TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name and Title

Name: Eraldo E. G. Chiecchi Title: Associate Professor of Practice

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
MFA	2021	University of Texas at El Paso	Creative Writing	
BA	1986	University of Texas at El Paso	Journalism	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Comments*	*Dates*
Associate Professor, Mass Communication and Journalism	Texas State University. San Marcos, TX, United States		September 1, 2020 - Present
Associate Professor, Communication	University of Texas at El Paso. El Paso, TX	I left UTEP to teach at Texas State University.	August 15, 2016 - July 15, 2021

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

Teaching Online at Texas State University, Texas State University. (August 1, 2020 - Present).

Teaching Online Academy Certificate, University of Texas at El Paso. (May 1, 2020 - Present).

II. TEACHING

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University:

MC 1313 - MEDIA WRITING

MC 3321 - NEWS WRI & REP I

MC 4312 - PHOTOJOURNALISM

MC 4323 - MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM

MC 4356G - MAGAZINE WRITING

MC 4386 - JOURNALISM PROJECT

University of Texas at El Paso:

COMM 1302 - Business/Professional Communication

COMM 2373 - Intermediate Multimedia Writing

COMM 3316 - Digital Photography

COMM 4350 - Advanced Photography

C. Directed Student Learning (i.e. theses, dissertations, exit committees, etc.):

Member, Master's Thesis, "The Talk", Status: Completed. (January 1, 2023 - December 1, 2023). Creative Writing, University of Texas at El Paso.
Student(s): Anthony Mungin, Graduate, Creative Writing.

Member, Master's Thesis, "She Poses on a Wailing Stage", Status: Completed. (January 1, 2023 - May 1, 2023). Creative Writing, University of Texas at El Paso.
Student(s): Kara Hollowell, Graduate, Creative Writing.

Member, Master's Thesis, "Train Sounds", Status: Completed. (January 1, 2021 - December 1, 2021). Creative Writing, University of Texas at El Paso.
Student(s): Nancy Polin, Graduate, Creative Wrtiting.

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Photojournalism - MC 4312, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University. Approved: August 2023 - December 2023.

Additional Comments: Photojournalism, MC 4312, was an existing course and I was assigned to teach it starting in fall 2023. I had taught a similar class while teaching at UTEP in my previous employment. However, I had to entirely revamp the class because there wasn't much to work with when I inherited the class. I adopted a number of successful assignments and other measures from the class I taught previously, but I also adopted a number of assignments that were unique to Texas State University. To a great degree, this is a new class. It is totally recreated.

F. Other:

Guest Lecture, MC 4356G - Magazine Writing, SJMC. San Marcos, TX. 5. (October 26, 2022).

Additional Comments: Nancy M. Prior-Johnson was our guest speaker, discussing editorial-writing for newspapers and web sites. She is on the editorial board at the San Antonio Express-News.

Guest Lecture, MC 4356G - Magazine Writing, SJMC. San Marcos, TX. 5. (October 19, 2022).

Additional Comments: San Antonio Express-News feature writer Rich Marini spoke to our class about writing magazine-length stories and freelancing.

Guest Lecture, MC 4356G - Magazine Writing, SJMC. San Marcos, TX. 5. (October 3, 2022).

Additional Comments: Former NASA astronaut Danny Olivas spoke to my magazine-writing class and students wrote a feature story about him and his Space Shuttle adventures.

Guest Lecture, MC 4356G - Magazine Writing, SJMC. San Marcos, TX. 5. (September 27, 2022).

Additional Comments: People magazine reporter-writer Elaine Aradillas spoke to my class to discuss magazine-length profiles and features.

Guest Lecture, MC 4356G - Magazine Writing, SJMC. San Marcos, TX. 5. (September 14, 2022).

Additional Comments: Wall Street Journal reporter Erin Ailworth spoke to the class about long-form feature stories and finding a story in the apparently mundane.

Guest Lecture, MC 4356G - Magazine Writing, SJMC. San Marcos, TX. 5. (September 7, 2022).

Additional Comments: Former reporter and editor Carlos Sanchez address the students about the connection between Central Texas and the border.

