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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW, MIAMI, FLORIDA

Director of Citizenship and Nationality Initiatives, August 2011 – Present.

Projects include citizenship drives and DACA (Deferred Action) clinics. The FIU DACA clinics have become a model for law schools around the country to follow. By the end of September 2012, well over 2,000 families have been assisted at our clinics. Other projects have included: community outreach, including congressional town hall meetings, on status of current federal and state laws as well as recent proposed changes to federal and state immigration efforts; and ongoing education efforts and advocacy regarding same before governmental bodies and the media.

Professor of Law, August 2002 – Present.

Selected as one of the College of Law's Founding Faculty, have taught several foundational courses, including Contracts, Torts, Remedies, Professional Responsibility, Products Liability, Business Organizations, Family Law, and Antitrust. Chaired several key committees, including Promotion and Tenure (with five candidates recently going up for promotion; the largest group in our school's history), Admissions (two years), Appointments (two years), By-laws Revision (two years), and Academic Support (three years).

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, July 2005 – July 2007.

Primarily responsible for curricular and program development; Established junior faculty mentoring program, successfully chaired a revision and approval of the College of Law's Bylaws, supervised projects necessary for ABA full accreditation inspection, supervised projects necessary for AALS accreditation, and expanded the faculty colloquia series.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Visiting Professor of Law, August 2009-December 2009.

Taught two large sections of Torts; served on organizing committee for national conference held at the law school; finished manuscript of CITIZENSHIP AND ITS EXCLUSIONS book; presented lectures on that book to several law schools in Washington D.C. and New York City.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, HONORS COLLEGE, MIAMI, FLORIDA

Teaching Fellow, August 2003 - September 2004: Chosen as one of approximately thirty university professors to teach in the University's honors program; taught undergraduate course on "the Self, Identity, and the Other."

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, MIAMI, FLORIDA

Visiting Professor, July 2003 - June 2004 (taught at both FIU & St. Thomas during this period). Taught Torts, Agency & Partnerships, and Race & the Law during this visit.

Professor of Law, June 2001 - August 2002.

Associate Professor, August 1995 - to June 2001.

LEHMAN COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Adjunct Professor, September 1993 - June 1994

ACADEMIC HONORS

Recipient of FIU's Excellence in Research Award, awarded by university president at faculty convocation, Fall 2013 (highly competitive award; first law professor to be honored; substantial honorarium included as part of award).

Recipient of Hayward Burns Award, North East People of Color Conference-for outstanding commitment to community and Excellence in Research, December 2013.

Keynote address, University of Puerto Rico's North East People of Color Conference, December 2013.

Keynote address, University of South Florida's Conference on Future of Latinos in America, November 2013 (Reviewer of over dozen papers by PHDs from a host of disciplines; organizer invitation to provide legal introduction to symposium; honorarium awarded).

Distinguished Lecturer Designation and Keynote address, University of South Texas's conference on the Constitution and Immigration, May 2013 (provided three lectures in three days to students, members of legal community, and faculty; invited to present at the following year's conference, and invited to become lecturer during the school's winter and summer sessions; honorarium awarded).

Keynote Address, Lehman College, CUNY Inaugural Conference on Human Rights and Immigration, May 2012 (lecture featured on school's website and magazine; honorarium awarded).

2012 FIU Top Scholar Designation, May 2012.

American Bar Foundation, Selected as a fellow of the ABF, May 2011.

American Law Institute, elected to membership, May 2006.

BLSA Special Faculty Recognition, April 8, 2008(Presented in appreciation for my "continuing service to the student group").

FIU Tenure-Track Faculty Appreciation Award, May 2007(Presented in appreciation for my "tireless efforts as Associate Dean to encourage and promote faculty scholarship and service").

Enma Tarafa Legal Excellence Award, April 2007(Presented by the FIU Hispanic Law Student Association to leaders in the Hispanic Community; first and only law professor to receive this award).

Hispanic National Bar Association, selected as chair of committee on the Legal Academy, August 2006.

Faculty Hooding Honor, FIU College of Law, 2005: Elected by the first graduating class to invest them with their academic hoods during commencement.

