CURRICULUM VITAE

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College of Education and Human Development

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1995- 2001 **Doctorate of Education in Physical Education**, University of Houston.

1993-1995 **Master of Science in Kinesiology,** Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

1988-1993 **Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology,** Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW (30 years in Higher Education)

Academic Administrative Experience

Lamar University

2023-2024 Dean, College of Education and Human Development/ Professor of Kinesiology.

University of Louisiana Monroe

2021-2022 Associate Athletic Director for Student Athlete Excellence.
2019-2021 Vice President for Academic Affairs/ Professor of Kinesiology.

Texas A&M University Kingsville

2010-2019 Dean, College of Education and Human Performance/ Professor of Kinesiology.
2009-2010 Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Performance/ Associate Professor of Kinesiology.
2008-2009 Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Performance/ Associate Professor of Kinesiology.
2007-2008 Interim Department Chair, Bilingual Education.
2006-2007 Undergraduate Program Coordinator Associate Professor of Kinesiology.
2003-2005 Interim Department Chair, Health & Kinesiology, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology.
2001-2006 Graduate Program Coordinator for Health and Kinesiology, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology.

Academic Teaching Experience

Lamar University

2023-present Professor of Kinesiology (Tenured).

University of Louisiana Monroe

2019-2023 Professor of Kinesiology (Tenured).

Texas A&M University Kingsville

2011-2019 Professor of Kinesiology (Tenured).
2006-2010 Associate Professor (Tenured).
2001-2006 Assistant Professor (Tenure Track).

Academic Program Innovation

Lamar University

2024 Master's of Education in Literacy Leadership
2024 Alternative Certification Program

University of Louisiana Monroe

2021 Doctorate of Physical Therapy
2020 Ph.D. in Pharmacology
2019 Master's of Music Education
2019 Bachelor's of Arts in Music Education

Texas A&M University Kingsville

2016 Master's of Teacher Education
2015 Master's of Rural Mental Health Counseling
2014 Bachelor of Science in Sports Psychology
2013 Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science-Pre-Physical Therapy
2012 Bachelor of Science in Sports Management

Student Success and Research

- Increase in Enrollment, 32%.
- Increase in Student Retention, 44% to 70.9%.
- Increase in Weighted Semester Credit Hour Growth (WSCH), 25%.
- Increase in Semester Credit Hour Production (SCH), 35%.
- Increase in External Research Funding, $400,000 to $1,689,000 (76%).
- Increase in Faculty Research Productivity, threefold.
- Student Athlete GPA- 3.36.
- Several national rankings for online education programming.
- Two National Undergraduate Research Scholars for Undergraduate Exercise Science.
- Kappa Delta Pi National Student Teacher of the Year Award.
- Carnegie Classification- High Research Activity (R2), Lamar University.
- Carnegie Classification- High Research Activity (R2), Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Community Relations

- 2019-2021 City of West Monroe Chamber of Commerce- Board of Directors, Louisiana.
- 2012-2019 Teacher Education Partnerships with South Texas Community College and Texas State Technical College, Texas.
- 2009-2019 Rotary International- Sunrise Rotary Kingsville, **President (2010-2012),** Paul Harris Fellow, and member, Texas.
- 2018-2019 South Texas Dream Come True Foundation- Board Member, Texas.
- 2015-2019 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education- Board Member, Washington, D.C.
- 2014-2019 Kingsville ISD Educational Foundation Board- **President (2015-2019),** Texas.
- 2011-2019 South Texas Water Authority Board, Kingsville, Texas- Board Member, Texas.
- 2013-2018 University Partnership with Premont Independent School District, Texas.

- 2011-2012 South Texas Regional P-16 Educational Council- Member, Texas.
- 2007-2010 Site Base Decision-Making Committee- Kingsville Independent School District, Memorial Middle School- Member, Texas.
- 2005-2010 Site Base Decision-Making Committee- Santa Gertrudis Independent School District, Academy High School- Member, Texas.

Professional Related Experience

- 1990- present Sports Official, UIL/Texas High School. Basketball, Football, Track & Field, Baseball, and Softball.
- 2019 NCAA Division II Track and Field National Meet Official, Texas A&M University Kingsville, May, 2019.
- 1991-2016 NCAA Basketball Sports Official- Division II Men's Basketball Official; Division I, NCAA Division II and Division III Woman's Basketball Official.
- 2006 NCAA Division II Woman's National Basketball Tournament Official.
- 2002-2004 University Interscholastic League (UIL) Boy's State Basketball Official, Ausitn, Texas.

