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Education

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Master of Science Interdisciplinary Studies concentration in Sociology,
supporting fields, Art and Psychology
Graduated 2017

University of Texas at Brownsville
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, minor Arts, *cum laude*
Graduated 2009

**Work
Experience**

- Aug. 2019-
Current Learning Center Manager
New York, New York
Ensure that the learning center personnel complies with ORR Regulations and New York State education requirements. Responsible for the assessment of curricula and the monitoring of the learning center's daily needs such as lesson plans, logs, and training manuals. Collaborate with the management team and execute strategies for the ever changing needs of our students through the training of personnel and the implementation of technology. Provide support to the Director of Education and complete administrative work for the Education Department.
- Jan. 2019-
Aug. 2019 Art Teacher, Cayuga Centers
New York, New York
Create a curriculum for the Art program that serves the UC population, ages 0-17 years old. Create lesson plans that will ensure the understanding of art at the theoretical and historical level which students could carry in their studio practice.
- Aug. 2018-
Aug. 2019 Teacher, Cayuga Centers
New York, New York
Implement curriculum development which facilitates instruction appropriate for students with a variety of academic competencies, backgrounds, skills, and learning needs. Responsible for designing and implementing daily instruction of all core subject areas. Promotes a positive climate of learning where students have the opportunity to enhance their developmental growth.

- June 2018-
July 2018 Adjunct Instructor, Brightwood College
Brownsville, Texas
Develop the syllabus for each course assigned based on accreditor and department criteria. Prepare and grade examinations based upon course objectives and published exam schedule and returns all assignments in a timely manner. Implement evaluation for outcomes, assessment, and achieve established results while maintaining college standards.
- Jan. 2014-
July 2018 Marketing Liaison, Bistro Café La Esquina del Trovador
Matamoros, Tamaulipas
Execute marketing strategies, generate content for Social Media, designed layout and acted as project manager on remodeling and expansion.
- Jan. 2006-
July 2018 Marketing Liaison, Isabel Delgado Pasteles
Matamoros, Tamaulipas
Assist in all the decisions for the progress of the business through marketing, advertising and the development of new products as well as management of finances. Have participated in more than 18 exhibitions where we offered our innovative products and exclusive designs. Responsible for training new employees regarding techniques for the elaboration of our cakes and customer service skills.
- Aug. 2015-
Dec. 2015 Sociology Tutor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Brownsville, Texas
Instructed and guided students on supplemental material relating undergraduate sociology courses. Collaborated with professors and instructors on how to lead the students to successful study habits.
- Aug. 2012-
May 2013 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Texas at Brownsville
Brownsville, Texas
Assisted in teaching methods research conducted among students of different classes on campus. Scheduled administration of questionnaires and created a database. Assisted in the organization of the event *The Day of the Dead* and was responsible for coordinating the Sociology and Arts Department for the creation of five altars.
- Jan. 2011-
Aug. 2012 Art Gallery Director, Rusteberg Art Gallery at U. of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Brownsville, Texas
Managed the Gallery's budget and raised funds. Organized the Art Gallery's Calendar. Designed posters and invitations. Managed the necessary logistics to promote and materialize the events at the gallery. Organized opening receptions, assisted the artists, curated exhibitions, organized delivering and picking up of the artwork. Marketed the Art Exhibitions and sold the artwork. Mentored students about the demands of an Art Gallery.

Feb. 2008-
July 2009 Administrative Assistant for the Athletics Department U. of Texas at Brownsville
Brownville, TX
Created and managed budget for the personnel and team travels: Made reservations, itinerary, and accommodations. Resolved any emergency situations that may occur during the trip. Created requisitions, vouchers and kept a database of the acquisitions. Assisted and advised the athletes with any of their inquiries about scholarships, financial status, and study plans at the university. Responsible for the clerical work in the office such as filing records, telephone, department's email, and visitor guidance. Trained new hires. Participated at the games as gate guard and ticket seller.

Sept. 2005-
May 2006 Kindergarten French Instructor, Instituto CIMA
Matamoros, Tamaulipas
Taught a total of 70 students the foundations of the French language. Created a study program for each class level that would allow the students to integrate the new language to their daily life.

Awards

2014 Scholastic Excellence Award
2013 Scholastic Excellence Award
2009 International Students Scholarship
2008 International Students Scholarship

Volunteer work

Jan. 2011 -
Dec. 2015 Sunday School Teacher for students ages 12 – 24 (weekly)
Iglesia del Pueblo Pentecostal Brownsville, Texas
Provided guidance and counseling to students regarding family, sexuality, immigration, school and other concerns. Advised and provided them with options to pursue their university careers. Provided trainings and tools to other teachers about how to teach at-risk students. Collaborated with other teachers in the design of a personalized program of study relevant to the needs of the youth department.