Professor of the Year, St. Thomas, 1999-2000 and 1996-1997(between 1996 and 2000, the award was given only these two times).

Excellence in Teaching & Scholarship Award, St. Thomas University - Barry University, 2001(first law professor to receive this university award).

LAW TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

My broad teaching experience reflects my research interests, my prior experience as a litigator, and my willingness to accommodate the curricular needs of my institution. Relatively traditional in terms of the Socratic method, I use interaction in the classroom to hone students' analytical skills and to emphasize the ethical dimensions of legal practice. Informed by my experience in critical jurisprudential movements, I integrate theoretical perspectives into my doctrinal courses as appropriate and develop theoretical perspective more fully in my seminars.

COURSES TAUGHT: Contracts I and II, Remedies, Torts I and II, Products Liability, Corporations, Business Organizations, Agency and Partnership, Law and Accounting, Antitrust, Securities Regulation, Comparative Corporate Law, Citizenship and Immigration Law, Race and the Law, Professional Responsibility, and Street Law.

SCHOLARSHIP

My principal research interest involves analyzing the construction and interpretation of the law of citizenship, as a specific instance of wider themes about social inclusion, hegemony, and race. My scholarship may be best described as traditional in its structure and use of authority, but critical in its perspective. Necessarily my research deals with the intersection of, on the one hand, citizenship law, immigration law, public international law, and constitutional law and, on the other hand, theoretical perspectives based on critical race theory, post-colonial studies, Diaspora literature, and social theory generally. Given the increasing domestic and global relevance of citizenship and nationality in the United States and globally, I expect to deepen and expand my work on citizenship, most recently through the publication of my second and third books.

BOOK SERIES, BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND BOOK CHAPTERS, NEWS COLUMNS; OP-EDS, AND OTHER MEDIA FORA

BOOK SERIES:

- *CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION IN THE AMERICAS BOOK SERIES*. Selected as the series editor for New York University Press's new series touching upon identity and membership, citizenship theory, democratic discourse, immigration policy, and international law. In little over two years since its inception, the series has attracted over a dozen of the country's leading constitutional law and immigration policy scholars.

BOOKS:

- THOSE DAMN IMMIGRANTS: AMERICA'S HYSTERIA OVER UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRATION (2013, New York University Press) (Stanley Fish: "This data-driven and massively documented study replaces rhetoric with analysis, myth with fact, and apocalyptic predictions with sane and realizable proposals;" Michael Olivas: In his damning indictment of the actual rules of the game, Professor Roman is today's Edward R. Murrow, and *Those Damned Immigrants* is today's *Harvest of Shame*. His stunning book is a crash course on this important subject, and it will become a crucial tool... if we are ever to work our way to serious structural immigration reform;" Gabriel Chin: "This outstanding book illuminates the historical, economic, political, and even psychological aspects of one of the major civil rights issues of our time. Balanced, thoroughly researched, and clear-eyed, this volume is sure to anger—and should be read--- by partisans on both sides of the immigration debate. In a controversy dominated by selective presentation of evidence and oversimplification, Professor Roman brings sorely needed expertise and fair-minded analysis.").

- CITIZENSHIP AND ITS EXCLUSIONS: CLASSICAL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND CRITICAL RACE PERSPECTIVES (New York University Press, 2010) (Arthur Rizer: “Citizenship and Its Exclusions provides an excellent history of citizenship...Roman is an Exceptional writer and Researcher;” Peter Spiro: “A timely interrogation of our citizenship tropes. Román’s passionately demonstrates that the promise of citizenship has consistently fallen short on both historical and contemporary landscapes. Far from a warrant of inclusion and equality, citizenship has more often been used as cover for caste and subordination. Román’s looks to bring citizenship's lofty aspirations to an authentic attainment;” Michael Olivas: “This is a refreshing, thoughtful, and timely work. Román has broadened his traditional work on Puerto Rico and the American colonies to examine carefully the literal and symbolic meanings of U.S. citizenship. His incisive unbundling of ‘the construct of citizenship’ and the consequences of variegated membership is foundational work that will be widely cited, if not always by judges then surely by a wide array of immigration and other Constitutional scholars.”).