HONORS/AWARDS

2024 Texas Association of Sports Officials- Distinguished Service Award.
2024 Texas Association of Sports Officials- Honorary Life Member Award.
2023 Texas A&M University-Kingsville- Heritage Day Recognition for Javelina Spirit.
2019 NCAA National Track Meet Official, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, May, 2019.
2016 Rotary International- Paul Harris Fellow.
2010-2012 Rotary International Sunrise Club, Kingsville, Texas- President 2010-2012.
2010 Alice Independent School District- Alice High School Alumni Award 2009-2010.
2008 Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Rising Star Award, Alumni Association.
2006 NCAA- 2006 National Girl's Division II Tournament- Basketball Official.
2008 Who's Who Among America's Teachers- 12th Edition (2008).
2005 Who's Who Among America's Teachers- 9th Edition (2005).
2005 Professional poster presented at the *Research Consortium Poster Session: Sharing Research Across the HPERD Disciplines*- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2005. Top 1%.
2002-2004 University Interscholastic League (UIL) Boy's State Basketball Tournament Official.
2003 Most Outstanding Professional Poster Presentation- Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Galveston, TX, December 3, 2003.
2002 Most Outstanding Professional Poster Presentation- Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Forth Worth, TX, December 6, 2002.

SELECTED MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lamar University- Dean and Professor (2023-2024)

- Enrollment increase of 3%.
- Largest graduate enrollment in Texas~5,974 students.
- Semester Credit Hour Production increase of 3.5%.
- Doctoral Semester Credit Hour Production increased 14%, Fall 2024.
- Completed COEHD Strategic Plan, 2024-2030.
- New academic programs: Master of Arts, Teacher Education; Alternative Certification Program.
- Texas Education Agency (TEA) Reading Academy Designation.
- US Prep Partnership.
- Strategic hiring of 15 faculty members in 2024.
- Hired Budget Manager, Director of Assessment, and TEA Graduate Certification Officer.

University of Louisiana Monroe- Vice President for Academic Affairs (2019-2021)

- Obtained SACSCOC approval to offer Doctor of Physical Therapy program, initial start date in Fall, 2023.
- Initiated process for accreditation for Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CATPE) for Physical Therapy Program.
- Only public School of Pharmacy in Louisiana.
- Introduced new programs: Ph.D. in Pharmacology; Master's of Music Education; Bachelor's of Arts in Music; several graduate certificates.
- Largest graduate enrollment in school history > 1,500 students, an institutional record.
- ULM Online enrollment > 2,000 students, an institutional record.
- Named National University by U.S. News & World Report.
- Ranked #1 in the nation for "Top Best Value Online RN to BSN Programs" by CollegeStart org.
- ULM Online 25 Best No-GMAT Online MBA Programs.
- Online MBA ranked an impressive 5th of 25 (550 programs evaluated), only university in Louisiana with this distinction.
- ULM Online Bachelor of Business Administration- 10 Most Affordable Bachelor's in Business Online.
- ULM Online Bachelor of General Studies named one of the best in the country.
- TheBestSchools.org- Best Online Bachelor's in General Studies Programs, ULM ranked 24 in top 45 universities in the nation.

Texas A&M University Kingsville- Dean (2009-2019)

- Increase of enrollment from 1,000 to 1,450 students, increase of 31%.
- Increase of freshman retention rate from 44% to 70.9%.
- Increase of semester credit hour production by 25%,
- Increase of external funding, from $400,000 to $1,689,000 (76%).
- Only college in the country with two Promoting Post-Baccalaureate Opportunity for Hispanic Americans grants from US Department of Education, $6.5 million over 5 years.
- Awarded US Department of Education Javelina Teacher Preparation Enhancement Project, $2.75 million, Principal Investigator.
- TAMUK STC and TAMUK TSTC partnerships, increased from 35 students to 275 students in teacher education programs in the Rio Grande Valley.
- TAMUK Premont ISD partnership, school district met standard for four out of five years.
- TExES pass rate of 95%.
- Increase of 12 new faculty lines, 32 to 44 members.
- Two TAMUS Regent's professors, teaching and research faculty member awards.
- Introduced new academic programs: Sport Psychology; Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy; Sports Management; Rural Mental Health Counseling (M.S.); Teacher Education (M.S. 100% online); STEM Education Doctoral Transcripted Certificate; Higher Education Administration Leadership (HEAL) Doctoral Transcripted Certificate.
- Named 2014 Texas Distance Learning Association Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Learning by a 4-year University.
- Two National Undergraduate Scholars named by the American Kinesiology Association. Samantha Cantu (2015) and Joel Perez (2016).
- Three Texas American College of Sports Medicine- Texas Chapter, Undergraduate Researchers of the Year Samantha Cantu (2015), Joel Perez (2016), and Megan Cantu (2017).
- Ms. Cerelia Diaz, Student, named 2017 KDP/ATE National Student Teacher of the Year.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- ***Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS)***, Reviewer Training, Houston, TX, 2019.
- ***American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE)***, National Board Member, 2016-2019.
- ***Academic Leadership Academy***, Penn State University, State College, PA, August 2017-July 2018.
- ***Becoming A Provost Academy (BAPA).*** **American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AACSU)**, Baltimore, MA and San Diego, CA, July 24, 2014 - May 31, 2014.
- ***Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).*** "Development for Deans and Academic Leaders." Chicago, IL, October 24-26, 2012.