Selected four students to visit Uvalde - site of an elementary school mass shooting, Four students interviewed four sets of parents who lost children in a mass shooting, SJMC. Uvalde, TX, United States. 4. (March 31, 2023).

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Additional Comments: Not only did the four students selected interview parents of children killed in one of the state's worst mass shootings at a school, but the students also interviewed a Texas State University student who lost her 10-year-old sister. The Uvalde Reporting Project students were outstanding, selected from two Journalism Project classes. The selection and work from these students was one side of the equation. The other side was getting their work published. The work, five stories and photos, appeared in the May 21 edition of the Austin American-Statesman. The newspaper dedicated a large portion of the front page and four full pages inside to this project. Our students work served as the Statesman's anniversary coverage ahead of the May 24 anniversary. This was a tour de force.

Seminar, Invite students from Laredo's Vidal M. Trevino School of Communications & Fine Arts to Mass Comm Week, SJMC and the DD Hachar. San Marcos, TX, United States. 50. (October 4, 2023).

Seminar, Three-day field trip to Laredo for magazine-writing class students, SJMC and the D.D. Hachar Charitable Trust of Laredo. Laredo, TX. 50. (November 2, 2022 - November 5, 2022).

Additional Comments: This was a wide-ranging field trip where we blended the cultural with financial, and students learned while meeting with high school students at Vidal M. Trevino School of Communications & Fine Arts, border officials, parents and so many more people. Students reported constantly by tweeting their activities and who they met and learned from. We started the series of meetings by visiting the 14-lane international trucking bridge in Laredo, learning about the remarkable amount of commerce between Laredo and its sister city in Mexico. We met with a series of officials about business. We spent the second day, meeting with Trevino students at their school. SJMC students participated in a panel discussion, telling Trevino students about the college experience and funding for that. Our students then attended a cultural event - a festival celebrating Hispanic culture at the school. Again, students tweeted and photographed the event as part of their assignment. The following day, we met with City of Laredo officials to learn more about how the city functions economically and its plans. Students reported about the events as part of their class responsibilities.

Seminar, Invite students from Laredo's Vidal M. Trevino School of Communications & Fine Arts to Mass Comm Week, SJMC and D.D. Hachar Charitable Trust of Laredo. San Marcos, TX. 60. (October 4, 2022).

2022 Flyer Hachar Schedule Laredo Vidal XX-1.docx

Additional Comments: After several years of being on hiatus, we invited some 55 students and teachers to Mass Communication's Week as part of our partnership with the D.D. Hachar Charitable Trust of Laredo. Students participated in a daylong seminar where they listened to speakers, interacted with SJMC students, learned about financial aid opportunities and so much more. Students visited student-operated media, such as the University Star and the radio station. Our featured speaker was Reynaldo Leanos, a SJMC

graduate, and now with Latino USA. We bused the students from Laredo to campus and back, using funds provided by a grant from the trust. Reports from teachers and students were exceptional and some students asked if they could return in 2023 when we are scheduled to do this again. I worked on this project since the start of the semester, and possibly as early as the late summer, through the program date. I've kept in contact with Leo Arispe at the school. We've started preliminary planning for 2023 despite we are some 10 months out. We will be fine-tuning the schedule in consultation with SJMC faculty and administration.

Uvalde Reporting Project - Texas Public Radio, Texas Public Radio running Uvalde Reporting Project, SJMC. Austin, TX, United States. 4. (May 10, 2023 - May 16, 2023).

Additional Comments: Not only did the four students selected interview parents of children killed in one of the state's worst mass shootings at a school, but the students also interviewed a Texas State University student who lost her 10-year-old sister. The Uvalde Reporting Project students were outstanding, selected from two Journalism Project classes. The selection and work from these students was one side of the equation. The other side was getting their work heard. Texas Public Radio, based in Austin, ran the students' audio pieces statewide in the week or so prior to the anniversary of the mass shooting. This was yet another tour de force in addition to the Statesman's coverage.