- THE OTHER AMERICAN COLONIES: A CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW EXAMINATION OF UNITED STATES’ NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURY ISLAND CONQUESTS (Carolina Academic Press, spring 2006) (finalist for the Law & Society Association’s James Willard Hurst Prize for Best Work in Legal History) (Kevin Johnson: *The Other American Colonies* is the definitive legal study of the oft-forgotten islands that are de facto colonies of the United States, populated by people with second class U.S. citizenship. Professor Román clearly demonstrates the dangers of 'plenary power' of government without the ordinary constitutional system of checks and balances and basic rights for the individual. In a time when the President of the United States has declared that law cannot constrain the United States in the post-September 11 'war on terror,' this book's analysis of just what happens to people and lands without legal rights and a political voice is chilling;” Michael Olivas: “This is an exceptional book from one of the most accomplished young scholars in the field of colonialism... The text is an enormous undertaking, and he has the synthetic powers and critical bite needed for such an encyclopedic subject... It is a masterful, compelling work.”)

- UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION (forthcoming fall 2013, Carolina Academic Press).

- THE DREAMERS: THE LITTLE-KNOWN ACCOUNT OF 21ST CENTURY ACTIVISM (forthcoming Summer 2013) (several university presses have expressed great interest in publishing this project).
- THE PRIMEROSE PATH: THE COSTS AND CHALLENGES OF PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION, (Work-in Progress).

NEWSPAPER OP-EDS, AND FEATURED STORIES AND BLOGGING:

- HUFFINGTON POST COLUMN (Active contributor to internet's leading daily newspaper; essays have focused on constitutional law, immigration policy, and social justice; examples include: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ediberto-roman/arizonas-immigration-law_b_1462576.html ; http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ediberto-roman/trayvon-martin-case_b_1371552.html
- FOUNDER AND ADMINISTRATOR OF NUESTRAS VOCES LATINAS BLOG, the AALS recently featured this blog in the minority group section's newsletter in an article addressing "How to run a successful new blog."
- Published scores of op-eds, columns, and featured in print, radio, and television in English and Spanish on local, state, and national media outlets, including L.A. Times, Miami Herald, National Public Radio; Truthout.org; Factcheck.org, among several others.

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

- *Who Exactly is Living La Vida Loca?: The Legal and Political Consequences of Lation-Latina Ethnic and Racial Stereotypes in Film and Other Media*, 4 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 37 (2000-2001) reprinted in, DELGADO, PEREA, AND

STEFANCIC'S LATINOS AND THE LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (Richard Delgado, Juan F. Perea, & Jean Stefancic, Thomson/West Casebook 2008).

- *Empire Forgotten the Development of Commonwealth Status for Puerto Rico*, 42 VILL. L. REV. 1119 (1997), excerpts reprinted in, PEREA, DELGADO, HARRIS, STEFANCIC, AND WILDMAN'S RACE AND RACES, CASES AND RESOURCES FOR A DIVERSE AMERICA, 2d ed. 376-79 (Juan F. Perea, Richard Delgado, Angela P. Harris, Jean Stefancic, & Stephanie M. Wildman, Thomson/West Casebook 2007).
- *The Alien Invasion?* 43 Houston Law Review 841 (2008).
- *Freeriders and Diversity in the Legal Academy*, 83 Indiana Law Journal 1235 (2008) (selected for a plenary panel on empirical research during the 2009 AALS Annual meeting) (coordinator of symposium associated with this journal issue, which included some of the country's leading legal scholars).
- *Importing Workers: A Review of Deporting Our Souls*, 17 Law and Politics Rev 693 (2007).
- *The Citizenship Dialectic*, 20 Georgetown Immig. L. Journal 588 (2006).
- *Immigration and the Allure of Inclusion*, 35 Seton Hall L. Rev. 1349 (2006).
- *Coalitions and Collective Memories: A Search for a Common Ground*: 58 Mercer Law Rev. 637 (2007).
- *The Rights and Privileges of Citizenship*, 66 The American Journal of Legal History 94 (2005)(Book Review).
- *Outsider Jurisprudence and Looking Beyond Imagined Borders*, 55 Florida Rev. 583 (2003).
- *Membership Denied: Subordination and Subjugation Under United States' Expansionism*, 39 San Diego L. Rev. 437 (2002).