- ***Society for College and University Planning (SCUP).*** "Foundations of Planning Within the Context of Higher Education" and "Focused Knowledge for the Integrated University Planning Process." Completed all three phases of SCUP training. Ann Arbor, MI, at TAMUK, November 9-11, 2009, February 15-16, 2010, and May 12-13, 2010.
- ***The Yarbrough Group "Identifying and Managing Unsolvable Problems."*** December 16-17, 2009, Boulder, CO, at TAMUK.
- ***American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Dean's Leadership Academy,*** St. Louis, Mo, June 29-July 3, 2009.

PRIMARY AREA OF EXPERTISE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Academic Program Development and Management
- Assessment of Teaching / Learning and Program Effectiveness
- Developing, Articulating and Implementing Institutional Vision and Mission
- Identifying External Funding for Program Growth and Development
- Planning Longitudinally and Thinking Strategically
- Student and Faculty Development
- Outreach Connection to Public Schools
- Texas Education Agency Educator Preparation Program Certification
- Experience in Leading Successful Doctoral Programs
- Management and Development of Distance Education and Remote Site Programs
- NCAA Athletics
- Experience in Sports Officiating, College Basketball and Other Sports (Football, Baseball, Softball, Track and Field)
- Fluent in Conversational and Written Spanish

INVITED PROFESSIONAL LAW TESTIMONY

Ruiz, A. Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Premont Independent School District Alliance Turnaround Model. Presented at Capital of the State of Texas, House Bill 1553 (Representative J.M. Lozano-Sponsor), House of Representatives Public Education Committee (Mr. Dan Huberty, Chair), Austin, TX, May, 2017.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Lamar University

- ***17,800 students (8,700 undergraduate and 9,100 graduates)***
- ***6,946 students (39% of overall University enrollment) in College of Education and Human Development***
- ***Largest graduate program in Texas (5,974)***
- ***#1 in formula funding in legislative session in 2023 in Texas (1st out of 38 universities)***
- ***Carnegie Classification: R2 High Spending and Doctorate Production***

Dean - College of Education and Human Development. Lamar University Beaumont, TX, 2023-2024.
Responsibilities:

- Daily operations of the College.
- Manage five departments with 75 faculty members and 20 staff members, as well as a budget of $4.2 million.
- Oversee all grants.
- Approximately ~ 6,649 students, over 5,974 online students.
- Overview and routing of new college undergraduate and graduate degree proposals.
- Assist faculty in the development of their research agenda.
- Assist faculty in identifying funding sources for their research.
- Tenure and Promotion decisions.
- Facilitate collaboration with other colleges and community agencies to develop research projects.
- Monitor faculty research and productivity.
- Monitor the submission of research and service grants for the college.
- Student and Faculty Support.
- Coordination of College Outstanding Faculty, Staff, and Student recognition.
- Facilities and resource maintenance and scheduling.
- Space allocation and management.
- Coordination of the development and implementation of programs.
- Oversight of certification programs, as well as new certification program requests.
- Maintain communication between Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and LU.
- Address student, faculty concerns regarding certification programs.
- Strengthen and develop LU/community partnerships.
- Supervise Director of Community Partnerships and Grants, Director, Center for Educator Preparation Services (CEPS) and two Associate Deans.
- Collect, analyze, and monitor data related to student retention and graduation for the purpose of identifying and removing (or alleviating) barriers specific to CEHP students.
- Facilitate the development of initiatives and programs to facilitate student success.
- Liaison with community colleges that fed into LU (i.e., LIT, LSCPA, and LSCO).

University of Louisiana Monroe

- ***9,038 students (7,800 undergraduates, 885 graduates, and 375 Pharmacy/Professional)***
- ***Only State Funded Pharmacy School in Louisiana***
- ***Recognized as a National University by U.S. News & World Report***
- ***Carnegie Classification: Doctoral/ Professional University***

Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Excellence/ Professor of Kinesiology- University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, LA, 2021-2023.

Responsibilities:

- Assist Athletic Director on a daily basis; Daily operations of student athlete scholarships, housing, compliance and academic progress.
- Liaison between Athletics and Admissions, Business Office, Financial Aid, Registrar's and other administrative offices.