Here's the link:

https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/categories/voices-from-uvalde/

Student Accomplishments:

Performance:

Mentor, Milky Way photo shoot. "Milky Way," Photography Milky Way, Junction, Texas. (October 14, 2023).
Student(s): Elissa Jorgenssen, Graduate, MMJ.
Cameron Green, Undergraduate, MMJ.
June Vega, Undergraduate, Advertising.
Laik Woodward, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Milky Way students-1.jpg
Additional Comments: The four students and I drove to Junction, Texas, some 2.5 hours southwest of campus to photograph the Milky Way. We stayed at a Texas Tech facility and students produced some extraordinary work, often working as a team and consulting with each other to get the best images.

Published Work:

Mentor, Photos published in the Austin American-Statesman. "Activists protest San Marcos aviation company for flying asylum seekers to

California," Protest coverage at San Marcos airport, San Marcos, Texas. Status: Completed. (October 27, 2023). SJMC, Texas State University.
Student(s): Cameron Green, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Laik Woodward, Undergraduate, MMJ.
June Vega, Undergraduate, Advertising.
Elissa Jorgensen, Graduate, Multimedia.
Kaylie Beavers, Undergraduate, MMJ.

Additional Comments: These five students photographed a protest at an aviation company at the San Marcos Regional Airport in San Marcos, Texas. The work of the students was published in the Austin American-Statesman newspaper as well as on their website.

Here's the link:

https://www.statesman.com/picture-gallery/news/2023/10/26/activists-protest-san-marcos-aviation-company-for-flying-asylum-seekers-to-california/71233917007/

Mentor, Multimedia student project captures voices of Uvalde victims' families. "Multimedia student project captures voices of Uvalde victims' families," Uvalde Reporting Project students featured on university newsroom site, San Marcos, Texas. Status: Completed. (May 25, 2023). SJMC, Texas State University.
Student(s): Rasika Gasti, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Elissa Jorgenssen, Undergraduate, MMJ.
John Gamez, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Ezekiel Ramirez, Undergraduate, MMJ.

Additional Comments: The work of the students who worked on the Uvalde Reporting Project was featured on the Texas State University newsroom website. The site then linked to the work featured elsewhere, such as the Texas Standard.

Here's the newsroom link:

https://news.txst.edu/student-experience/2023/multimedia-students-captures-voices-of-uvalde-victims-families.html

Mentor, Uvalde Reporting Project. "Relatives Battle for Uvalde Victims," Anniversary of mass shooting at Uvalde elementary school, Austin, Texas. Status: Completed. (May 21, 2023). SJMC, Texas State University.
Student(s): John Gamez, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Ezekiel Ramirez, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Elissa Jorgenssen, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Rasika Gasti, Undergraduate, MMJ.
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Additional Comments: These four students - two from two different Journalism Project classes- and I went to Uvalde in March 2023 to interview family members of victims from the mass shooting at a Uvalde, Texas, elementary school May 24, 2022. The students not only interviewed, but also taped via audio and video the people they interviewed. Students also produced photo galleries. All the work was published in the Austin American-Statesman on May 21, 2023 and the students' work functioned as the newspaper's anniversary coverage. Students were featured in bio boxes on the final page of the five-page package in the Statesman.

Mentor, Stories aired statewide on the Texas Standard. "Voices from Uvalde," Airing of students' interviews, Statewide. Status: Completed. (May 15, 2023). SJMC, Texas State University.
Student(s): John Gamez, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Rasika Gasti, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Ezekiel Ramirez, Undergraduate, MMJ.
Elissa Jorgenssen, Undergraduate, MMJ.

Additional Comments: Four students from Journalism Project classes and travelled to Uvalde, Texas, to interview family members who lost children in the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde. The students recorded audio of all their interviews and the interviews appeared on the Texas Standard radio show, which was broadcast at least statewide if not in national markets. The pieces ran from May 15 to May 18, 2023. Each piece was given at least five minutes, and one ran for six minutes. In the radio world, this is lengthy - a reflection of their quality.

Here's the link:

https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/categories/voices-from-uvalde/

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press):

1. Books:

e. Creative Books:

Chiecchi, E. E. G. (2023). *Non-fiction novel*. U.S.A. Retrieved from amazon.com amazon.com
Josue Print Cover V1-1.pdf
Additional Comments: The book is complete except for a few edits. It is scheduled to be available on Amazon in mid-February.