- *Reparations and the Colonial Dilemma: The Insurmountable Hurdles and Yet Transformative Benefits*, 13 Berkeley La Raza L. Journal 369 (2002).
- *Membership Denied: A Story of Subordination and Subjugation Under U.S. Colonialism*, (chapter in an anthology entitled Moral Imperialism (N.Y.U. Press 2002).
- *Who Exactly is Living La Vida Loca? The Legal and Political Consequences of Ethnic and Racial Stereotyping of Latinas and Latinos in Film and Other Media*, 4 Iowa J. Gender, Race & Justice 27 (2000).
- *A Race Approach to International Law (RAIL): Is There a Need for Yet Another Critique Of International Law?* 33 U.C. Davis L. Rev. 1519 (2000).
- *Members and Outsiders: A Vision of the Models of U.S. Citizenship and a Few Questions Concerning European Union Citizenship*, 9 Miami Int'l & Comp. L. Rev. 81 (2001).
- *Reconstructing Self-Determination: The Role of Critical Theory in the Positivist International Law Paradigm*, 53 Miami L. Rev. 943 (1999).
- *Mapping Intersections of Critical Race Theory, Post-Colonial Studies, and International Law?* Proceedings of the 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (1999).
- *The Alien-Citizen Paradox and Other Consequences of U.S. Colonialism*, 26 Fl. St. L. Rev. 1 (1998).
- *Empire Forgotten: The United States Colonization of Puerto Rico*, 42 Vill. L. Rev. 1119 (1997).
- *A Common Ground: Perspectives on Latino-Latina Diversity*, 2 Harvard Latino L. Rev. 483 (1997).
- *Statutory Interpretation in Securities Jurisprudence: A Failure of Textualism*, 75 Neb. L. Rev. 377 (1997).

- *Your Honor What I Meant To State Was: A Comparative Analysis Of the Judicial and Evidentiary Admission Doctrines*, 22 *Pep L. Rev.* 981 (1995).

- *Primary and Secondary Liability under the Federal Securities Laws: A Distinction Without a Difference?* (Work-in-progress).

SERVICE

Forming part of a new law school's founding faculty has provided me exceptional opportunities for service. One of the fundamental objectives of my service activities is to institutionalize a culture of scholarly production, especially among my junior colleagues. To this end, I have instituted a mentoring program for junior faculty and strengthened our faculty colloquium series. Another important personal and professional commitment of mine is to increase the representation of traditionally disenfranchised minorities in the legal profession. Perhaps my greatest achievement is my fairly recent ability to apply my theoretical beliefs and convictions in a manner that may affect local communities. Among my efforts on this front is my work with the organizations: Students Working for Equal Rights (SWER) and DREAM University.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- Faculty Advisor, Florida International University Chapter, Students Working For Equal Rights (SWER), 2010-2013.

- Member of the Florida International University Faculty Senate; December 2007-2010.

- Member of the Florida International University Faculty Senate Steering Committee; December 2007- present. Involved in making university-wide decisions concerning the curriculum, schedule, budget, and accreditation.
- Member of the Florida International University Faculty Senate Budget Committee, January 2008-present. Involved in working with central administration on various issues pertaining to the university's operating budget. Worked with University CFO on multi-year plan to address state's multi-million dollar budget cuts.

- Chair of College of Law Academic Support Committee, August 2002-August-2004; August 2006-August 2008. Lead instructor of school's academic support program for the first two year of school's operation. During that period, met with students at least once a

week in the Spring Semesters to work on legal analysis and exam writing; 75% of active participants removed themselves from probation. Involved in institutionalizing program that led to the hiring of a fulltime director of academic support.