Vice President for Academic Affairs- University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, LA, 2019- 2021.

Responsibilities:

- Daily operations of Academic Affairs, focus on Health Sciences.
- Manage four colleges (Arts, Education and Sciences; Business and Social Sciences; Health Sciences; and Pharmacy) with 340 faculty members and 125 staff members, as well as a budget of $ 45.5 million.
- Oversight of 40 accredited academic programs.
- Overview and routing of new undergraduate and graduate degree proposals.
- Assist faculty in the development of their research agenda.
- Assist faculty in identifying funding sources for their research.
- Tenure and promotion decisions.
- Facilitate collaboration among colleges and community agencies to develop research projects.
- Monitor faculty research and productivity.
- Monitor the submission of research and service grants for ULM.
- Student and Faculty Support.
- Coordination of Outstanding Faculty, Staff, and Student recognition.
- Facilities and resource maintenance and scheduling.
- Space allocation and management.
- Coordination of the development and implementation of programs.
- Oversight of certification programs, as well as new certification program requests.
- Maintain communication between Louisiana Board of Regents, Board of Supervisors and other state agencies.
- Address student, faculty and staff concerns.
- Strengthen and develop ULM/community partnerships.
- Collect, analyze, and monitor data related to student retention and graduation for the purpose of identifying and removing (or alleviating) barriers specific to ULM students.
- Facilitate the development of initiatives and programs to facilitate student success.
- Liaison with community colleges that fed into ULM.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

- ***8,800 students (7,200 undergraduates and 1,600 graduates)***
- ***Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)***
- ***Carnegie Classification: R2 High Spending and Doctorate Production***

Dean - College of Education and Human Performance, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX, 2009- 2019.

Responsibilities:

- Daily operations of the College.
- Manage three departments (Educational Leadership and Counseling, Teacher and Bilingual Education, and Health and Kinesiology) with 44 faculty members and 18 staff members, as well as a budget of $4.2 million.
- Oversee all Title V Grants and personnel, 9 staff members and $3.82 million.
- Approximately ~ 1,400 students.
- Overview and routing of new college undergraduate and graduate degree proposals.
- Assist faculty in the development of their research agenda.
- Assist faculty in identifying funding sources for their research.
- Tenure and Promotion decisions.
- Facilitate collaboration with other colleges to develop research projects.
- Monitor faculty research and productivity.
- Monitor the submission of research and service grants for the college.
- Student and Faculty Support.
- Coordination of College Outstanding Faculty, Staff, and Student recognition.
- Facilities and resource maintenance and scheduling.
- Space allocation and management.
- Coordination of the development and implementation of programs.
- Oversight of certification programs, as well as new certification program requests.
- Maintain communication between Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and TAMUK.
- Address student, faculty concerns regarding certification programs.
- Strengthen and develop TAMUK/community partnerships.
- Supervise Director of Center for Educator Preparation Services (CEPS).
- Collect, analyze, and monitor data related to student retention and graduation for the purpose of identifying and removing (or alleviating) barriers specific to CEHP students.
- Facilitate the development of initiatives and programs to facilitate student success.
- Liaison with community colleges that fed into TAMUK (i.e., TSTC, DMC, CBC, and STC).

Associate Dean - College of Education, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX, 2008-2009.

Responsibilities:

- Assist Dean with the daily operations of the College of Education.
- Assist Dean with faculty and staff issues.

- Prepare reports for Dean.
- Evaluate faculty and staff.
- Recruit faculty, staff, and students.
- Help evaluate all programs within the College of Education.
- Attend university function with Dean and replace Dean in absence.
- Help with College of Education budgets.
- Prepare recruitment plan for the College of Education.
- Prepare faculty and staff handbook.
- Help with the Strategic Plan for the College of Education.

Interim Department Chair - Department of Bilingual Education, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX, 2007-2008.

Responsibilities:

- Organize the undergraduate, graduate (master's and doctoral) course schedules.
- Advise and recruit undergraduate/ graduate students.
- Handle departmental budget.
- Annual faculty/ staff evaluations.
- Supervise comprehensive exams.
- Administration and organize the 35th annual bilingual education conference, 350 attendees.
- Complete graduate program reviews for English as a Second Language (ESL) Master's program (M.S.). *Spring 2008.*
- Complete graduate program reviews for Bilingual Education Doctoral program (Ed.D.). *Spring 2008.*
- Complete annual Institutional Effectiveness Plan (IEP) for the department.

Interim Department Chair - Department of Health and Kinesiology, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, TX, 2003-2005.

