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## EDUCATION

**Master of Business Administration** 2008, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College in Uvalde, Texas  
18 Graduate Level Hours 2008, Economics, Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College in Uvalde, Texas

**Certified Texas Teacher** 2000, Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas  
\* Specialty: Early Childhood through Grade 6, English as a Second Language, and Gifted and Talented

**Bachelor of Business Administration** 1996, Marketing, Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas

## COLLEGE TEACHING/EXPERIENCE

Spring 2020 - present Southwest Texas Junior College:

Division Chair Social and Behavioral Sciences

ECON 2301 Macroeconomics

ECON 2302 Microeconomics

- \* Serve as an effective advisor to students, faculty and Administration
- \* Facilitate communication between division and administration
- \* Prepare, administer and utilize division budget
- \* Promote confidence and trust among faculty members, such as hosting division and departmental meetings to develop goals, share best practices and disseminate data
- \* Serve on committees as appointed by supervisor, such as chairing the Online Software Proctoring Committee and contributing to the Developmental Education and Dual Credit Strategic Planning Committees
- \* Serve as a liaison between SWTJC and Honorlock by organizing contracts, trainings, and information sharing
- \* Develop global scheduling, plan semester offerings, including room assignments and mode of delivery, in cooperation with faculty
- \* Lead teaching demonstrations for all new faculty
- \* Conduct faculty evaluations
- \* Train full-time and adjunct faculty in the college LMS and processes, such as Unit Action Planning, Strategic Planning, and CORE Curriculum
- \* Oversee textbook adoption processes, work directly with the SWTJC Bookstore and textbook publishing representatives
- \* Contribute to college initiatives by collaborating with other departments to meet goals/deadlines, such as working with the Advising Department to collaborate on increased communication efforts, working with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness on master syllabus templates, and working with the SWTJC ADA coordinator on best practices for Honorlock set up and expectation
- \* Work with the Dual Credit Department on scheduling, training, and faculty assignments
- \* Engage in communication with school districts and personnel in the service area focusing communication on faculty assignments, textbook and college requirements
- \* Enthusiastically teach economics' courses for service area

Spring 2012 - 2020 Southwest Texas Junior College:

ECON 2301 Macroeconomics

ECON 2302 Microeconomics

COLS 0300 College Success Skills

Fall 2011 Southwest Texas Junior College:

ECON 2301 Macroeconomics

ECON 2302 Microeconomics

COLS 0300 College Success Skills

Spring 2010 Southwest Texas Junior College:

ECON 2301 Macroeconomics

Fall 2009 Sul Ross State University:

ECON 3301 Intermediate Economics

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

2009 to 2011 Student Success Coordinator, Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, Texas

- \* Managed activities and projects for Title V students
- \* Identified and provided intrusive advisement to students
- \* Hired, trained, and supervised tutors and Supplemental Instruction Leaders
- \* Assisted in hiring process as Student Success Centers expanded to Del Rio and Eagle Pass
- \* Worked with Developmental and Gateway Courses and Instructors to increase student completion and success
- \* Assisted in grant writing

2006 to 2007 ESL/GT Director, Meridian ISD in Meridian, Texas

- \* Designed and developed ESL/GT programs to comply with state and federal requirements
- \* Presided as chairperson over all LPAC and MPACT meetings
- \* Trained school personnel in best practices

2005-2006 3rd Grade/ESL Self-Contained Teacher, Meridian ISD in Meridian, Texas

\* Prepared students for a 100% TAKS Reading and Math passing rate

2000-2005 Pre-K/ESL Self-Contained Teacher, Meridian ISD in Meridian, Texas

\* Coordinated with local Headstart to share resources and provide teaching units

1999-2000 4th Grade Self-Contained Teacher, Kopperl ISD in Kopperl, Texas

\* Collaborated with department on joint-class activities that included science studies and artifact adventures

1997-2000 Marketing/Public Relations Coordinator, Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas

\* Offered fundraising and grant writing support to immediate director

\* Created advertising campaigns, brochures and radio spots for Hill College's 75th Year Anniversary Celebration

\* Published weekly "On the Hill" articles in the local paper highlighting 75 years of college excellence

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2017 Outstanding SWTJC Faculty Member Award

2016 NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award

## PRESENTATIONS

2011-2012 High Engagement Strategies, Faculty Training, SWTJC, Uvalde, TX

2020-21 Best Practices "Gardner Institute" Remote Learning and Inclusion, Zoom Fall Convocation, SWTJC, Uvalde, TX

2021-22 Best Practices "Honorlock" Online Exam Monitoring Software, Hybrid Fall Convocation, SWTJC, Uvalde, TX

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Conferences:

2016 - present

Texas Success Center Texas Pathways, TX

2016

NISOD Excellence Awards, Austin, TX

2014

26th Annual Southwest Seminar for Great Teaching, Santa Fe, NM

2010

Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN) Inc., Trauma in the Borderlands & Implications for Counselors, Sul Ross, RGC, Uvalde, TX

2009

Supplemental Instruction Supervisor Workshop, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO

2009

AVID Summer Institute, Dallas, TX

1999

Kagan Cooperative Learning, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX

SWTJC Committees

Present Committees:

Adjunct Pay Review Committee-chair

Curriculum Committee

Developmental Education Committee

Distance Education Committee-chair

Dual Credit Committee

Online Software Proctoring Committee-chair

Service Operations Committee

Texas Pathways Committee

Previous Committees:

AVID Site Team

COLS Committee

CORE Assessment Committee

Faculty Association Scholarship Committee-chair

Knippa Steering Committee

Orientation Committee

Special Purposes Grant Committee

Technology Committee

Testing Center Committee

SWTJC Club Sponsor:

2009-2010 Jazz Club

SWTJC Faculty Association:

2015-17 President

2014-15 Vice President

2013-14 Treasurer

Community Service Opportunities:

Knippa PTO

Palomino Fest

SWTJC College Day Booth

SWTJC Christmas at the College

SWTJC Rodeo

SWTJC Turkey Trot  
Uvalde Athletic Booster Club  
Uvalde Baseball  
Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show  
Uvalde Football Mom's Club  
Uvalde Little League  
Uvalde PTO

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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