

ERIC TOMÁS CASTILLO, PH.D.

EDUCATION

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

Ph.D. in American Studies (Critical Race Studies, Visual Culture, Chicana/o Studies) 2011

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

M.A. in American Studies (Popular Culture, Cultural Studies) 2007

University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX

B.A. Communication Arts (Media Studies) 2004

STUDENT SUCCESS EXPERIENCE

Springfield College Houston

Assistant Dean and Campus Director September 2015-current

- Lead a campus that provides broadly accessible education in human services for adult learners
- Operationalize School mission to help students contribute to social and economic justice
- Oversee all marketing, recruitment, and admissions efforts
- Supervise academic support services
- Recruit, supervise, and facilitate development of full-time and adjunct faculty
- Develop academic course schedule and assign faculty
- Develop and maintain budget
- Host/facilitate diversity and inclusion workshops for students, staff, and faculty
- Develop community relations towards establishment of collaborative relationships
- Successfully added new undergraduate concentrations which aided enrollment
- Revamped advisement to increase student persistence and graduation
- Developed MBA program proposal for THECB approval
- Faculty course audit completion grew from 53% to 93%

University of Florida

Adjunct Lecturer May 2013-current

- Course instructor for online graduate program.
- Curriculum development for Advocacy and Social Change graduate online certificate
- Mentor students
- Subject-expert in diversity and social justice curriculum.

Adelante! U.S. Education and Leadership Fund

Consultant October-December 2014

- Coordinated national student leadership conference and career expo.
- Booked student flights and hotel logistics.
- Cultivated relationships with universities throughout the country.
- Managed all media relations and bilingual phone calls for our statewide and regional college readiness programs for parents and high school students.
- Managed volunteer staff for our leadership conference and career expo.

University of Houston

Visiting Scholar, Center for Mexican American Studies September 2013-June 2014

- Advised and mentored students and student organizations with a specific focus on youth empowerment and education equity.
- Facilitated various diversity workshops on campus and in the community.
- Participated in an annual Diversity Institute hosted by Counseling and Psychological Services.
- Taught an interdisciplinary undergraduate/graduate course on ethnic studies, art history, and social justice.
- Conducted research on LGBT undocumented youth's contributions to art and activism.
- Thesis committee member for Master of Arts student and studio visit mentor for Master of Fine Arts students.
- Member of Arts Leadership program.

University of Florida

Director, Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures

Assistant Director, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs (MCDA)

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Latin American Studies

Project Director, Nuestras Herencias Latin@ Oral History Project

January 2011 –August 2013

- Developed vision and strategic plan for the Institute.
- Coordinated education, outreach, and advocacy programs for students.
- Oversaw annual orientations for incoming/returning Hispanic students.
- Fundraised \$15,000 for annual conference and managed a \$35,000 budget.
- Researched and developed resource guide for undocumented students.
- Provided co-curricular education with service-learning and developed social justice workshops.
- Helped cultivate an affirming, accepting, and inclusive campus climate for students, faculty, and staff.
- Advised students, student organizations and helped cultivate empowered student leadership.
- Hired, trained, and evaluated staff and advocated for under-represented student needs.
- Coordinated program assessments.
- Created ESL Mentor Program with area high school.
- Served on university committees and developed off-campus recruitment events.

University of New Mexico

Coordinator, Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color

January 2006 – December 2010

- Coordinated support, retention, and graduation services for historically under-represented communities.
- Helped cultivate an affirming, accepting, and inclusive campus climate for students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Hosted professional development workshops and mentorship to incoming, first-generation graduate students.
- Coordinated and developed a Faculty of Color network for recruitment, support, and retention.
- Coordinated leadership development workshops and research-based opportunities.
- Facilitated diversity and racial justice workshops.
- Managed a \$96,000 budget.
- Advised students and student organizations and supervised and evaluated staff.
- Directed statewide academic and leadership conference.

- Developed long-range vision and strategic planning.
- Created symposia and guest lecture series and coordinated program assessments.
- Active member of Title V federal grant committee
- Created staff and board member policies and procedures.

National Hispanic Cultural Center

Visual Arts Intern

Summer 2010

- Created a six-week docent-training course designed to help volunteers better understand Latina/o art and cultural production.
- Developed a docent and intern resource guide on Latina/o art and museum education.

TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

University of Florida, Global Strategic Communications Program

Adjunct Lecturer (online)

2013-CURRENT

Instructor of graduate-level online courses that critically engages with and analyzes the political history of social movements, contemporary visual studies, and methods for community organizing. Developing an online graduate program on advocacy, social change, and grassroots leadership.

University of Houston, School of Art

Visiting Scholar, Mexican American Art & Social Change

Spring 2014

Interdisciplinary course that explores the aesthetic and conceptual work of art activism, social movements, and creative expression in Mexican American revolutionary periods.

University of Houston, Youth Empowerment Alliance

Social Justice Media Training

March 2014

Two-hour training session geared toward providing UH students with the knowledge, awareness, and skills to engage in social justice media advocacy.

Own the DREAM, Houston Non-Profit

Building Community through Alternative Media Training

April 2014

Training offering skills and education on grassroots youth empowerment strategies for high school and college students.

University of Florida, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs

Multiculturalism and Diversity Training Retreat

2011, 2012

Two-day retreat providing cultural competency skills and leadership development for student leaders; engagement in meaningful dialogue and diversity curriculum; community building and community empowerment strategies.

University of New Mexico, American Studies

Instructor, "Introduction to Southwest Studies"

2007, 2010

Interdisciplinary survey course on Southwest art, life, cultures, and histories with a strong focus on race, cultural theory, and legal studies.

Instructor, “Chicana/Chicano Cultural Theory” (English and Chicana/o Studies) 2010

Upper-division course exploring politics and aesthetics of history and contemporary Chicana/o cultural production.

Instructor, “Chicana/Chicano Visual and Narrative Style” (American and Chicana/o Studies) 2009, 2010

Upper-division course studying the theories, methodologies, and aesthetic practices that encompass Chicana/o art and expressive culture.

Instructor, “Introduction to Chicano/Hispano/Mexicano Studies” (Chicana/o Studies) 2006-2007

Interdisciplinary survey course on Chicana/o history, popular culture, literary traditions, cultural production, and social movements.

AWARDS

Visiting Scholar, University of Houston	2013 – 2014
Faculty Fellowship to Israel and Palestine, National Jewish Foundation	May 2013 – June 2013
Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship	2009 – 2011
UNM George I. Sánchez Dissertation Fellowship	2008-2009
UNM Juan and Virginia Chacón Dissertation Fellowship	2008
New Mexico Higher Education Development Fellowship	2006-2010
UNM Southwest Hispanic Research Institute Fellowship	2006-2007

CAMPUS SERVICE

Diversity and Inclusion Campus Climate committee	2011-2017
Institute of Black Cultures director search committee	2011 & 2012
Title V Graduate Resource Center grant advisory board	2010
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning Resource Center board	2009-2010
Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships Committee Chair	2007-2009
Peer Mentoring for Graduates of Color Advisory Board member	2006-2008

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Annual Diversity Institute, University of Houston	2014
LGBT Gator Allies Trained, University of Florida	2013
QPR Suicide Prevention Trained, University of Florida	2011, 2012
Bias Incident/Hate Crime Reporting Certified, University of Florida	2011
LGBT Safe Zone Trained, University of New Mexico	2009, 2010

THESIS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

University of Houston

Thesis Committee Member 2014

Ida Gaunt, Art History M.A. Candidate

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Thesis Committee Member 2010

Alberto Ramón Gutierrez, Art Therapy M.A. Candidate

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Luis Jiménez: Artwork in Denver" National Association of Chicana/Chicano Studies newsletter 2016*Luis Jiménez* book project with *A Ver* book series.

Chicano Studies Research Center, University of California, Los Angeles TBD

"Race Migrations" book review*Estudios Interdisciplinarios de América y el Caribe*, Tel Aviv, Israel. 2014*"Lowrider Space: Aesthetics and Politics of Mexican American Custom Cars"* 2014Book review, *Humanities and Social Sciences Online H-Net**"Enrique Lamadrid"* Bibliographical Entry

Latino Folklore Encyclopedia 2012

"The Art of Sustenance: Francisco Guevara and Edible Art as Identity Politics"

Síntesis (Spanish Periodical) 2010

Defining Success: Students of Color Navigating the Ivory Towers

Keynote Address, Faculty of Color Awards, University of New Mexico 2014

We Make the Road By Walking: Trials and Triumphs Inside/Outside the Academy

Keynote Address, Emerging Scholars Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Platteville 2014

