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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy: Political Geography, 1992.
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Master of Science: Geography, 1989.
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Bachelor of Arts: English Rhetoric, 1983.
University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor, 1999-pr, Department of Political Science and Geography,
University of Texas at San Antonio.

Assistant Professor, 1992-99, Division of Social and Policy Sciences, University of
Texas at San Antonio (fellowship leave 1993-94).

Teaching Assistant, 1987-92, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State
University, University Park.

GRANTS & AWARDS:

- **Amber Award, 2013.**
UTSA Embassadors, University of Texas, San Antonio.
- **Faculty Research Award, 1998-99.**
Department of Geography, University of Texas, San Antonio.
- **Lyman T. Johnson Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1993-94.**
Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- **Ford Foundation Fellowship, 1989-92.**
National Research Council, Washington, D.C.
- **Political Geography Specialty Group Paper Competition, 1991.**
Association of American Geographers.
- **Minority Scholars Award, 1987-89.**
Department of Geography. The Pennsylvania State University,

University Park, IL.

- **University of Illinois Athletic Association Scholarship, 1979-82.**
Champaign-Urbana, IL.

PUBLICATIONS:

- de Oliver, M. (2022) "Social Distancing as Lens: Race and the instructive facets of mass pathogenic self-isolation." In S. Navarro and S. Hernandez (Eds.), *Race Wars: Disparity Politics During Covid-19*. Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 184-199.
- de Oliver, M. (2021) "Emporia and the Exclusion Identity: Conservative Populist Alienation in the US and its Anti-immigrationism." *International Journal of Politics Culture, and Society*. (May 21): <http://doi.org/10.1007/s10767-021-09397-5>
- de Oliver, M. (2017) "Defending gentrification as a valid collective conception: Utilizing the metanarrative of 'suburbia' as a common axis for the diversity of middle class reurbanization projects." *Urban Affairs Review*, pp. 1-25. November 19: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087417738580>
- de Oliver, M. (2016) "Gentrification as the Appropriation of Therapeutic 'Diversity': A model and case study of the multicultural amenity of contemporary urban renewal." *Urban Studies* 53:6, pp. 1299-1316. DOI: 10.1177/0042098015576314
- de Oliver, M. (2015) "We are all half-breeds now...in a not so ivory tower." In Briscoe, F. & Khalifa M. (Eds). *Becoming Critical: The Emergence of Social Justice Scholars*. New York: SUNY Press, pp. 225-244.
- Briscoe, F. and de Oliver, M. (2012) "School Leaders' Discursive Constructions of Low-Income and Minority Families Identities: A Marketplace Racism/Classism." *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies* 9:3, pp. 247-280.
- de Oliver, M. (2011) "Nativism and the obsolescence of grand narrative: Comprehending the quandary of anti-immigration groups in the neoliberal era." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 37:7 (August), pp. 977-997.
- de Oliver, M. and Briscoe, F. (2011) "US Higher Education in a Budgetary Vortex – 1992 to 2007: Tracing the Positioning of Academe in the Context of Growing Inequality." *Higher Education* 62:5 (November), pp. 607-618.
- de Oliver, M. (2008) "Democratic Materialism: The Articulation of World Power in Democracy's Era of Triumph." *Journal of Power* 1:3 (December), pp. 355-383.