May 2008 -
Aug. 2008 Gallery Assistant
University of Texas at Brownsville
Brownsville, TX Assist in the setup and break down of the exhibits. Coordinated artist's needs and engaged with visitors. Promoted and prepared for opening events, prepared purchase orders, handled mailing list and invitations.

Sept. 2005-
June 2006 English and Computer Science Teacher
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Matamoros, Tamps. Taught English and Computer skills to at-risk students as a way to motivate and to promote change in their communities and understand that their education is a viable option.

Organizations

National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures

Exhibitions

2018 25° Latitud Norte - 97° Longitud Oeste, Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas MACT, Matamoros, Tamps., April 12 2017

Collaborative Project, Scenic Arts Festival, Edinburg Scenic Wetlands, Edinburg, TX, November 4 2017

Festival Internacional de Poesía Latinoamericana, McAllen Public Library, McAllen, TX, October 5 2017

Juried, Texas Biennial, Austin, TX September 30 (catalogue) 2017

Hot Hot Hot, Galeria 409, Brownsville, TX, September 15, 2017

Solo Exhibition, 3218, Galeria 409, Brownsville, TX, May 5 2016

Four on the Floor, Galeria 409, Brownsville, TX, September 14 2014

Mujeres Tamaulipecas, Edificio del Poder Legislativo del Estado, Victoria, Tamps., March 19 2013

Lariab, Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas MACT, Matamoros, Tamps., July 4. 2013

Exotic Golfo, Rusteberg Art Gallery, Brownville, TX, October 22 2012

5000 Watts, Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum, Harlingen, TX, April 12 2010

Festival Internacional de Otoño, Reynosa, Tamps, October 2010

Trabajos, Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas MACT, Matamoros, Tamps., July 8 2010

Scorpio, The Alumni Art Show, Rusteberg Art Gallery, March 8, 2009

Two-Person Exhibition, Pródiga de Elegías y Colores, Rusteberg Art Gallery, Brownville, TX, July 13, 2009

Two-Person Exhibition, Fusión de Matices, Galeria Albertina, Matamoros, Tamps., June 4 2008

Amuletos, Galeria 209, Brownsville, TX, December 2008

Human Rights Exhibition, University of Texas Pan-American, Edinburg, TX, November 17, 2008

Women's Art: Women's Vision. University of Texas at Brownsville, Brownsville, TX, March 2008

Print Media

Miguel Roberts, "Wall Examined," Brownsville Herald, Brownsville, TX, September 2016.

Monica Guidiño, "Against the Norms of Society," The Collegian, Brownsville, TX, October 30, 2013.

Irma Lizeth Vargas, "Inauguran 'Exotic Golfo' con Éxito," El Bravo, Matamoros, Tamps., October 30, 2013.

Mendoza, "Cinco Titanes del Arte Contemporáneo," Expreso, Matamoros, Tamps., July 4, 2013

Television/ Radio

Ernesto Velarde, "Con Sentido Comun," Televisa Noreste, Matamoros, Tamps., June 14, 2013

Fructoso Saenz, "Noticias W con Fructoso Saenz," W1420, Matamoros, Tamps., June 24, 2013

Website Publications

"The Road Trip," Texas Biennial.

http://texasbiennial.org/roadtrip/roadtrip_brownsville.html

"Texas Biennial 2017 Announces Artists, Dates, and Venue," Glasstire, August 23, 2017. <http://glasstire.com/2017/08/23/texas-biennial-2017-announces-artists-dates-and-venue/>

Robert Faires, "Texas Biennial 2017: The When, the Who Big Medium announces dates and artists for statewide show," The Austin Chronicle, August 24, 2017. www.austinchronicle.com/daily/arts/2017-08-24/texas-biennial-2017-the-when-the-who/

"Reading List: Texas Biennial 2017," Conflict of Interest, October 31, 2017 www.conflictofinteresttx.com/2017/10/reading-list-texas-biennial-2017/

Seminars

2013 "Introduction to Social Construction of Art," Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas, Matamoros, Tamps., May 16

Skills

- Handling Sensitive Information
- Bilingual: English and Spanish
- Familiar with Central American Colloquialism
- Capable of empathizing and using interpersonal skills for resolving conflict and help others
- Proficient in Microsoft Office

References

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