How the West was Juan: Reimagining Iconography in the US West

Latin American Studies Lecture Series, University of Florida 2013

Race, Space, and Public Debate: Public Monuments Shaping Landscapes

Race and Houston Symposium, Rice University 2013

What's Race Got to do with it? Students of Color in Higher Education

Students of Color in Higher Education Conference, University of Florida 2012

Many Backgrounds, Many Stories, One American Spirit

Keynote Address, Hispanic Heritage Month Ceremony, Veterans' Affairs Hospital, Florida 2011

- Latino Males in Higher Education: An Empowerment Narrative*
Keynote Address, Latino Males in Higher Education Symposium,
University of Florida 2011
- Immigrant Aesthetics: Art and the Politics of Empowerment*
Critical Knowledge Symposium, University of New Mexico 2010
- Razed on the Border: Race, Citizenship, and the Art of Belonging*
National Association of Chicana/Chicano Studies, Seattle, Washington 2010
- Myth and Monument in Old Town Albuquerque: Southwest Pieta and the
War of Presiding Histories*
Racial Formations in Popular Culture Lecture, University of New Mexico 2010
- Strategies of Rhetorical Violence: Racial Formation on the U.S.-Mexico
Border*
American Studies Association, Albuquerque, NM 2008
- Radical Subjectivities: El Buen Pastor and the Deconstruction of the U.S.
Body Politic*
National Association of Chicana/Chicano Studies, Austin, TX 2008
- Rasquache on la Frontera: Luis Jiménez's Southwest Pieta and the
Reconquest of U.S. Landscapes* National Association of Chicana/Chicano
Studies, San Jose, CA 2007
- Lowriding as a Rebel Art Force*
Rocky Mountain American Studies Conference, Albuquerque, NM 2006
- Revolucionarios en Ruedas: Lowriding and Rebel Art*
Southwest/Texas Popular Culture/American Culture Conference,
Albuquerque, NM 2006

LANGUAGES

- English—Native Language
Span(gl)ish—Speak with competency

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
National Organization for Human Services
League of Latin American Citizens
American Studies Association
American College Professionals Association
College Art Association
National Association of Chicana/Chicano Studies
National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ORGANIZING

- Lakewood Church, volunteer** 2013-current

Volunteer for various toy, toiletry, food, and school supplies drives. Prayer partner since 2016.

National Undocumented Research Project, volunteer 2013-2014

Contacted local student and community groups to inform them about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; helped manage a database of new and existing contacts; helped distribute survey about DACA.

National Immigrant Youth Alliance, organizer 2011-2013

Contributed to various online advocacy initiatives around immigration; participated in family reunification event at the Laredo-Nuevo Laredo border; participated in conference calls and local NIYA events in Florida and Texas.

Campaign for an American DREAM, national outreach chair 2011-2013

Coordinated national conference calls; established partnerships with local, regional, and national non-profit organizations; created and maintained database of national allies; worked with Logistics chair to identify local partners to house and support our youth as they walked through towns educating communities about the DREAM Act.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice, community organizer 2011-2013

Contributed to a coalition of non-profits to educate local faith groups and student organizations on matters pertaining to immigration and farmworker justice; working with state-wide and national non-profits to establish programs geared towards fair food/fair trade; coordinated teach-ins, weeks of action, and awareness programs across North Central Florida.

Ignite Life Center, church leadership team 2012-2013

Helped train and manage tithes collection at church; provided insight about the vision and strategic plan of the church's local efforts; coordinated "DREAM Sabbath" service.

The New Mexico Coalition, leadership team 2009-2010

Led a coalition of student and youth groups to organize around issues such as education equity, immigrant rights, and student funding parity. We coordinated lobby days at the state legislature.

Student Coalition for Diversity, volunteer 2006-2010

Coordinated presentations for University of New Mexico administration about matters pertaining to graduate students of color; developed workshop materials to share with stakeholders about university policy and issues students of color face.

Mexican American Unity Council 2004

Volunteered at a bilingual elementary school.

Rock the Vote Registration and Education Campaign 2003-2004

Served as liaison with the national campaign to recruit volunteers to register new voters, host forums, generate voter interest, and outreach to local colleges and community centers, and facilitate voter education workshops.

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

2000-2003

Various volunteer roles: Set-up/cleanup for events; folded pamphlets and materials; answered phone calls.

Mexican American Youth Organization

1999-2000

Facilitated high school student group meetings; helped identify student needs for campus programs; contributed to building an informed and empowered high school student community.