Responsibilities:

- Organize the undergraduate/ graduate course schedule.
- Recruit and advise undergraduate/ graduate students.
- Handle departmental budget.
- Annual faculty/ staff evaluations.
- Supervise comprehensive exams.
- Complete graduate program reviews for Health and Kinesiology Master's program (M.S.) as needed. *Spring 2004.*
- Complete undergraduate program reviews for Health and Kinesiology programs in Health, Kinesiology (Teacher Certification), and Exercise Science (B.S.) as needed. *Spring 2003.*
- Complete annual Institutional Effectiveness Plan (IEP) for the department.
- Maintain over 450 undergraduate and 40 graduate students. That has been the highest enrollment in the history of the department.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Note: All publications are *blind peer reviewed/refereed, data-based publications.* Publications contain the purpose of the study, significance, method(s), findings, and conclusions and implications for practice. Additional requirements are that the information has not been published elsewhere.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED) (12)

Maxwell, G., **Ruiz, A.**., McNair, C.L., Jones, D., & Sowell, M. (2018). Come and Take It: An Unprecedented University- School Partnership. *Research in Higher Education Journal*, 36, 1-10.

Gonzales, A., Jones, D., & **Ruiz, A.** (2014). Toward Achievement in the "Knowledge Economy" of the 21st Century: Preparing Students Through T-STEM Academies. *Research in Higher Education Journal*, 5, 1-14.

Kupzcinski, L, Mundy. M.A., & **Ruiz, A.** (2014). The Effects of Four Frameworks on Traditional and Cooperative Online at a Community College. *Journal of Educational Technology*, 9 (3), 1-28.

Hearon, C.M., **Ruiz, A.,** & Taylor, Z. (2010). Heat Stress and Injury Prevention During Summer High School Football Training in South Texas. *International Journal of Exercise Science*, 3 (2), 55-63.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2008). An Analysis of the Addition of a Fourth Place Team to the 2007 University Interscholastic League Boy's Basketball High School Play-Offs. *Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Journal*, 76 (3), 12-14.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2006). Associations Between Hispanic Children's Attitudes Toward Physical Activity, Fitness Variables, and Aerobic Capacity. *Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Journal*, 74(2), 8-12.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (1999). An Evaluation of the Accuracy of the ACSM Metabolic Equation for Estimating the Oxygen Cost of Running. *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research,* 13 (3), 219-223.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS (REFEREED)

Selected National (25)

Ruiz, A., Sherman, N.W., Eramus, C, & Morrow, J.R. (2011). PACER Performance Differences Between American Hispanic and South African Youth. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 82 (Suppl.),* A-15.

Ruiz, A., Sherman, N.W., Eramus, C, & Morrow, J.R. (2010) Development of Individualized FITNESSGRAM® PACER Goals for South African Youth. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 81 (Suppl.),* A-17.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2009). Body Mass and PACER Performance Among Hispanic Youth. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 80 (Suppl.),* A-21.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2008). Comparison of Pedometer Steps During Non-District, District, and Playoff Games During Friday Night High School Football Games. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 79 (Suppl.,)* A-16-17.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2006). Developing Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run Standards for Rural Hispanic Youth. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 77 (Suppl.),* A-89.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2005) Gender Comparison in Children's Attraction to Physical Activity (CAPA) Among Hispanic Middle School Students. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 76 (Suppl.),* A-108.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. (2004). Predictors of Aerobic Capacity in a Physical Education Class Setting Among Hispanic Youth. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 75 (Suppl.),* A-13.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Note: All presentations in this section are *blind peer reviewed/refereed, data-based presentations* at international, national, and state conferences. The submitted abstract must contain the purpose of the study, significance, method(s), findings, and conclusions and implications for practice. Additional requirements are that the information has not been presented nor published elsewhere. All other are peer reviewed unless otherwise indicated.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL (REFEREED) (4)

Maxwell, G, Spring, J. & **Ruiz, A.** The Challenges and Resilience of Educational Leaders: A Comparative Study of Rural Educational Leaders from P-20 from Texas, USA and Ontario, Canada. Presented at the annual meeting of the Australian Association for Research in Education Conference, Melbourne/ Victoria, Australia, November, 2016.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N. W. The Relationship Between Self-Reported Physical Activity and Cardiovascular Endurance Among Sixth-Grade Hispanic Students. Presented at the Measurement for Physical Activity Symposium Conference, Dallas, TX, October, 1999.

Sherman, N.W., **Ruiz, A.,** Yarbrough, M.M., Cantu, R., & Huff, J.T. A Comparison of Hispanic and Caucasian College Student's Attitudes Towards Physical Activity, Physical Education, and the Scientific Benefits of Exercise. Presented at the Measurement for Physical Activity Symposium Conference, Dallas, TX, October, 1999.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUMS (REFEREED) (1)

Gonzalez, M., KingSanders, N., & **Ruiz, A.** Texas A&M University Kingsville and Premont Alliance Partnership, Initiatives for K-12. Presented at the annual meeting of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, PreK-12/Higher Education Collaboration Symposium, Summary of Collaborative Practices, Miami, FL, September, 2015.

