

Richard Harrison Nader, Ph.D.

Special Advisor to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Vice Provost for International Affairs until October 2015, University of North Texas



As Special Advisor to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Richard (Rick) Nader provides strategic advice and direction on global affairs to UNT's Division of Academic Affairs. Nader was appointed Vice Provost for International Affairs at UNT in July 2011. With a budget of \$8 million and a staff of over 75 employees, UNT-International serves ~2,800 international students and scholars. UNT-International (UNT-I) is a central office offering comprehensive services for campus internationalization and includes a top-rated Intensive English Language Institute. A major thrust for UNT-I is promoting the integration of global research and education. UNT-I is implementing a systematic plan to engage UNT with top tier global institutions and is collaborating with campus units such as the Office of Research and Economic Development, Toulouse Graduate School and Academic Affairs on new integrated global research and education initiatives. Under Nader's leadership, UNT was named among the nation's top 10 campuses in 2014 for faculty Fulbright, and secured \$5 million.

Nader first joined UNT as the first Director of Research Development in the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (VPR) in September 2008. The newly established Office of Research Development had a staff of 5 and was responsible for strategically positioning UNT's Science, Engineering, Arts, Education, Social Sciences and Humanities to compete for extramural funding. As director, Nader assisted individual and teams of investigators to develop high quality, competitive proposals and advised center and institute directors, deans and academic leadership broadly on strategies for successfully pursuing funding on a global scale. Nader significantly contributed to 43% of all new awards (\$7 million) while director, and created several new programs for faculty to improve all aspects of competing for extramural research. Nader was responsible for the international portfolio at VPR assisting globally-focused research expenditures jump from 2% to 10% of overall awards.

Prior to UNT, Nader completed a 3-year term as Program Manager in the National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE). Responsibilities at NSF included proposal review and selection of a portfolio designed to catalyze international research and educational activities across a broad spectrum of U.S. universities seeking to conduct research abroad. Nader has experience with a number of cross-directorate (e.g., SEES, PIRE, IGERT) and OISE sponsored activities (IRES, CNIC, East Asia Pacific Summer Institutes) which included a portfolio of 700 projects and ~12 million dollars in federal contributions specifically for China. Nader also directly supported the Director and Deputy Director of NSF under the bilateral S&T Commission visits with China, initiated two new country MOUs for U.S. graduate students to conduct independent research in Asia-Pacific, and assisted in opening the NSF's Beijing Office.

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Over the past 20 years, Nader has held several international positions at [Texas A&M University](#), including: Director of the [Institute for Pacific Asia](#), where he was responsible for strategic engagement of the university with over 50 countries in Asia and the Pacific Rim, developing Aggie Former Student Clubs in Asia, and securing funding for extramural projects from NSF, U.S. Department of State (ECA) and U.S. Department of Education (Title VI). Previously Nader served as Assistant Director of Texas A&M's Japan campus in the early 1990s managing student recruitment and records.

Research & Teaching interests:

Nader has over ten year's teaching experience in proposal writing for higher education and in health fields at the graduate level. Currently he teaches Higher Education Organization & Theory and international Higher Education for the UNT College of Education, Department of Counseling and Higher Education and serves on doctoral committees as a member of the graduate faculty.

Nader's research interests are in science communication across culture, Asia science and technology policy, public understanding of science and attitudes toward controversial technologies. Nader has participated or led evaluation research projects involving state child care agency policy analysis and program evaluation, qualitative inquiry methods and is familiar with archival data analysis, statistical methods in social sciences and survey research. Nader's research experience includes qualitative methods, focused interview, grounded theory, case study, and content analysis, with special emphasis in research design in cross-cultural contexts.

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | 2005 | Higher Education Administration, Texas A&M University
Dissertation Title: <i>Cultural Perceptions of Agricultural Biotechnologies: A Comparison of South Korea and the United States.</i> |
| MPA | 1989 | Public Policy Design & Evaluation, Texas A&M University |
| BA | 1986 | English & Business Administration, Sam Houston State University |

SUMMARY OF CURRENT & PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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| Present | Special Advisor to the Provost, University of North Texas |
| 2011-2015 | Vice Provost for International Affairs , University of North Texas |
| 2008-2011 | Director of Research Development , Office of the VP for Research and Economic Development, University of North Texas |
| 2005 – 2008 | Program Manager , East Asia Pacific, Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation (NSF) |
| 2005 – 2007 | Director of China Initiatives, Texas A&M Engineering (on leave to NSF) |
| 2000 – 2005 | Director , Institute for Pacific Asia, Texas A&M University |
| 1994 – 2000 | Director of Community Programs , Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M University founding Director, Center for Community Support |
| 1999 – 2005 | Lecturer , TAMUS Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health |
| 1991– 1994 | Assistant Director for Student Affairs , Texas A&M University-Koriyama, Japan, Research Associate, Faculty of Economics, Tohoku University |

