., (2020), *The structure of unpleasantness*, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-019-00458-5>.
- 2018** Sapién, A., (2018), *The evolutionary explanation: the limits of the desire theories of unpleasantness*, *Contrastes. Revista Internacional de Filosofía*, vol. XXIII-Nº3 (2018), pp. 121-140. <http://dx.doi.org/10.24310/Contrastescontrastes.v23i3.6597>.
- 2013** Córdoba Basulto, D. I., Arías García, A., **Sapién, A.**, (2013), *Deseo sexual en hombres con y sin vasectomía: experiencias y significados*, [Sexual desire in men with and without vasectomy: experiences and meaning], *RU-Iztacala*, <https://ru.iztacala.unam.mx/items/show/375>.
- 2013/16** Outreach texts, published online as part of the *Value of Suffering Project* (interactive blog), edited by Jennifer Corns. Title of text entries: 1. *Ritual pain: Valuable pain*; 2. *The Phantom limb and the rubber hand illusion*; 3. *The placebo and nocebo effect*; 4. *The history of 'masoquism' and 'sadism'*; 5. *Capsaicin: the spicy ingredient*; 6. *Why do we watch horror films?*; 7. *Men-strual pain*; 8. *Siamese pain*; 9. *Couvade syndrome*; 10. *Robot pain*; 11. *What is art therapy?*; 12. *What is pain?*; 13. *What is fear?*; 14. *Is pain always unpleasant?*; 15. *The itchy and scratchy show*.

Forthcoming:

- 2020** Sapién, A., & Kohl, S., (accepted for publication), The holy trinity of competition, individualism and meritocracy debunked: a heretical view, book chapter in *Reclaiming competition: A social science view*, Oxford University Press, edited by Nils Brunsson (Uppsala Universitet).
- 2020** Sapién, A., (accepted for publication), *Lo está pidiendo: Nota Crítica de 'What the Body Commands'*; (Klein, 2015), *Azafea: Revista de Filosofía*, Vol. 22.

2019 Sapién, A., (accepted for publication), *Zozobra: Somos humanos y nos llaman mexicanos*, in Vol. VII Los procesos corpoemocionales en los estudios de género y sexualidades, de la colección Emociones e Interdisciplina, Facultad de Estudios Superiores Iztacala UNAM and Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara (ITESO).

EMPLOYMENT

2020- present Postdoctoral researcher at Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, with the project ‘Suffering and Self-modelling’.

2018-20 Full-time associate professor (Profesor Titular-C), Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (UPN), Unidad 095, Mexico City, Mexico.

Courses 2020-1. **a)** Masters’ in Environmental Education: Research Seminar II. **b)** Bachelor in Pedagogy: Epistemology and pedagogy. **c)** Bachelor in Education: Artistic appreciation and expression.

Courses 2019-2. **a)** Masters’ in Environmental Education: Research Seminar I. **b)** Bachelor in Pedagogy: Social Aspects of Education. **c)** Bachelor in Education: Methodology for Creating Learning and Research Communities, Artistic Appreciation and Expression.

Courses 2019-1. **a)** Masters’ in Environmental Education: Research Methodology Workshop. **b)** Bachelor in Educational Psychology: Research Approaches and Methods. **c)** Bachelor in Education: Design of Socioeducational Intervention Projects, Artistic Appreciation and Expression.

Courses 2018-2. **a)** Bachelor in Education: Children’s Psychomotor Development, Detection of Socio-educational Problems, Systematization of Problems in the Classroom, Parental Involvement in the School.

2016-17 Tutor in Moral Philosophy, 1st year, University of Glasgow (2 groups, 10-15 students).

2013-2016 Core Team member of the [Value of Suffering Project](#).

2010/11 Teaching assistant in Propositional and Quantificational Logics, Philosophy Faculty, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

EDUCATION

2013-2018 Double PhD in Philosophy from the University of Glasgow and from Paris Sorbonne (Paris IV), Title: The unpleasantness of pain. Supervisors: David Bain (University of Glasgow), Michael Brady (University of Glasgow), and Daniel Andler (Paris Sorbonne). Thesis defense 23-01-2018.

2012-13 Master 2nd year in Cognitive Science, speciality in Philosophy, Cogmaster (École Normale Supérieure, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, and Paris Descartes), Master's final dissertation: "Masochism: on how to like pain", at Jean Nicod Institute, supervised by Frédérique de Vignemont. Final average: 13.45/20

2011-12 Master 1st year in Cognitive Science, Cogmaster. Final average: 14.83/20

2006-11 Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, UNAM. Bachelor's final dissertation: 'Pain that does not hurt: problems with the concept of pain', 13-06-2011, with honours for final dissertation. Final Bachelor's degree average: 9.37/10

2010-11 Associated student, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas (IIF), UNAM, supervised by Laura Duhau Girola.