SELECTED NATIONAL (REFEREED) (27)

Maxwell, G., **Ruiz, A.** McNair, L, Gutierrez, A, & Mosqueda, S. A New Texas Model for School Turnaround. Presented at the National Rural Education Association, Columbus, OH, October, 2017.

Ruiz, A., Sherman, N.W., Eramus, C, & Morrow, J.R. PACER Performance Differences Between American Hispanic and South African Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, San Diego, CA, March-April, 2011.

Ruiz, A., Sherman, N.W., Eramus, C, & Morrow, J.R. Development of Individualized FITNESSGRAM® PACER Goals for South African Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Indianapolis, IN, March, 2010.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. Comparison of Pedometer Steps During Non-District, District, and Playoff Games During Friday Night High School Football Games. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Fort Worth, TX, April, 2008.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. Developing PACER Standards for Rural Hispanic Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Salt Lake City, UT, April, 2006.

* **Ruiz, A.,** & Sherman, N.W. Gender Comparison in Children's Attraction to Physical Activity (CAPA) Among Hispanic Middle School Students. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Chicago, IL, April, 2005.

**** Paper presented at the Research Consortium Poster Session: Sharing Research Across the HPERD Disciplines. Top 1% chosen for this session.***

Ruiz, A. & Sherman N.W. Predictors of Aerobic Capacity in a Physical Education Class Setting Among Hispanic Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, New Orleans LA, March- April 2004.

Ruiz, A., Zhang, J.J., & Sherman, N.W. The Predictability of Children's Attitude Toward Physical Activity and Gender on Cardiovascular Endurance Among Hispanic Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Philadelphia, PA, April, 2003.

SELECTED STATE (REFEREED) (27)

Jordan, S., Killough, J. Gray, J., & **Ruiz, A.** STEM Outreach to Youth Female Basketball Student Athletes. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Galveston, TX, December, 2024.

Sherman, N. W. & **Ruiz, A.** Test predictability for the TExES physical education EC-12 certification exam. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Galveston, TX, December, 2016.

Ruiz, G.V., **Ruiz, A.**, Hoelscher, H., Martinez, D., Canales, J.D., Reyes, J., Gutierrez, D., & Saenz, C.R. Memorial Middle School/ TBSI: Let it Work for You! Presented at the Texas Behavior Support Initiative Conference, Houston, Texas, June, 2009.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. An Analysis of the Addition of a Fourth Place Team to the 2006-2007 University Interscholastic League Girl's Basketball High School Play-Offs. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Corpus Christi, TX, December, 2008.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman N.W. The Predictability of Children's Attitudes Toward Physical Activity on Aerobic Fitness Among Fourth Grade Hispanic Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Galveston, TX, December, 2003.

* Ocker, L.B., **Ruiz, A.**, & Sherman N.W. Validity of the Basketball Sport Official Survey. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Galveston, TX, December, 2003.
* ***Voted Most Outstanding Professional Poster Presentation***

***Ruiz, A.,** & Sherman, N.W. A Comparison of Children's Attitudes Toward Physical Activity Among Children of Different Ethnicities Youth. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Fort Worth, TX, December, 2002.
* ***Voted Most Outstanding Professional Poster Presentation***

Ruiz, A., & Ocker, L.B. The Relationship Between Self-Reported Physical Activity and VO_{2max} Among College Age Students. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Corpus Christi, TX, December, 2001.

Ruiz, A., Ruiz, G.W., & Sherman, N.W. A Study of the Use of Computer Technology in Athletic Management at Rural High Schools: A Qualitative Assessment. Presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Dallas, TX, December, 2000.

Ruiz, A., & Sherman, N.W. Estimating VO_{2peak} in Hispanics from the Non-Exercise Model. Presented at the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance annual meeting, Houston, TX, December, 1998.

GRANT WORK AND RESEARCH

CO-Principal Investigator. (2024). Rapid Response: Accelerating the Recovery of Instructional and Operational School Components Post-Disaster. Lamar University, Center for Resiliency. **Amount: $20,000.** Dr. Thomas Harvey, PI, Co PIs: Dr. Alberto Ruiz, Dr. Johnny O'Connor, and Dr. Neil Faulk.

CO-Principal Investigator. (2018). NBCC for CACREP Accreditation Grant. Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs. **Amount: $3,500.**

Principal Investigator. (2017). 2017-2022. TAMUK Javelina Teacher Preparation Enhancement Project (JTPEP). US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE). **Amount: $2,750,000.**

Grant Coordinator. (2017). Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas A&M University San Antonio, Pharr, San Juan, Alamo ISD, San Antonio ISD Partnerships. US Department of Education, Office of Innovations and Improvements, Teacher and School Leader Grant. **Amount: $60,000,000.** Texas Center for Education Excellence, Education Service Center, Region 18 (Midland, Texas), PI.