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SKILL SUMMARY

SUBSTANTIVE:

- Led a comprehensive International Programs Office at a major U.S. institution including all aspects of management, HR and budgeting, administering study abroad, international travel policy, institutional risk management, admissions and recruitment
- Advised senior leadership at institutions of higher education and government
- Developed strategic objectives for comprehensive international programs
- Managed a robust network of foreign and domestic funding agency contacts
- Secured competitive grants (cumulatively \$30 million since 1995)
- Administered federal agency review process as well as intramural international research seed grant programs
- Conducted proposal solicitation, review and selection
- Organized and conducted international high-level hosting and scholarly meetings
- Developed university-wide priorities for international programs on campus
- Taught graduate level courses in proposal development, higher ed administration
- Established relationships with public and private funders in the United States and around the world
- Demonstrated university-government-industry project experience, alumni relations, recruiting and student research programs
- Japanese language proficiency

ADMINISTRATIVE: Over 25 years of progressive supervisory experience in highly complex environments both domestic and overseas, Comprehensive Internationalization, Office of the Vice President for Research, NSF, a major federal research agency, a university overseas branch campus and managing an office abroad.

METHODOLOGICAL: Policy analysis, program and outcome evaluation; Survey research; Quasi- experimental design and advanced statistics. Qualitative methods include Grounded Theory, Nominal Group Technique, Delphi and Content Analysis.

TRAVEL: Travel and project experience in countries in Asia (Japan 3 years living and working, South Korea, China, Taiwan), South Asia (India) and SE Asia (Thailand, Vietnam), the Pacific Rim (Australia New Zealand) and South Pacific (Tonga, Fiji, American Samoa), Americas (Mexico, Canada), East Africa (Uganda, Rwanda), South America (Chile, Brazil), Europe (France, Germany, Georgia, Spain, UK).

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(SELECTED) RESEARCH & EXCHANGE GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

FUNDED RESEARCH, EXCHANGE & DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

(2015) (PI) (Ishiyama Co-I) Training and Evaluation Subcontract to the Free University of Tbilisi and Agricultural University of Georgia, U.S. State Department- Public Diplomacy Division, U.S. Embassy, Republic of Georgia, Public Policy Capacity Building Program, University Partnerships (\$66,000)

(2014) International Educators Administrative Fulbright to “Improve knowledge and understanding of French higher education and research”, October 4-18, 2014, Franco-American Commission for Educational Exchange

(2014) Fellowship “Internationalizing Higher Education - Strategic Approaches, Funding Formats and Best Practice Examples” June 16 - 22, 2013 (Berlin, Bremen, Braunschweig) German Academic Exchange Commission (DAAD)

(2013-2015) Project Supervisor, Consulting and Professional Services Agreement with Kansai Gaidai University, Intensive English Language Institute, (\$326,000)

(2004) (Co-PI) with Sara Bednarz, Seminar on Chinese History, Geography and Ethnic Culture, Fulbright Group Projects Abroad. U.S. Department of Education (\$64,000)

(2004) (PI) Exchange Visit and Workshops for Chinese and US Higher Education Policymakers on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Technology Transfer, U.S. State Department (\$200,000)

(2003) NSF#0304776 (PI) Building Bridges for Exchange- Third US-Japan Seminar on Public Understanding of Research, National Science Foundation (\$105,723)

(2003) NSF#0314076 (PI) US-Taiwan Research Development Visit with EASI: Summer Fellowships for Science and Engineering Graduate Students at Texas A&M to Taiwan, National Science Foundation, (\$19,000)

(2002) (PI) Training Contract for Technology Transfer Training and Exchange for Technology Managers at Japanese TLOs, Ministry of Economic Trade and Industry (METI), Japan. \$(175,000)

(2002) NSF#0218797 (PI) with R. Ewing, E. Funkhouser, S. Droleskey and E. Ashworth (Co-PIs) AWARE-American Workforce and Research and Education, Developing Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) in IT, Nanotechnology and Geophysics, National Science Foundation (\$50,651)

(2001) (PI) Exchange Visit and Workshops for Chinese and US Higher Education Policymakers on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Technology Transfer, U.S. State Department (\$150,000)

(2000) NSF#0087414 (PI) E. Ashworth (Co-PI) Planning Visit to China and Japan: Building an Agenda for Public Understanding of Science, National Science Foundation. (\$121,455)

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(1999) (Co-PI) Kellogg Foundation and Texas A&M University System. "Inter-institutional Collective Leadership Project". Assessment of the "Community Collaboration Incubator" & analysis of educational and non-profit collaboration. (\$25,000)

(1998) (Fellowship) National Science Foundation and Association for Institutional Research. Internationalization of Higher Education: Analysis of Factors Correlated with High Graduation Rates of International Students at U.S. Research Universities.