- Chair of College of Law Appointment's Committee, August 2004 –June 2005; August 2006-June 2007.
- Chair of College of Law Admissions Committee, August 2002 – August 2004. Reviewed hundreds of student applications and set admissions priorities and worked with admissions department to schedule recruiting events. During two-year tenure as chair of this committee, both diversity and academic indicators of entering students improved significantly.
- Member of College of Law Academic Standards Committee, August 2002 –August 2004.
- Member of College of Law Moot Court Committee, August 2002-August 2004.
- Member of FIU Honors College Admissions Committee, August 2003- September 2004.
- Faculty advisor to the Hispanic law Student Association, September 2002 to present.
- Faculty advisor to the Human Rights and Environmental law Student Association, 2002-2004.

ST. THOMAS

- Member of Dade County Mayor Alex Penela's Mosaic Initiative to Promote Diversity and Community Understanding, 2000-2001.
- Member of Broward County Steering Committee for Al Gore's Presidential Election, 1999-2000.
- Chair of St. Thomas University Law School's Curriculum Committee, 2001-2002.
- Member of St. Thomas University's Law School's Admissions Committee, 1995-2002; Chair of Subcommittee on Scholarships, 1995-1996; Honor Council Faculty Advisor, 1997-1998.
- Faculty Advisor to St. Thomas University Law School's Moot Court Team, 1996-2001.
- Director of St. Thomas University's Volunteer Street Law Clinical Program, 1996-2000.
- Organizer of St. Thomas University's Habitat for Humanity Working Group, 1998-2001.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- Presented testimony to the Florida Senate on the Supremacy Clause and the legality of state efforts at enforcing immigration policy, January 2011.
- Distinguished lecturer, Hofstra University's series on Citizenship, March 2011.
- Presented lecture on Immigration and Activism at City University of New York Law School, March 2011.
- Presented paper concerning the national economic climate and its effects on the decline of ethnic and racial minority students entering ABA law schools, 2010 AALS Annual Conference.
- Presented lecture on my forthcoming CITIZENSHIP AND ITS EXCLUSIONS book at George Washington University School of Law's distinguished lecture series, October 2009.
- Presented lecture on the future of the legal profession under the current economic climate at the South Eastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) first ever-plenary panel, August 2009.
- Presented Freeriders article (which was an empirical study on the Latina/o legal professoriate) on a plenary panel, 2009 AALS Annual Conference.
- Moderated Panel on International Arbitration at SEALS, August 2008.
- Presented lecture on the opportunities and challenges for Latinas and Latinos under the Obama Administration, Florida A&M College of Law, and March 2008.
- Presented lecture on Immigration Reform SEALS, August 2007.
- Book reading of my OTHER AMERICAN COLONIES book, hosted by the FIU Caribbean Law Student Association, April 2007.
- Book reading of my OTHER AMERICAN COLONIES book at Books & Books Bookstore, Coral Gables, Fl., July 2006.
- Presented paper on the Future of Latinas and Latinos at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, April 2007.
- Presented paper on The Future of Indian Law at the Miccosukee Tribal Conference, April 2007.
- Presented lecture on Immigration Reform at the 2007 Annual AALS Conference.
- Moderated panel on Law & Religion at SEALS, August 2006.

- Presented lecture on the dualism of Brown v. Board of Education at the FIU College of Law Brown at 50 Conference, October 2004.
- Presented lecture on the gradations of U.S. citizenship at the Second People of Color Scholarship Conference at George Washington University, October 2004.
- Presented lecture on my OTHER AMERICAN COLONIES book at the International Sociological Association's Annual Conference at the University of Puerto Rico, June 2004.
- Presented lecture on The History of the Levels of Citizenship at National Law & Society Conference, May 2004.
- Presented lecture on my OTHER AMERICAN COLONIES book as a part of the University of Wisconsin's Law School Lecture Series, March 2004.
- Presented lecture on Academic Freedom at Florida International University's Public Policy Lecture Series, May 2003.
- Presented lecture on Stereotyping of Latinas and Latinos, Florida International University Department of Journalism, May 2003.
- Presented lecture on "Membership Denied" article at Barry University - St. Thomas University Excellence in Research Award Ceremony, May 2001.
- Presented lecture on "Membership Denied" article at the Sixth Annual LatCrit Conference at the University of Florida, May 2001.
- Presented lecture on Stereotyping of Latinas and Latinos in Film at St. Thomas University's First Annual Celebration of Scholarship. (Dean requested my paper to be the Law School's contribution to the event), May 2000.
- Presented lecture on stereotyping of Latinas and Latinos in Film at the University of Iowa, October 1999.
- Presented lecture on Comparative Citizenship at the First Annual Comparative Law Conference at the University of Malaga, Spain, June 1999.
- Presented lecture on a Race Approach to International Law at Fourth Annual Lat-Crit Conference, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and April 1999.
- Presented lecture on Mapping Intersections between Race and Self-determination law at the American Society of International Law annual Conference, Washington, D.C., March 1999.
- Presented lecture on the Alien-Citizen article at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, and June 1998.
- Moderated discussion groups at Society of American Law Teachers Conference on Citizenship and Immigration, CUNY Law School, May 1999.