CO-Principal Investigator. (2016). 2016-2021. TAMUK Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) Rural Project. US Department of Education. **Amount: $1,175,000.** Dr. Mary Gonzales, PI.

CO-Principal Investigator. (2016). 2016-2017 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Texas Education Agency. **Amount: $1,800,000.** Submitted but not funded. Dr. Gerri Maxwell, PI.

Principal Investigator. (2014). South Texas School District Education Program, Brooks County Independent School District. Ed Rachal Foundation. **Amount: $100,000.**

Principal Investigator and Grant Coordinator. **Ruiz, A.,** & Sherman, N.W. (2003). An Examination of the Status of Fitness Variables Among Fourth Grade Low Income Hispanic Students in a South Texas School District. Texas A&M University- Kingsville, College of Education, Research & Excellence Award. **Amount: $ 2,408.00**.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/ REVIEWERSHIPS

Journal:

2015-2019 Journal of Academics and Business Ethics
2012-2019 International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education.
2006-2019 Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

National Conferences:

2006-2020 Society of Health and Physical Educators, also known as American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance- Abstract Reviewer. Area: Exercise Physiology, Fitness, Sports Medicine and Physical Activity Epidemiology.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE(S) HELD

2016-2019 American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education, National Board Member.
2007-2010 Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, College Committee- Member.
2003-2006 Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Physical Education Committee- Member.
2001-2004 Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance- Regional Representative- Region 2.
1996-1997 Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance- Measurement and Evaluation Section- Secretary.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTSHIPS

Fountainhead Educational Enterprises **(Superintendent Search Firm)**- Consultant with Dr. Don Jones.

2016 Brooks County Independent School District
2015 Progresso Independent School District
2013 Zapata County Independent School District
2012 Alice Independent School District

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Texas A&M University -Kingsville

Committee Member:

Hinojosa, J.M. (2018). The Effects of Athletic Sports Team Participation on Hispanic High School Students Academic Achievement. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation. Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Borrego, Rosalina. (2018). Success in Early Literacy: A Multi-Case Study of the Perceptions of Administrators in a Border District in Deep South Texas. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Borrego, Ruben. (2018). Perceptions of Principals Regarding Impact of Teacher Performance Pay: Case Study of a South Texas School District. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Pena, Rodrigo (2017). A Comparison of Low SES High School Curriculum and Instruction Per Pupil Allocation and the Effect on Algebra I STAAR EOC Scores. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Flores, Alejandro, M. (2017). Impact of Texas Public School Board Members' Level of Training and Professional Development on Superintendent Training. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Gutierrez, Alexis Rae. (2017). A South Texas Alliance: An Unprecedented University- Public School Partnership. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Yuma, Stephanie. (2015). Self-Efficacy of Generational College Students in Educational Doctoral Students in Texas. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Hernandez-Segura, Yolanda. (2015). An Analysis of the Role of the District Hearing Officer and the Effectiveness of this Role. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Gonzalez, Dottie. (2009). The Relationship between Physical Fitness and Academic Performance. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Texas State University- San Marcos
Committee Member:
Vasquez, Daniel. (2012). The Historical Evolution of Texas State University Through the Eyes of Three Latino Males. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Texas State University- San Marcos.

Have completed several thesis and research projects in Health and Kinesiology.

COMMITTEE/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Lamar University
University:
2023-2024 Academic Affairs Council- Member.
2023-2024 Academic Dean's Council- Member.
2023-2024 Search for Dean of Business Administration- **Chair of Search Committee.**

University of Louisiana System
System Level:
2019-2023 Core Competencies Planning Committee

The University of Louisiana at Monroe
University:
2019-2021 University Administrative Council
2019-2021 University Executive Council
2019-2021 University Budget Council

Texas A&M University System
System Level:
2012-2019 Chancellor's P-20 Educational Task Force.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

University:

2010-2019	University Advancement Committee- Member.
2009-2019	University Leadership Council- Member.
2009-2019	University Budget Advisory Council- Member.
2009-2019	Academic Dean's Council- Member.
2011-2019	Undergraduate Program Review Committee- Member.
2013-2019	TAMUK- Premont ISD Alliance Steering Committee- Member.
2013-2019	National Scholarship Task Force Committee- Member.
2011-2019	University Space Committee- Member.
2018-2019	Undergraduate Program Review Committee- Member.
2018	Search Committee Executive Director for Athletics and Campus Recreation- Member.
2017	Search for Payroll Director- **Chair of Search Committee**
2016	Search for Dean of Arts and Sciences- **Chair of Search Committee.**
2014-2017	University Calendar Committee- **Chair of Committee.**
2004-2017	Intercollegiate Athletics Committee- Member.
2003-2016	Institutional Review Board (IRB)- Member.
2012-present	College of Education and Human Performance Enrollment Task Force- **Chair of Committee.**
2012	Search for Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies- **Chair of Search Committee.**
2012	Search for Facilities Manager of Steinke Physical Education Center- **Chair of Search Committee.**
2013, 2012, 2007, 2009	Search Committee for Athletic Director- Member.
2011-2012	Undergraduate Education Committee- Member.
2010-2012	Chancellor's Academy for Teacher Educators- Member.
2009-2011	Recruitment Committee- Member.
2010	Search for Head Woman's Basketball Coach- Member.
2010	Search for Dean of Business Administration- **Chair of Search Committee.**
2008	Search for Dean of the College of Education- Secretary and Member.
2007-2008	Faculty Senate Executive Committee- Member.
2007	Student Success Task Force- Member.
2006-2008	Faculty Senate Representative, Department of Health and Kinesiology.
2003-2004	Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS)- Member.
2002	Faculty Mentor for two Ron McNair Scholars- One student is pursuing doctoral degree in Biology at Purdue University.
2000	Texas A&M University System, *Regent's Initiative for Excellence in Education*- Member.

College:

2008- Present	Teacher Education Advisory Council- **Chair and Member.**
2009- 2010	College of Education Recruitment Plan- Chair.
2009- 2010	College of Education- Policies and Procedures Committee- Chair.

2007-2008	Department of Bilingual Education- Interim Chair.
2002-2003, 2005	Department of Health and Kinesiology- Interim Chair.
2001	College of Education Curriculum Committee- Member.
2000	Search Committee for Chairperson in the Health and Kinesiology Department- Member.
1999-2003	College of Education Newsletter Committee- Member.
1999-2002, 2008	College of Education Scholarship Committee- Member.

Department:

1999-present	Graduate Faculty status in the Department of Health and Kinesiology.
2005-2008	Department of Health and Kinesiology, Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinator.
2002-2005	Graduate Program Coordinator- Department of Health and Kinesiology.
2002-2008	Department of Health and Kinesiology Curriculum Committee- Member.
1995-2008	Faculty advisor for approximately 45 undergraduate students.
2006, 2004, 2002	Motor Learning/Motor Development position in the Health and Kinesiology Department- **Chair of the Search Committee**.
2005 & 2003	Exercise Physiology/ Biomechanics position in the Health and Kinesiology Department- **Chair of the Search Committee**.
2004	Search Committee for Recreational Sports Director- Member.
2002	Search Committee for Teacher Recruiter for the College of Education- Member.
2001	Mentored and supervised two undergraduate Ron McNair research scholars in cardiovascular endurance research.

Texas State University- San Marcos

University:

2012	Graduate Faculty Member Status.

INVITED LECTURES/SPEECHES

2020 Invited to speak at 2nd Annual Augustine "Chuck" Arize Junior Faculty Award for Dedication and Excellence, Texas A&M University- Commerce, October 6, 2020.

2018 Invited to speak at Brahma Scholars Banquet, Kingsville Independent School District, Kingsville High School, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Top 10% of graduating class, May 30, 2018.

2017 Invited to be guest speaker at Brooks County Independent School District Athletic Banquet, Falfurrias, Texas, May 22, 2015.

2017 Invited to speak at Brahma Scholars Banquet, Kingsville Independent School District, Kingsville High School, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Top 10% of graduating class. May 18, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ INTEREST ACTIVITIES

Member **(Lifetime)** – Society of Health and Physical Educators, (SHAPE) formerly AAHPERD
Member no. 2085826 (1996-present).
Member **(Lifetime)**- Javelina Alumni Association (2010- Present).
Member - Texas Association of Sports Officials (1990-present).
Member - Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (1995-2019).
Member - National Association of Sports Officials (2000-2019).
Member - Rotary International, Sunrise Club- Kingsville, Texas (2009-2019).
Member - Texas Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (1995-2005).
Member - Saint Joseph's Catholic Church.
Hobbies include jogging, fishing, softball, golf, tennis, racquetball, and officiating.
Completed San Antonio Tower of the Americas Marathon- 2001.
Completed McAllen Fiesta Marathon- December, 2011.
Completed Livestrong Austin Marathon- February, 2012.
Completed Corpus Christi Navy Marathon- April, 2013.
Completed Huntsville Hog's Hunt Trail 50 K Run- May, 2013.

Full vitae available upon request.