(1998) (PI) with H. Dowdy (Co-PI) Jointly funded by GTE Corporation and Texas Rural Communities Foundation. "Building a high performance learning community – The case of the Burleson County Wide Integrated Network (BC-WIN)". Survey of private sector and case study of public sector organizations using information technology in a rural community (\$10,000)

(1995) (Co-PI) Texas Department of Human Services – Early Childhood Development Resources Program. Program evaluation assessing operational efficiency (\$35,000).

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CONTRIBUTOR TO FUNDED PROPOSALS

\$68,000 Department of Education, Title VI- Fulbright Group Projects Abroad, “Through the Lens of Jordan: Contemporary Issues in the Middle East” PI Sahliyah (2015)

\$25,000 Partners of the Americas Exchange –100,000 Strong in the Americas funded by U.S. Department of State and Santander Bank for Cultural and Technical Exchanges for Advanced Materials (C-TEAM), CETYS, Mexico (2014)

\$60,000 Partners of the Americas Exchange –100,000 Strong in the Americas funded by U.S. Department of State and Copper Mining Industries for Tracing Darwin’s Path, Chile (2013)

\$1,100,000 State Department UNT-NUML Partnership to Enhance English Linguistics, Literature and Research (SCAPPD-12-CA-133-SCA-072712) University Partnerships Program, U.S. Embassy to Pakistan, Islamabad (2012)

\$49,852 NSF #1207807 PI: Yong Tao, “US-CHINA Workshop for Cyber-Enabled, User-Oriented, Interoperability Modeling - Engineering Sustainable Built Environments” (2012)

\$1,200,000 NSF ARI-R2, PI: Vishwanath Prasad, “Modernization of Multi-scale Characterization, Analysis, and Synthesis Facility for Materials and Devices: Remote Access, Visualization, and Public Engagement” (2010)

\$1,600,000 DARPA DOD PH/TBI Research Program, PI: Daniel Taylor, PT090525 “Comparing Internet and In-Person Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy of Insomnia” (2008)

\$1,507,481 NSF, PI: Su Gao, “21C Research Training Group in Logic and Dynamics” (2009)

\$260,500 Department of Energy, State Environmental Conservation Office, “Distributed Renewable Energy Technology Program” RFA # RE-AG1-2010 ARRA

\$249,265 NSF, PI: Saraju Mohanty, “II-EN: Infrastructure Acquisition for Statistical Power, Leakage, and Timing Modeling Towards Realization of Robust Complex Nanoelectronic Circuits (2009)

\$260,500 UNT-D, RFA RE-AG1-2010 ARRA Department of Energy, State Environmental Conservation Office-Distributed Renewable Energy Technology Program (2010)

\$249,265 NSF #0854182 PI: UNT Saraju Mohanty, Title: II-EN: Infrastructure Acquisition for Statistical Power, Leakage, and Timing Modeling Towards Realization of Robust Complex Nanoelectronic Circuits (2009)

\$180,162 NSF #0453449 PI-J. Gunn and G. Kunkel (Co-PI) REU Site: Taiwan-Texas A&M Summer Research Program (2005)

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\$89,000 NSF #0083336 Supplemental (Contributor to Proposal Development) PI-Jane Schielack "China-U.S. cooperative research exchange: Planning Visit to Increase US-China Cooperation in Science Education: Integrating science, education and IT in a cross-cultural setting, National Science Foundation, Supplement to 0083336 Information Technology in the Teaching and Learning of Science (2002)

\$10,000 Korea Foundation- Korean Studies Materials Enhancement Grant for Sterling Evans Library, Texas A&M University (2002)

Japan Foundation-Library Support Program (donations of Japan studies materials) Grant for Sterling Evans Library, Texas A&M University (2002)

\$3,000 World Scholars Program, International Center- George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, Social Studies Workshop Development Grant, Australian Education (2000)

Grants awarded to Community organizations via the Center for Community Support

\$55,909 Samaritan Counseling Center of East Texas, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Parenting Program (2000)

\$487,750 North Forest ISD and Houston Crackdown Drug-Free Communities Support Program, Office of National Drug Control Policy and Department of Justice (1999)

\$4.1 million The Georgetown Safe School & Healthy Students Initiative. US Department of Education; Office of National Drug Control Policy; Department of Justice (1999)

\$140,000 Academics 2000- Texas Education Agency. Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District Dallas (1999)

\$375,000 Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling-Statewide Services Grant. Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (1999)