2009/10 Visiting student, Philosophy Department, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.

GRANTS AND AWARDS (selected)

2013-18 PhD grant from the Mexican government, CONACYT (the National Council of Science and Technology).

2013-16 PhD grant, the Value of Suffering Project, University of Glasgow, John Templeton Foundation.

2016 MacRobertson postgraduate travel scholarship, June-August 2016, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

2016 *Mission de doctorans à l'étranger* 2016, scholarship from Sorbone University, June-August 2016, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

2015 Research Support Award (for the Postgraduate Conference *Science Normes Décisions*, Paris-Sorbonne, 10-06-2015) from University of Glasgow, College of Arts, Scotland, UK.

2014 Research Travel Award (for the 17th International Graduate Conference *Pleasure and Pain*, Essex University, 20-06-2014) from the Philosophy Department, University of Glasgow, UK.

2012-13 *Bourse d'excellence*, French government and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (SRE) scholarship for Master 2nd year.

2012 Travel awarded, Mind & Brain School (7-11, 10, 2012), Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany.

2011/12 Scholarship from the Cognitive Studies Department (DEC), École Normale Supérieure (ENS), France.

2010 Travel award (for the Philosopher's Rally, Łódź, Poland, 08-09-2010) from the Groningen Philosophy Department, The Netherlands.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH

- 2019-present** Principal Investigator CESPII project 2019-21, ‘El valor del sufrimiento: cómo aprendemos quienes somos’ [The value of suffering: how we learn who we are], 095 Unit, UPN.
- 2019-present** Head of the House of Culture, Casa de Cultura, 095 Unit, UPN.
- 2018** UPN delegate, Unit 095, in the Integral Planning Meeting of Higher Education of the Central Region 1, Intercultural University of the State of Mexico, Mexico, 10-10-11-2018.
- 2016** Co-organizer (with Manolo Martinez), workshop “The content of pain”, 26-08-2016, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2015-16** Co-organiser and Chair: Weekly Postgraduate Seminars, Philosophy, University of Glasgow.
- 2014-15** Post Graduate Research (PGR) representative for Philosophy and the School of Humanities at University of Glasgow.
- 2014-15** Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) delegate for Glasgow chapter (see <http://tinyurl.com/map-at-glasgow>)
- 2014** International Summer School of Affective Sciences (ISSAS 2014), Céligny Castle, Switzerland, 6/13-07-2014.
- 2013-16** Co-organizer (with Jennifer Corns), 6 workshops and 3 international conferences with the [Value of Suffering project](#).
- 2012/13** Bibliographical research internship “Did it hurt?: Truth conditions for memory of pain” at Jean Nicod Institute, supervised by Jérôme Dokic.
- 2011/12** Bibliographical research internship “The cognitive model of depression” at Jean Nicod Institute, supervised by Elisabeth Pacherie.

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

2020

- Talk ‘How unpleasantness is built’, Logos research seminar, 28-01-2020, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
- Talk ‘The structure of unpleasantness’, Lisbon Mind and Reasoning Research in Progress Seminar, 22-01-2020, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Talk ‘Masochism: way of desiring pain’, Pain, Pleasure & Method of Cases Conference, University of Bern, 16/18-01-2020, Bern, Switzerland.

2019

- Talk ‘La polarización ideológica en México del siglo XXI’ (in Spanish), [The ideological polarization in 21st century Mexico], XXXI Coloquio Nacional de Filosofía. Filosofía, Género y Educación en el Mundo Globalizado, Secretaría de Difusión Cultural de la Escuela Nacional Preparatoria, UNAM, 27/29-11-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘Güikeend: educación, mexicanidad y literatura’ (in Spanish), [Güikeend: education, mexican identity, and literature], Taller de Ciencia Ficción y Narrativa, Escuela de Periodismo Carlos Septién García, 19-11-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘Emociones a la mexicana’ (in Spanish), [Mexican emotions], programa de Doctorado en Antropología Física, pot. III Perspectivas sobre el Cuerpo y las Emociones (AF05879-V1), 30-10-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Keynote conference, ‘Los jóvenes y las emociones’ (in Spanish), [Young people and emotions], Ciclo de conferencias Jóvenes y Conflictos Sociales, Seminario Universitario Interdisciplinario sobre Violencia Escolar, Ciudad Universitaria, UNAM, 27-08-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘La ética y la cultura nacional’ (in Spanish), [Ethics and national culture], Auditorio del Servicio Médico, Benemérita Escuela Nacional de Maestros, 21-03-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘Las desagradabilidades del dolor’ (in Spanish), [The unpleasantness of pain], Coloquio sobre dolor, organised by Seminario Universitario sobre Afectividad y Emociones (SUAFEM), Casa de las Humanidades, 27/28-02-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘Feliz día del desamor’ (in Spanish), [Happy unrequited love day], Coloquio Feliz día del Desamor, UPN 095, Casa de la Cultura, 14-02-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.