- de Oliver, M. (2007) "Historical Preservation and Identity: San Antonio and the Production of a Consumer Landscape." In Dallen Timothy (Ed.) *The Political Nature of Cultural Heritage and Tourism* (Volume 3 of The International Library of Essays in Tourism, Heritage and Culture), Hampshire, UK: Ashgate Publishing Limited, pp. 125-148.
- Briscoe, F. and de Oliver, M (2006) "Access to Higher Education and the Underprivileged: A Case Study of the Conflict Between Market Forces and Democratic Ideals." *Education and Urban Society*. 38:2 (February), pp. 204-227.
- de Oliver, M. (2005) "Postmodernity and the Geography of Regressive Multiculturalism: A Case Study." *Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries* 1:1 (Spring), pp. 49-76.
- de Oliver, M. (2004) "Marketing Latinos as Development Policy: San Antonio and the Reproduction of Underprivilege." *Latino Studies* 2:3 (December), pp. 395-421.
- de Oliver, M. (2001) "Multicultural Consumerism and Racial Hierarchy: A Case Study of Market Culture and the Structural Harmonisation of Contradictory Doctrines." *Antipode* 33:2 (March), pp. 228-259.
- de Oliver, M. and M. Yoder (2000) "Postmodernity and the Borderlands: Symbolic Democracy and Ethnic Disparity" in Jonathan Smith and Jim Norwine (Eds). *Worldview Flux: Identity, Place and Value in Postmodernity*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, pp. 87-109.
- de Oliver, M. (1999) "Attitudes and Inaction: A Case Study of the Manifest Demographics of Urban Water Conservation." *Environment and Behavior* 31:3 (May), pp. 372-394.
- de Oliver, M. (1999) San Antonio and Access to Public Higher Education: Geography and the Role of Race and Class. In Louis Mendoza and Rodolfo Rosales (Eds). *Access, Equity, and Anima: The Legacy of Our Community's Struggle for Knowledge*. San Antonio, TX: Hispanic Research Center, (April), pp. 62-98.
- de Oliver, M. (1998) "Geography and Inequity: Auxiliary Costs of Race and Class at South Texas' Primary Public University." *American Journal of Education* 106:2 (February), pp. 273-301.
- de Oliver, M. (1997) "Democratizing Consumerism?": Coalescing Constructions

- of Subjugation in the Consumer Landscape.” *Gender, Place and Culture* 4:2 (July), pp. 211-233.
- de Oliver, M. and T. Dawson-Muñoz (1996) ““Place-not-Race’?: The Inadequacy of Geography to Address Racial Disparities.” *Review of Black Political Economy* 25:2 (Fall), pp. 37-60.
- de Oliver, M. (1996) “Historical Preservation and Identity: San Antonio and the Production of a Consumer Landscape.” *Antipode* 28:1 (January), pp. 1-23.
- de Oliver, M. (1995) “The Bi-Cultural Geography of the Alamo” in James F. Petersen and Julie Tuason (Eds). *Pathways: A Geographic Glimpse of Central Texas and the Borderlands*. Washington, D.C.: National Council of Geographic Education, pp. 51-57.
- de Oliver, M. (1995) “Structural Consolidation: The Colorado Delta Region, 1900-1910.” *Review* 18:4 (Fall), pp. 565-588 (Fernand Braudel Center, SUNY Binghamton).
- de Oliver, M. (1994) “Comments on the NAFTA.” *Political Geography* 14:1 (February), pp. 2-3.
- de Oliver, M. (1993) “The Hegemonic Cycle and Free Trade: The US and Mexico.” *Political Geography* 12:5 (September), pp. 457-472.

SECONDARY PUBLICATIONS:

- de Oliver, M. (2014) Book review of *Land of Strangers* by Ash Amin. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (February 19), online, pp. 1-3 (print version 2nd issue, 37:10, 2014)
- de Oliver, M. (2004) “*Hurricanes, Harbingers, and Hardship.*” *Paisano* (editorial). 31:6 (October 12), p. 9.
- de Oliver, M. (2003) “*Terrorism, Democracy and other Myopias.*” *Paisano* (editorial). 29:7 (October 7), p. 10.
- Book Review (1998) “The North American Trajectory: Cultural, Economic, and Political Ties among the United States, Canada, and Mexico,” by Ronald F. Inglehart, Neil Nevitte, and Miguel Basañez. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1996. *Social Science Quarterly* 79:1 (March), pp. 257-258.

Liverman, D.M., K. O'Brien, L. Menchaca and M. de Oliver (1991) "Social Learning and Global Warming in Mexico." *Social Learning Project for the Social Science Research Council* (October).

