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Alejandro Garza

Professional Experience

Lecturer of Spanish

Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas
May 2026 – Present

Teaching undergraduate Spanish courses and contributing to the Department of Modern Languages through instruction, student mentorship, and academic engagement.

Associate Professor of Spanish

Tarrant County College – Fort Worth, Texas
August 2009 – May 2026

Spanish Instructor

Columbia College – Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas
August 2016 – June 2018

Spanish Instructor

University of British Columbia – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
September 2007 – May 2009

Spanish Instructor / International Public Relations Coordinator

English Language Learners Initiative (MELL/META Programs)
Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas
August 2004 – July 2007

Spanish Instructor

Alamo Community College District – Northeast Lakeview College
San Antonio, Texas
January 2007 – July 2007

Teaching Assistant – Spanish Program

Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas
January 2002 – July 2004

Instructional Assistant – Modern Languages Department

Southwest Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas
January 2001 – December 2002

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Higher Education *(ABD, in Progress)*

University of North Texas – Denton, Texas, USA

Graduate Coursework in Hispanic Applied Linguistics

University of British Columbia – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
2009

Master of Arts, Spanish

Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas, USA
2005

Master of Arts, International Studies

Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas, USA
2003

Bachelor of Arts, General Art

Southwest Texas State University – San Marcos, Texas, USA
2001

Associate of Arts, Art

Palo Alto College – San Antonio, Texas, USA
1998

Bachelor of Arts, Advertising

Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León – Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico
1995

Professional Affiliations

- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- Canadian Association of Hispanics
- Community College Humanities Association
- Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education
- Texas Foreign Language Association
- CALICO (Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium)

Selected Presentations

- **“My Immigration Story.”** Tarrant County College, 2021.
- **“800 Kilometers to Santiago: A Story About a Man on His Pilgrimage.”** Texas Christian University, 2021.
- **“Let Us All Be from Somewhere.”** Panel Moderator on Immigration, Tarrant County College, 2020.
- **“Conservation as a Cross-Discipline Connection for Student Engagement.”** ACTFL Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 2019.
- **“Afro-Latin Cultures.”** Cultural lecture and photography exhibition, 2019.
- **“Hispanic Heritage Month Photo Exhibit.”** Tarrant County College, 2019.
- **“Viajando con Alejandro / Traveling with Alejandro.”** Texas Christian University and Tarrant County College, 2018–2019.
- **“Acculturation of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America.”** University of British Columbia, 2018.
- **“Caras Latinoamericanas.”** Galería Narciso, Medellín, Colombia, 2018.

- **“Panel Discussion on Multiculturalism in the Classroom.”** INTED Conference, Valencia, Spain, 2017.
- **“Trendy Technology in the Classroom to Achieve Student Engagement.”** SOCALLT Conference, University of Houston, 2016.
- **“Happiness in the Classroom and Its Connection with Student Retention.”** SWCOLT Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2016.
- **“Transforming Texas Students into Global Citizens.”** University of British Columbia, 2014.
- **“Lessons from Costa Rica: TCC Study Abroad.”** Tarrant County College, 2014.
- **“Nahuatl Influence in Mexican Spanish.”** Latin American Culture and Language Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2010.
- **“Learning Styles and Writing Strategies in the Spanish Communicative Classroom.”** Canadian Association of Hispanics Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 2008.

Publications

Books / Creative Works

- Garza, Alejandro. *Viajando con Alejandro: Passport to the Hispanic World Through My Photography.* Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, 2019.

Research Publications

- Fischer, Joyce & Garza, Alejandro. *A Report of Spanish Resources for Mathematics Teachers of English Language Learners.* Department of Mathematics, Texas State University, 2007.

Literary Publications

- “Todavía.” *Al principio* 32, Texas State University, 2012.
- “Mi nombre.” *Marine Creek Reflections*, Tarrant County College, 2010.
- “Sombras.” *Al principio* 24, Texas State University, 2006.

Professional Development & Seminars

- **Engaged Learning Institute** – Tarrant County College, 2021.
- **Salzburg Global Seminar** – Salzburg, Austria, 2014.
- **Instructional Skills Workshop for Spanish Instructors** – Vancouver, Canada, 2008.
- **Mathematics in México Seminar** – Guadalajara, Mexico, 2006.
- **Spanish Teaching Methodology Seminar** – Valladolid, Spain, 2004.