2018

- Talk ‘The unpleasantness of pain’, Insituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, 23-11-2018, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘Somos humanos y nos llaman mexicanos’ (in Spanish), [We are human and they call us Mexicans], XXX Congreso nacional de filosofía: Propuestas filosóficas antes los grandes problemas de México y el Mundo, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, UNAM, 15-10-2018, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk ‘Masoquismo: razones para sufrir’ (in Spanish), [Masochism: reason to suffer], III Ciclo de conferencias emociones y afectividad: una mirada interdisciplinaria, Casa de las Humanidades, UNAM, 27-09-2018, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Conferencia ‘Zozobra: la emoción fundamentalmente mexicana’ (in Spanish), VI coloquio de investigación, FES Iztacala, UNAM, 20/22-09-2018, Mexico City, Mexico.

- Conferencia ‘*Masochism : reason to suffer*’, Congreso internacional *Philosophy of Pain / Filosofía del Dolor*, Universidad de Salamanca, 02/04-05-2018, Salamanca, Spain.

2016

- Talk ‘Pain disorders: pain that is not unpleasant?’, Logos seminar, Barcelona, (06-07-2016), Spain.
- Talk ‘Theories hédoniques du plaisir et de la douleur’ (in French), [Philodoctes seminar](#), Paris Sorbonne, 26-05-2016, France.

2015

- Talk “Stop it! An imperative theory of affective experience”, *Pain, Emotion and Suffering seminar*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 18-04-2015, Germany.

2014

- Talk “The masochism puzzle”, in congress *Pleasure and Pain: 17th International Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Essex University, 19/20-06-2014, UK.
- Talk “Expériences désagréables: douleurs et émotions” (in French), workshop *Emotions, douleur et décision en médecine et dans les pratiques du soin*, 14-05-2014, Paris, France.

2013

- Talk “Masochism: on how to like pain”, XXIII International Philosophy Congress, student sessions, 04-10, 08, 2013, Athens, Greece.

2011

- Talk “Dolor que no duele: problemas de la evaluación del dolor” (“Pain that doesn’t hurt: problems with the evaluation of pain”), 01-06-2011, Ambulatory surgery center, ISSSTE, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Talk “Dolor que no duele: problemas del concepto de dolor”, 1st Colloquium of Medical Sciences: normal and pathological, 19-05-2011, Institute of Philosophical Investigations, UNAM, Mexico.

2010

- Talk “Receta para el bienestar” (Recipe for wellbeing), XVI Interamerican Congress of Philosophy, 02-12-2010, Mazatlán, Mexico.
- Talk “True Speech”, VI International Congress Philosophers' Rally, 08-09-2010, Łódź, Poland.

ART AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- **2019** Individual exhibition, installation: Excavación, 095 Unit UPN, 14-02-2019, Mexico City, Mexico.

- 2018** Text Contribution, [Desiring Solid Things](#) exhibition, Crownpoint Studios, 01-27-2018, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- 2016** Individual exhibition [Amazing Quotidianity](#), Veneer Gallery, in collaboration with people with disabilities at the [Parklea Branching Out Project](#) center, 10-14-2016, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- 2014/16** Production and editing of video [interviews](#) for the Value of Suffering Project (University of Glasgow).
- 2014** Individual exhibition [Sarah Cassidi: the dead of the day](#), Veneer Gallery, 01-11-2014, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- Story published *On ne vit qu'une fois* in L'anthologie 17 boulevard Jourdan, Editorial Alliance Internationale, Paris, 2014.
- Finalist in the photography contest organized by MexSoc UK, 2014.
- 2012** Solo exhibition Happy Nihilism, Casa de México, Cité Universitaire de Paris, 01-18-2012, Paris, France.
- Collaboration in the [Femmes et WC](#) project, Brazil Foundation, LE CORBUSIER building, 03-20-2012, Paris, France.
- Individual exhibition at the 11th Congress of Cognitive Sciences, Paris Descartes School of Medicine, 31-03-2012, Paris, France.
- Audiovisual piece [For poetry sake](#), in collaboration with [Floruit Films](#), 08-17-12, Berlin, Germany.
- Responsible for cultural dissemination of the Committee of Residents, Casa de México, Paris, France.
- 2011** Solo exhibition, Cinco Pinturas by Sarah Cassidi, Ixkati, 06-03-2011, Mexico City.

REFERENCES

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