IN SUBMISSION/ PROGRESS:

Articles

de Oliver, M. "Property Taxation and Bourdieu's Forms of Capital: Understanding who appeals and its regressive effects." As of yet, not submitted (see submission in file)

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- The problematic nexus between globalization and democratization in the international state system
- Manifestations of social inequality in the North American built environment
- Development and the southwestern borderlands
- Political economy and race
- Urban public policy and ethnicity

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

"Ironical Glimpses from the 'Dark Side' of Pathogenic Social Distancing: Some unprecedented opportunities for the mainstream to perceive 'otherness'" *Southwestern Social Science Association Conference*. Special session titled "Adding Insult to Injury: the unequal socio-spatial influence of Covid-19." San Antonio, TX, April 21, 2022.

"Marx and Geography" *Urban and Regional Analysis* [UTSA Guest Lecture, GRG 5013], San Antonio, TX, March 3, 2022.

"Gentrification and the Metropolis: The Case of San Antonio." *CityMester Program of the Honors College*. San Antonio Business Journal. 200 E. Grayson St., San Antonio, TX, April 10, 2020.

"Alienation and the 'Exclusion Identity': Right-wing populism and its strident anti-immigrationism in the US." *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, Fort Worth, TX, October 10, 2019.

"Gentrification and the Metropolis: The Case of San Antonio."

CityMester Program of the Honors College. San Antonio Business Journal. 200 E. Grayson St., San Antonio, TX, March 8, 2019.

“Defending Gentrification as a Valid Collective Conception: Utilizing the Metanarrative of ‘Suburbia’ as a Common Axis for the Diversity of Middle-Class Reurbanization Projects.” *Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference*. University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX, October 24, 2018.

“Analyzing Michigan’s Deficit School Districts in Light of the ‘Emergency Manager’ Czars: The Role of Race in Addressing Insolvency.” *DPSG Lecture Series*, San Antonio, TX, October 6, 2016.

“The Specter of Race in the State Takeovers of Deficit School Districts in Michigan, 2012-2015.” *Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference*. Kent State University. September 22, 2016.

“Studying King William: a lens to show some of the applications of different career occupations rooted in the social and theoretical dimensions of Geography.” *Geographical Society Career Night*. University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas. May 8, 2016.

“Immigration and the Global Refugee Crisis.” *2015 Alamo Model United Nations Conference*. University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas. November 7, 2015.

“Geographies of Power and Security in the Postmodern World.” [Moderator and Session Organizer] *Applied Geography Conference/Southwest Association of American Geographers (SWAAG)*. San Antonio, Texas. November 6, 2015.

“Gentrification as the Appropriation of Therapeutic ‘Diversity’: A model and case study of the multicultural amenity of contemporary urban renewal.” *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, Chicago, IL, April 22, 2015.

“The Mutuality of the Suburban Spiritual Crisis and Gentrification” *Urban Geography* [UTSA Guest Lecture, GRG 3513], San Antonio, TX, November 17, 2014.

“‘Eyes on the Guise’: The quandary of post-Civil Rights ‘inclusion’ as exemplified through urban renewal.” *Race, Ethnicity and Place (REP) VII Conference*, Dallas, TX, October 24, 2014.

“On Gentrification and the Metropolis” *Urban Geography* [UTSA Guest Lecture, GRG 3513], San Antonio, TX, November 25, 2013.

“Placing the geographical ‘cart’ before the ‘cultural’ horse: privileging the new geography of cultural diversity over the racial agents of cultural diversity.” *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, Nacogdoches, TX, October 25, 2013.

“What does the Modern Map Mean?” and “Issues in Urban Geography.” Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI), UTSA, San Antonio, July 8, 2013.

“Gentrification as Cultural Displacement: The displacement of urban ethnic otherness as agents of ‘diversity’.” *Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers*, Los Angeles, CA, April 9, 2013.

