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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	Expected	) 2010	Crimina	l Justice.	Sam	Houston	State	University
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M.S. 2004 Criminal Justice. University of North Texas

B. A. 2002 Law. Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Teaching Fellow, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University. 2008.

Graduate Research Assistant, Sam Houston State University. 2007-2008.

Security Investigator, Overseas Building Operations, U.S. Embassy-Quito, U.S. Department of State. 2006-2007.

Legal Counselor, Committee for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Quito-Ecuador, 2005-2006.

Research Director, Ecuadorian Center for Women's Promotion and Action (CEPAM). Quito-Ecuador, 2001-2002.

Legal Assistant, Alava & Alava Attorneys at Law. Quito-Ecuador, 1999-2000.

Legal Assistant, Egas Egas & Associates. Quito-Ecuador, 1996-1998.

Researcher, Regional Institute of Human Rights (INREDH). Quito-Ecuador, 1996.

### PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESIONAL MEETINGS

Legal Issues Regarding Medical Care for Pregnant Inmates. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, OH. March, 2008.

# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Good Neighbor Scholarship (sponsored by the Texas Board of Higher Education). 2008-2009.

Dan Richard Beto Scholarship in Correctional Leadership. 2008-2009.

Fulbright Scholarship (sponsored by the US Department of State). 2002 – 2004.

## **TEACHING**

<u>Undergraduate Courses</u>

**Fundamentals of Criminal Law**