10. Other Works in Print:

Photos to accompany immigration module lessons:

Chiecchi, E. E. G. (2022). *Understanding U.S. Immigration from the border to the heartland*. St. Petersburg, Fla.: Poynter Instiutute.

Additional Comments: I was invited to submit photos for an immigration lesson as part of a Poynter Institute immigration module. Nearly 20 of my photos were used.

B. Works Not in Print:

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Higgins Joyce, V. D. (Presenter), Piscia, J. (Presenter/ Organizer), Chiecchi, D. (Presenter), Watkins, M. (Presenter), Southern Political Science Association, "Nonprofit Journalism: Implications for Political Engagement and Democracy," San Antonio, San Antonio, TX, United States. (January 13, 2022).

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

Chiecchi, E. E. G. (Moderator), Let's Talk About Mental Health, "Let's Talk About Mental Health," Texas State Disability Services, LBJ Student Center, San Marcos, TX, United States. (November 2, 2023).
Fall 2023 Mental Health Panel flier-1.pdf
Additional Comments: I was the moderator of this panel discussion.

Chiecchi, E. E. G. (Moderator), Teen & College Student Suicide: A Serious Matter, "Teen & College Student Suicide: A Serious Matter," Texas State Disability Servicesw, LBJ Student Center, San Marcos, TX, United States. (September 7, 2023).
Suicide Panel Discussion flier Fall 2023[73]-1.pdf
Additional Comments: I was the moderator and recommended this panel discussion after publishing a book on teen suicide.

Chiecchi, E. E. G. (Keynote speaker), Hispanic Media Conference, "Know Your Story," University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, United States. (September 16, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was the keynote speaker and a panelist at the annual Hispanic Media Conference at the University of Texas at Arlington. My presentation was titled "Know Your Story" to primarily Hispanic students.

Chiecchi, E. E. G., Association for Education and Mass Communications, "Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Covering Mass Shootings and Vicarious Trauma," Association for Education and Mass Communications, Washington, D.C., DC, United States. (August 7, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was the lead speaker during this panel discussion, and came up with the title of the discussion.

Chiecchi, E. E. G., Granite Media Partners, "Vicarious Trauma Covering the News," Granite Media Partners, Grante Media Partners conference, Taylor, TX. (December 9, 2022).

Additional Comments: I spoke about the need for balance in the worklife of journalists, and the trauma of covering some stories.

Chiecchi, E. E. G., Association for Education and Mass Communication, "Barrier Breakers," Association for Education and Mass Communication, Association for Education and Mass Communication, Detroit, MI. (August 3, 2022).

Additional Comments: I was one of five presenters, discussing breaking barriers in journalism.

Chiecchi, E. E. G., Granite Media Partners, "Finding Diverse Voices while Covering Stories," Granite Media Partners, Conference, Taylor, TX. (June 3, 2022).

Fox, K. J. (Panelist), Chiecchi, E. ". (Moderator), Malone, D. (Panelist), Olivares, V. (Panelist), Texas Association of Managing Editors Annual Conference 2022, "Combating the Assault on Student Media," Texas Association of Managing Editors, NYLO Hotel, Irving, TX. (April 29, 2022).

Additional Comments: Conference attendees are editors and publishers from Texas media outlets, primarily newspapers, varying in size - from the Houston Chronicle the Texas Tribune to small-town weeklies.

Chiecchi, E. E. G., Welcome new students, "Bobcat Days," Texas State University, LBJ, San Marcos, TX. (February 19, 2022).

Additional Comments: I represented the journalism sequence.

Chiecchi, E. E. G., Southern Political Science Association, "Nonprofit Journalism: Implications for Political Engagement and Democracy," Southern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX. (January 13, 2022).

Additional Comments: I was one of four presenters.

D. Scholarly / Creative Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Award / Honor Recipient: Honorable Mention, International Latino Book Awards. August 1, 2021

E. Scholarly / Creative Professional Development Activities Attended:

Seminar, "Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas," Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, Austin, TX, United States. (September 28, 2023).

Additional Comments: I attended the conference and took one student with me. He needed transportation to the conference.

Seminar, "Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Covering Mass Shootings and Vicarious Trauma," Association for Education and Mass Communications, Washington, DC, DC, United States. (January 1, 2023 - August 8, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was the opening speaker and panelist at this conference panel discussion on mass shootings.

