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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Education, Texas A&M University-Kingsville and  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi,  
Kingsville, TX, May 2006,  
Major Field of Study: Educational Leadership  
Minor Field of Study: Curriculum & Instruction  
Dissertation: *Analysis of a Web-Based Seminar on Critical Thinking  
Skills of Minority Teacher Candidates*

Master of Education, University of Texas-Pan American,  
Edinburg, TX, May 2002, Educational Leadership

Master of Education, University of Texas-Pan American,  
Edinburg, TX, December 1999, Reading

Bachelor of Arts, University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg,  
TX, December 1993, English

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Texas Principal Certificate  
All-Level

Texas Reading Specialist Certificate  
All-Level

Texas Teacher Certificate  
Secondary English

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**2007—Present**

**Office of Field Experiences  
Director**

College of Education  
University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

2006—Present

**Middle School Teacher Preparation  
Program Coordinator**

Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education  
University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2006 – Present

**Assistant Professor**

Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education  
University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

2000 – 2006

**Lecturer**

Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education  
University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

Summer 2002

**Instructor**

Project Rise Summer Institute  
University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX

1999 – 2000

**Literacy II & Changes Teacher**

Segovia Unit  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Edinburg, TX

1998 – 1998

**English Language Arts Teacher**

De Leon Middle School  
McAllen Independent School District  
McAllen, TX

1994 – 1997

**English Teacher**

Sharyland Junior High School  
Sharyland Independent School District  
Mission, TX

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Articles**

**Garcia, C.** (2008). Exploring the Use of Webct for Building Critical Thinking Skills of Hispanic Teacher Candidates. *Teacher Education & Practice, 21*(2), 160-180.

Kimmel, J. and **Garcia, C.** (2003). Using a web-based seminar for ExCET preparation in a predominately Hispanic university environment. *Teacher Education & Practice, 16*(4).

**Books**

Almaguer, I., **Garcia, C.**, Esquierdo, J. J., Reyes, M., & Curts, J. (2008). *A practical guide for student interns: Meeting the needs of*

*latino students and their communities*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### Refereed National

**Garcia, C.** (2009, April). *Culturally-Relevant Classroom Discipline Strategies*, Presented at the National Technology & Social Science Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

**Garcia, C.** (2009, March). *Strategies for Managing Diverse Classrooms*, Paper presented at the Fourth Annual National Conference of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), San Antonio, TX.

**Garcia, C.** (2008, June). *Using Cooperative Learning in Teacher Education*, Paper virtually presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Learning, Chicago, IL.

**Garcia, C.** (2008, June-July). *Using Cooperative Learning Structures in Teacher Education to Influence Teaching*, Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications (EISTA), Orlando, FL.

**Garcia, C.** (2007, February). *Empowering Latino / a Pre-Service Teachers by Building Critical Literacy in Teacher Education*, Paper presented at the National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

### Refereed State

**Garcia, C.** (2007, March). *Building Critical Literacy of Pre-Service Teachers Using a WebCT Seminar*, Paper presented at the Texas Distance Learning Association's Annual Conference, Galveston, TX.

Kimmel, J. and **Garcia, C.** (2003, March). *Results of a Pilot Study Using WebCT to Prepare Students for ExCET*, Paper presented at the Texas Distance Learning Association's Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

**Garcia, C.** and Chavez, M. (2002, October). *Using Literacy Strategies to facilitate the Process of English Reading*, Paper presented at the Rio Grande Valley TABE Conference, South Padre Island, TX.

## GRANTS

Gateways to Science. National Science Foundation (NSF) Information Technology Experience for Students and Teachers (ITEST) grant. Submitted January 2007, not funded.

## CONSULTATIONSHIPS

- 2008 Workshop, *Preparing for TExES ELA/Reading 4-8 Exam*. University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX
- 2007 Educational Consultant, *Using Action Research to Inform ELA Instruction*. Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District, La Grulla, TX
- 2007 Educational Consultant, *Preparing for TExES PPR using WebCT Seminar*. Project Stars, Edinburg, TX
- 2006 Educational Consultant, *English Language Arts/Reading Middle School Workshop*. Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District, La Grulla, TX
- 2006 Educational Consultant, *Preparing for TExES PPR using WebCT Seminar*. Project Stars, Edinburg, TX
- 2003 Educational Consultant, *Paving the Way for Reading Success on TAKS: K-3 Literacy Strategies*. Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, Edinburg, TX
- 2001 Educational Consultant, *Preparing for the ExCET: Test-taking Skills*. La Joya Independent School District, La Joya, TX

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

University Admissions Committee  
University of Texas Pan American  
Member, 2008-2011.

Campus Digital Distribution Task Force  
University of Texas Pan American  
Member, 2008-Present.

Curriculum and Instruction Clinical Assistant Professor Search  
Committee, College of Education, University of Texas  
Pan American, Chair, 2009-2010

Office of Field Experiences Advisory Council Committee,  
College of Education, University of Texas Pan American  
Chair, 2007-Present.

Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Faculty Committee,  
College of Education, University of Texas Pan American  
Member, 2007-Present.

Fitness To Teach Committee,  
College of Education, University of Texas Pan American  
Member, 2008.

Undergraduate Admissions and Advising Committee,  
College of Education, University of Texas Pan American  
Member, 2007-2008

Curriculum and Instruction Lecturer Search Committee,  
College of Education,

University of Texas-Pan American  
Member, 2006-2007.  
University Retention Advisement Program (URAP) Interview  
Committee, University of Texas-Pan American  
Member, 2006-2007.  
Curriculum Committee, College of Education,  
University of Texas-Pan American  
Member, 2006-2007.  
Reading Clinic Task Force, College of Education,  
University of Texas-Pan American  
Member, 2006-2007.  
Demonstration Classroom Task Force, College of Education,  
University of Texas-Pan American  
Member, 2006-2007.  
Learning Communities Advisory Council, University of Texas-  
Pan American  
Member, 2005-2006.  
Higher Education Collaborative, Texas Language Arts and  
Reading Center  
Member, 2001-2004.  
Teacher of the Year Committee, University of Texas-Pan  
American  
Member, 2005-2008.  
ExCET Initiative Faculty Cluster, University of Texas-Pan  
American  
Member, 2000-2002.

## **HONORS and AWARDS**

Center for Distance Learning Online ExCET Professional  
Development Preparation Seminar Grant, 2002-2003

Kadelpian of the Year Award, 2001-2002

Center for Distance Learning Online Course Development Grant,  
2001-2002

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Texas Directors of Field Experiences (TDFE)  
Member 2007-Present.

International Reading Association  
Member 2007-Present.

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, Lambda Psi Chapter,  
Member 1999-Present.  
Treasurer 1999-2002

American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education  
Member 2006-2007

2008-Present.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

IRIS Faculty Seminar  
The IRIS CENTER School of Educational Studies  
Claremont Graduate University  
Austin, Texas  
November 19-21

Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education  
(CSOTTE) 2009 Fall Teacher Education Conference  
San Antonio, Texas  
October 19-20, 2009

Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education  
(CSOTTE) 2008 Fall Teacher Education Conference  
San Antonio, Texas  
October 19-21, 2008

Office of the Provost Support Program  
University of Texas-Pan American  
Spring 2008

Making Meaning Out of Statistics  
University of Texas-Pan American  
November 16, 2006

Cooperative Learning Leadership Training,  
University of Minnesota  
July 31-August 4, 2006

Advanced Cooperative Learning Training  
University of Texas-Pan American  
Spring 2006

Foundation Cooperative Learning Training  
University of Texas-Pan American  
Fall 2005