“Rural/Urban Development and Climate Change in Southeast Asia.” APSI. Texas Alliance for Geographic Education, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, April 6, 2013.

“The Resurrection of the Historical Metanarrative: A case study of postmodernism’s ‘history’ as an axis for progress.” *Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers*, New York, NY, February 27, 2012.

“Postmodernity and the Return of ‘History’: Using Geography to Reinstatate the Historical Metanarrative.” *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, Austin, TX, November 10, 2011.

“Nativism and the Obsolescence of Grand Narrative: Comprehending the Quandary of Anti-Immigration Groups in the Neoliberal Era.” *DPSG Lecture Series*, San Antonio, TX, November 4, 2011.

“Landscape, power, and performativity: A case study of the spatial reproduction of power through a speech-act.” *Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers*, Seattle, WA, April 14, 2011.

“Barring the Doors against the Masses: Higher Education in the Context of Neoliberal Economics.” *Annual Conference of the American Educational Studies Association*, Denver, CO, October 29, 2010 (with Dr. Felecia Briscoe)

“What the ‘Third Wave’ tells us: The emerging profile of the democratic project.” *Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers*, Washington, DC, April 17, 2010.

“Transatlantic responses to immigration in the neoliberal era – or – What western

immigration policy in the neoliberal era signifies about this era of democratic capitalist society." *Conference on Transatlantic Perspectives on International Migration*, San Antonio, TX, March 4, 2010.

"Democratic Inequalitarianism: The problematics of the emerging international landscape of democratic hegemony." *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, San Marcos, TX, October 24, 2008.

"Imperial Democracy, Imperial Rhetoric, and the Emerging Democratic World Order." *Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers*, Boston, MA, April 19, 2007.

"Democratic Imperialism: Keeping Perspective in the Era of Democracy's International Triumph." *Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers*, San Francisco, CA, April 19, 2007.

"Democratic Imperialism: Keeping Perspective in the Era of Democracy's International Triumph." *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, Norman, OK, October 27, 2006.

(Chair and Commentator) Session 881 Negotiating Race, Class, and Nationhood: Social Movements and the Cultural Politics of Land Use. *Annual Meeting of American Studies Association*. Washington, D.C., November 3-6, 2005.

"Marketing Minorities as Development Policy: Multiculturalism and the Reproduction of Underprivilege." *Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association*, Salt Lake City, UT, April 15, 2005.

"Access to Higher Education: A Conflict between Market Forces and Democratic Ideals." *TACHE Conference 2005 (Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education)*, Austin, TX, January 26, 2005. (with Dr. Felecia Briscoe)

"Multicultural Ethnic Tourism and Racial Privilege." *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, Laredo, TX, November 8, 2002.

"Cultural Politics and Historical Preservation: San Antonio and the Alamo." Presentation to University of Texas (Austin), Graduate Seminar: Landscape and Identity. Department of American Studies. San Antonio, TX. November 18, 2000.

"Consumer Culture and the Harmonizing of Multiculturalism and Racial Privilege." *Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers*, College Station, TX, November 3, 2000.

"Geography and Inequity: A Case Study of the Role of Geography at an Urban Public University." (substituted by K. Bennelli). *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Honolulu, HA, March 27, 1999.

"The Postmodern Geography of Race: Spatially Harmonizing Multiculturalism and Racial Privilege." *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Honolulu, HA, March 25, 1999.

Identity and Exclusion I: Struggles and Symbols of the Margins. (conference special session) Organizers: Harald Bauder and Miguel de Oliver. *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Honolulu, HA, March 25, 1999.

Identity and Exclusion II: Struggles and Symbols of the Margins. (conference special session) Organizers: Miguel de Oliver and Harald Bauder. *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Honolulu, HA, March 25, 1999.

"Historical Preservation and Identity: The Alamo and the Production of a Consumer Landscape." *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Boston, MA, March 27, 1998.

"The Politics and Policies of an Urban Water Conservation Plan: San Antonio and the Anatomy of a Policy Failure." (substituted by K. Bennelli). *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Boston, MA, March 28, 1998.