- Presented lecture on draft of Reconstructing Self-determination article at Third Annual Lat-Crit Conference, University of Miami, 1998.
- Moderated discussion on Affirmative Action at Annual Society of American Law Teachers (S.A.L.T.) Conference, CUNY Law School, April 1997.
- Presented lecture on Affirmative Action to St. Thomas University's Political Action Group, May 1997.
- Presented lecture on "Empire Forgotten" article as a work-in-progress at Eighth Critical Race Theory Workshop, American University, October 1996.
- Moderated Panel on Pan-Ethnicity at the First Annual Lat-Crit Conference, La Jolla, California, May 1996.

LEGAL PRACTICE

HAYTHE & CURLEY, New York, New York

Litigation Associate, October 1994 - July 1995(lead associate on several major securities actions; provided advice to the firm's clients on several corporate governance and antitrust issues).

Significant Litigation Experience:

In Re: MTC Technology Inc., Securities Litigation (lead associate representing stock and debentures issuer in multiple class actions. Duties included substantial motion practice and representing client in hearings).

Banque Nationale de Paris v. Prudential Securities Inc. (lead associate responsible for investigating claims, drafting pleadings, appearing at court conferences, discovery supervision, and addressing discovery disputes).

LORD DAY & LORD, BARRETT SMITH, New York, New York

Litigation Associate, September 1988 - September 1994(garnered extensive experience in all areas of firm's litigation practice with an emphasis on securities litigation, pre-trial procedure, motion practice, trial work, and negotiation and settlement. Substantive areas addressed included 1933 Securities Act, 1934 Securities Exchange Act, RICO and related white-collar criminal defense, Sherman and Clayton Acts, Lanham Act, Copyright Act, contracts, constitutional law, accountants' liability, common law fraud, and fraudulent conveyance.

Significant litigation Experience:

Sullivan Marketing Inc. v. News America Inc. (lead associate in multi-million dollar private antitrust action; supervised dozens of attorneys and paralegals; primary responsibility for supervision of fortune 500 company's discovery response; substantial involvement in drafting pleadings and motions).

In Re Miniscribe Corp. Securities Litigation, (lead associate, responsible for discovery practice which included attending scores of depositions across the country for several years, and participating in four and one half month securities trial, took primary responsibility for motions practice during trial including directed verdict motion which was granted in all respects, except negligence claims; client exonerated on negligence claim, yet other defendants suffered a \$680 million judgment).

United States v. Michael Milken et al., (member of defense team responding to criminal and civil actions; primary responsibility for investigating and evaluating certain government and private litigants' allegations).

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL,

Juris Doctorate May 1988

- Recipient, Ruth B. Doyle Award for Contribution to the Law School, 1987
- Recipient, National Hispanic Scholarship, 1987 & 1988

LEHMAN COLLEGE,

B.A., Business Management with emphasis in Economics, May 1985

- Magna cum laude
- Departmental Honors in Economics
- Recipient, Alumni Association Scholarship for Academic Achievement (2d highest honor awarded to a graduate)
- Recipient, Flora Wittenberg Academic Scholarship

PERSONAL

Fluent in Spanish

Married; father of five

Martial Arts: Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and student of Krav Maga; Instructor Trainee in Tae Kwon Do