Seminar, "Barrier Breakers," Association for Education and Mass Communications, Detroit, MI. (August 2, 2022 - August 4, 2022).

Additional Comments: I was one of five speakers on a panel about being a "Barrier Breaker." AEJMC will follow up with a book which will include my comments and story, as well as a presentation later in 2023 at Texas A&M International-Laredo.

F. Media Recognition:

Newspaper, University Star. (November 28, 2023).

Additional Comments: My book and the article written about it were ranked No. 4 on the list of Top Stories of the year.

Newspaper, University Star. (November 8, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was featured on the front page of the student newspaper in an article about my book, Josue

https://www.ktsm.com/video/borderland-journalist-tackles-teen%e2%80%99s-suicide-in-new-book/8709928/

Newspaper, University Star. (October 27, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was one of the professors interviewed for a panel discussion on teen suicide.

https://news.txst.edu/student-experience/2023/txst-ods-hosts-mental-health-panel.html

Newspaper, El Paso Times. (June 6, 2023).
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Additional Comments: I was featured on the front page of the El Paso Times in an article about my book, Josue.

Radio, Words on a Wire. (May 16, 2023).

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Additional Comments: I was interviewed on this radio program about my book, "Josue: A Young's Man Life Lost to Suicide." The interview ran 26 minutes and was archived here:

https://www.ktep.org/show/words-on-a-wire/2023-05-16/tim-z-hernandez-in-conversation-with-dino-chiecchi

TV, KVIA-TV. (June 10, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was interviewed and featured on the afternoon newscast about my book, Josue.

Here's the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=be06qVOfaSU

TV, KTSM-TV. (June 6, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was interviewed and featured on the afternoon newscast about my book, Josue.

https://www.ktsm.com/video/borderland-journalist-tackles-teen%e2%80%99s-suicide-in-new-book/8709928/

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:

Member, University Star Advisory Committee. (August 15, 2023 - Present).

Chair, UTEP Student Publications Committee - chairman. (September 1, 2017 - May 15, 2021).

2. College:

Member, National Association of Hispanic Journalists - chapter adviser. (September 1, 2016 - May 15, 2021).

3. Department/School:

Member, SJMC Personnel Committee. (August 15, 2021 - September 1, 2025).

Additional Comments: I am a member of this committee.

B. Professional:

Chair, Council of Advisers - NAHJ 40th Anniversary, Washington, D.C., DC, United States. (May 1, 2023 - Present).

Additional Comments: NAHJ is celebrating 40 years since it was founded. I am serving as the chair of the Council of Advisers for its celebration and convention in July 2024. The convention will be in Hollywood, Calif.

Member, Texas Associated Press Managing Editors, Dallas, TX. (April 1, 2017 - Present).

Additional Comments: I have served this organization in a number of duties, including president.

Contest Judge, CCNMA - Ruben Salazar Scholarship, Los Angeles, CA, United States. (September 15, 2023 - October 1, 2023).

Additional Comments: I was a contest judge for a national contest sponsored by this prestigious organization.

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Additional Comments: I was a contest for a national contest judge sponsored by this prestigious organization.

D. Organization Memberships:

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). (May 1, 2023 - Present).

Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). (January 1, 2021 - Present).

Texas Associated Press Managing Editors (TXAPME). (March 1, 2007 - Present).

National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ). (January 1, 1988 - Present).

National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ). (January 1, 1986 - Present).

Additional Comments: I'm a longtime and lifelong member of this organization. I'm in the group's Hall of Fame, inducted in 2017.

San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists (SAAHJ). (January 1, 1986 - Present).

E. Service Honors and Awards:

Award / Honor Recipient: Jack Douglas Award, Texas Managing Editors.
April 14, 2023 - April 16, 2023

Additional Comments: I was awarded the organization's highest honor for my years of service to the organization.

G. Service Professional Development Activities Attended:

Workshop, "Student Media under Assault," Texas Managing Editors, Irving, TX. (April 29, 2022 - May 1, 2022).

Additional Comments: I organized and moderated a panel discussion about student press freedoms under assault. I attended other workshops and panel discussions.