"Latino Influences in San Antonio." Presentation to Faculty and Graduate Students of the Department of Geography of the University of Hannover, Germany, San Antonio, TX. March 1, 1997.

"The Place-not-Race Debate: exploring policy implications through geographic education." *National Council of Geographic Education Conference*, Santa Barbara, CA. November 14, 1996.

"Finding Ideas for Research". McNair Undergraduate Research Program, University of Texas at San Antonio. June 25, 1996.

"The Evolving Pattern of Identity-Formation: Harmonizing Multiculturalism and Racial Discrimination". *Eighth Annual Texas - Mexico Higher Education Conference*, San Antonio, TX. March 29, 1996.

"Insights and Strategies for Applying and Surviving Graduate School". Presentation to the Anthropological Society, University of Texas at San Antonio. November 14, 1995.

"The Utility of Geography in Teaching Bi-Cultural Understanding." *National Council of Geographic Education Conference*, San Antonio, TX, October 26, 1995.

"Consumption and Racial Identity: Historical Preservation in the Consumer Culture." *Ford Foundation Fellowship Conference*, Irvine, CA, October 14, 1994.

"Culturally-Designed History and its Commercial Geography: San Antonio and the Culture of Alamo." *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, San Francisco, CA, April 4, 1994.

"Historical Revisionism and the Culture of Alamo." Department of Geography Colloquium Series: University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, October 1, 1993.

"The Hegemonic Cycle and Free Trade: The US and Mexico." *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Atlanta, GA, April 9, 1993.

"Latin America: The Confluence of Cultures." *President's Peace Commission*, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, November 4, 1992.

"Utopias as Commodity: Revolutionary Succession in Baja California." *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, San Diego, CA, April 19, 1992.

"The Hidden Anatomy of a Deal: The Foreign Acquisition of Mexico's Railroads, 1907-10." *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers*, Miami, FL, April 15, 1991.

"The Mexican Experience and the North American Free Trade Union." *IGU Conference on Global Political Change*, Tallahassee, FL, April 11, 1991.

"Racism, Historical Perception, and the American Southwest: An American Geography." *Northeast Geography Graduate Student Conference*, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, February 16, 1991.

"A Geographer's View of the Alamo: Noble Symbol-Ignoble Reality at a Multiracial Crossroads." *Ford Foundation Fellowship Conference*, Irvine, CA., October 19, 1990.

COURSES DEVELOPED:

- World Regional Geography
- Political Geography
- Geography of North America
- Cultural Geography
- Geography of Latin America
- Urban Geography
- Geography and Politics of the Asian Pacific Rim

- Geography of World Affairs
- Mexican Field Course (combined 6 credit hour course that was formerly GRG 3143/6973 Geography of Mexico and GRG 4953/6973 Social Change in Mexico)

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

- University Library Committee: Geography Liaison 1992-93, 94-02
- Faculty Development Committee 1992-93
- Omsbudsperson 1992-93
- Discipline Coordinator, Department of Geography 1994-96, 97-01
- Division Director Search Committee, Social and Policy Sciences 1994-95
- Faculty Evaluation Subcommittee 1994-97
- Strategic Planning Committee 1994-95
- Academic Research Committee 1995-01
- College Review Committee 1996-97
- Chair, Faculty Small Grants Committee 1998-99
- Graduate Faculty Committee 1997-02
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Bretting Tenure Review) 2000-01
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Jasperson Third Year Rev.) 2001-02
- Committee on Research and Creative Activities 2001-02
- Search Committee, Affirmative Action Officer, Political Science and
Geography ('Comparativist') 2001-02
- Search Committee Political Science and Geography ('GIS') 2001-02
- COLFA Faculty Advisory Committee 2001-02
- Ad-hoc Graduate Catalog Committee 2000-02
- Ad-hoc Committee on Assessment 2000-02
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Engster Tenure Rev.) Fall 2002
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Romero Tenure Rev.) Fall 2002
- Doctoral Committee (Kristine Bennelli) (Southwest Texas State University) Fall 2002
- Faculty Grievance Committee 2002-03
- Chair: Search Committee Political Science and Geography (Medical/Social Geography) 2004
- Search Committee Political Science and Geography ('GIS': Dr. Feng Shi) 2004
- Graduate Program Self-Study Committee (Dr. A. Jasperson Chairs) 2007
- Graduate Program Self-Study Committee (Chair: Dr. A. Jasperson) 2007
- Recruitment Committee for International Relations Theory (Chair, Francisco Durand) 2007
- Search Research Lab Coordinators (Chair, Mansour El-Kikhia) 2007
- **MA - International Studies Committee (Chair, Thomas Bellows) 2007-10**
- Community Linkages and Outreach Committee 2007-09
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Navarro Tenure Rev.) 2008

- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Jaramillo Tenure Rev.) 2008
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Stefanova Tenure Rev.) 2008
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Hancock Tenure Rev.) 2008
- Search Committee Political Science and Geography ('GIS': Dr. Michael Harrison) 2008
- COLFA Academic Policy and Curricula Committee 2008-10
- Academic Policy and Curricula Committee (APPC) 2008-09
- Core Courses Committee 2008-09
- FAIR (Faculty Academic Information Reporting) representative to the Dept. of PS&G 2010
- Geography Recruitment Committee (Dr. Carol Sawyer) 2011
- Geography Recruitment Committee (Dr. Nazgol Bagheri) 2012
- Geography Recruitment Committee (Dr. Melanie Stein) 2012
- Geography Search Committee (at present) 2016
- DFRAC Committee (Dr. Wilson Tenure Rev.) 2015
- **McNair Scholars Mentorship Program** 1997-98
Mentor for student specifically in research development, execution, and publication. The program's objective is to prepare talented low-income and first generation students, as well as those from other groups underrepresented in graduate study, for acceptance into graduate programs.
- **Geography Program Review Evaluation** 1997
Wrote the Departmental Evaluation for the Discipline of Geography within the Division of Social and Policy Sciences five-year program review.
- **UTSA Geography Career Night** 1997-16
Opportunity for geography undergraduates and recent graduates to meet established geographers as well as past geographer graduates now employed in private enterprise. This provides an opportunity for these students to shape their perceptions about possible careers and additional directions of study. May 1.
- **UTSA Geographical Society** 1994-16
Attend and participate in all meetings.
- **UTSA Geography Teach-In for World Trade Center Attack** (November) 2001
Presented Historical Review of Soviet Experience in Afghanistan
- **UTSA Geographical Field Trip to Mexico** 1994-01
Attend and participate in all meetings.
- **SWAAG Student Paper and Poster Judge** 2002
Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of American Geographers, Laredo, TX, November 8. Judge for all graduate and undergraduate papers and posters for regional meetings of the American Association of Geographers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS:

- Departmental Colloquia 2016
 “Analyzing Michigan’s Deficit School Districts in Light of the ‘Emergency Manager’ Czars: The Role of Race in Addressing Insolvency.” *DPSG Lecture Series*, San Antonio, TX, October 6, 2016.
- Geography Grad Program Recruitment Sub-Committee 2015-2016
 Participating in the recruitment and qualification of Geography Graduate students.
- Geography Minors Sub-Committee 2015-2016
 Addressing the needs and criteria for the minor in Geography.
- Geography Assessment Sub-Committee 2015-2016
 Complying with the Learning objectives criteria. Forging the questions/activities necessary to do so.
- Geographical Society Organization Designer 2015-2016
 Organizing, developing, and maintaining the different activities necessary to sustain the Geographical Society during these last few semesters of student organization leadership uncertainty.
- Mentoring of Geography Junior Faculty (most notably, Dr. Bagheri).....2014-16
 This is self-explanatory.
- Geography Movie Night (evening)2015-16
 Provide opportunity for Geography students in Geography classes (all classes) to earn extra points by attending specific documentaries and discussing them afterwards. Two films showed so far: “Grizzly Man” and “The Salt of the Earth”.
- Departmental Colloquia 2011
 “Nativism and the Obsolescence of Grand Narrative: Comprehending the Quandary of Anti-Immigration Groups in the Neoliberal Era.” *DPSG Lecture Series*, San Antonio, TX, November 4, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL, COMMUNITY & MULTICULTURAL SERVICE:

- **Host. UTSA Geography Career Night** May 8, 2016
 Opportunity for geography undergraduates and recent graduates to meet established geographers as well as past geographer graduates now employed in private enterprise. This provides an opportunity for these students to shape their perceptions about possible careers and additional directions of study.
- **Speaker. UTSA Geography Career Night**..... May 8, 2016
 “Studying King William: a lens to show some of the applications of different career occupations rooted in the social and theoretical dimensions of Geography.” *Geographical Society Career Night*. University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas. May 8, 2016.

- **Speaker. 2015 Alamo Model United Nations Conference** November 7, 2015
“Immigration and the Global Refugee Crisis.” University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.
- **Moderator and Session Organizer** November 6, 2015
“Geographies of Power and Security in the Postmodern World.” Applied Geography Conference/Southwest.” *Association of American Geographers* (SWAAG).
- **Walking Tour: Downtown San Antonio and Historic District** November 6, 2015
For: *Applied Geography Conference/Southwest Association of American Geographers* (SWAAG). San Antonio, Texas.
- **Guest Speaker: Urban Geography** November 17, 2014
“The Mutuality of the Suburban Spiritual Crisis and Gentrification” *Urban Geography* [UTSA Guest Lecture, GRG 3513], San Antonio, TX.
- **Speaker: Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI)** July 8, 2013
“What does the Modern Map Mean?” and “Issues in Urban Geography.” University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.
- **Guest Speaker: Urban Geography** November 25, 2013
“On Gentrification and the Metropolis” *Urban Geography* [UTSA Guest Lecture, GRG 3513], San Antonio, TX, November 25, 2013.
- **Hurricane Relief Party** October 16, 2004
Wrote accompanying newspaper article and participated in the relief party undertaken by UTSA Geographical Society at Martini Ranch so as to raise funds for hurricane victims in the Caribbean
- **Madison Square Park Planting Day, 2003 Volunteer replanting of park.** (Sept. 13).
- **Master of Ceremonies, Kennedy High School. UTSA Geographical Society Geography Bee 2003.** (April 19).
- **San Antonio Conservation Society 2001** (manned Society table at Fiesta Celebration during NIOSA).
- **San Antonio Conservation Society 2002** (manned Society table at Fiesta Celebration during NIOSA).
- **San Antonio State Hospital, D.R. Seidel Learning Center, 2001.**
Lecture to developmental disabled youth on Geography and the Anglo-Acquisition of Texas. July 6, 2001.
- **Bexar County Zero Tolerance Center, 2000.**
Lecture at lockdown facility for delinquent youth on Geography and Access to Higher Education. July 5, 2000.
- **Burbank High School Baccalaureate Mentorship Program, 1997.**
Mentor for high school faculty appointed to provide college level Geography instruction for accomplished high school students.
- **Walking field trip for students of Lytle High School, 1997.**
"The Cultural Meaning of King William Architecture." February 22.

▪ **Judge, Lytle High School. UTSA Geographical Society Geography Bee, 1997.**

February 22. Participated as question-writer and judge during the Geography Bee. This activity serves to promote geographical awareness and provide incentive as well as an immediate representation of professional "Geographers" to high school students of humble socio-economic circumstance.

▪ **Judge, Harlandale High School. Geographical Society Geography Bee, 1994.** November 17. Ditto (above).

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- Fluent Spanish
- Reading knowledge of French

REFERENCES:

Available upon request