\$1,338,64Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board of Texas. South Texas Telehealth Partnership-Telemedicine Demonstration. School of Rural Public Health, College of Medicine, Baylor College of Dentistry, Scott & White and Driscoll Children's Hospital (1999)

\$7,000 Project Vida- El Paso. The Learning Basket for Parents. Hogg Foundation (1999)

\$498,830 OJJDP-Office of Drug Control Policy. Georgetown Prevention Project (1998)

\$130,000Texas Department of Health Medina Community Hospital. Healthy Families Planning Grant (1998)

\$75,000 Meadows Foundation Willie Mae Mitchell Community Opportunity Center. Project PATHS "Positive Attitudes Toward Higher Success" (1998)

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\$75,000 Workforce Development Commission. Brazos Valley School to Work Partnership. Brazos Valley STW Partnership (1998)

\$80,000 Multiple Foundations- Kingsville Boys & Girls Club. Boys & Girls Club, Building Renovation (1998)

\$88,535 U.S. DHHS HRSA. La Sima Foundation. Ryan White Title I, II, HOPWA Minority Access; Client Advocacy; Substance Abuse & Mental Health (1998)

\$148,330 U.S. DHHS HRSA. Renaissance III. Ryan White Title I, II, HOPWA (1998)

\$288,071 U.S. Department of Education. Paul Quinn College-The Center for Life Long Learning. MSIP – Improving Math Achievement Through Multimedia (1997)

\$24,000 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Tom Green County Juvenile Justice Center. San Angelo Mentors in Schools, Project 3 (1997)

\$597,762 U.S. DHHS, Office of Rural Health Policy. Pecos County Memorial. Trans-Pecos Primary Care Initiative (1997)

\$180,068 Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse. Horizon Youth Services Center. Youth Connections (1997)

\$19,559 Texas Department of Health. Renaissance III. TDH Capacity Building-Brother to Brother (1997)

\$289,000 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Community-based HIV-AIDS Prevention (ANN #704); Hispanic AIDS Comm. San Antonio, TX (1997)

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\$75,000 Houston Endowment Foundation. Outdoor learning academy. Bryan Independent School District, Bryan, TX (1996)

\$65,000 Texas Department of Health—Community Oriented Primary Care. COPC— Shackelford County CRC. Albany, TX (1996)

\$87,000 Texas Education Agency, Academic 2000-First Things First. Reading enhancement project. Wheatley Elem School, Temple, TX (1996)

\$498,000 U.S. DHHS, Office of Rural Health Policy. Project Scout—Shackelford County Outreach. Shackelford County Community Resource Center, Albany, TX (1996)

\$178,000 U.S. Department of Education, Minority Science Improvement Program. Project to establish a BS in Environmental Science degree. Texas A&M International University in Laredo, TX (1996)

\$88,000 Texas Education Agency. was awarded for multi-district rural Drug Free Schools and Communities project, Corpus Christ, TX (1995)

\$76,000 Texas Education Agency, Technology Division award for a regional Internet connectivity grant for the Caldwell, Giddings, and Lexington Independent School Districts (1994)

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Publications, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SYMPOSIA

ARTICLES & REPORTS

Nader, R., Muller, G. O., Johnson, C. D., & Blakely, C. H. (2000) Developing Effective University-Community Collaboration through Grant-writing: The Community Grant Support Center. In R. Lerner & T. R. Chibucos (Eds.), Serving Children and Families Through Community-University Partnerships: Success Stories, Kluwer Academic Publishers.

McCallum R., Griswold, S., Nader, R. (1999). Community-University Partnership to Assess Immunization Rates, Follow-up study. *Health Education Quarterly*.

Nader, R., Norris, John M. (1999) Historical perspectives higher education reform in Japan: The challenges facing the University. Phi Beta Delta International Review.

Nader, R. The evolution of a technology revolution in rural Texas: The case of the Burleson County Wide Integrated Network. (1999). GTE Office of Community Development, Irving Texas (reference grant #042156).

Nader, R. Multi-county Community Health Needs Assessments. (1998). Survey report for St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center on 4 rural counties measuring chronic illness, immunization, patient-practitioner communication and health behaviors.

Nader, R., Richardson, H. Mobilizing External Advisory Committees and Councils to Enhance Education, Research and Service. Report of the Chancellor's Task Force on External Advisory Committees and Councils. Texas A&M University System. June, 1998.

Presentations

Featured Speaker, NAFSA Leadership Conference, Boston, MA May 22-23, 2015

Invited Panelist, Nader with Prema Arasu, Norm Peterson, "Finding Federal Funding in Less Common Places" and "Integrating Global Priorities in Research and Economic Development: Approaches and opportunities that link partners in academia, government and non-governmental sectors" delivered at 2012 Association for International Education Administrators (AEIA).

Invited Speaker, Nader, with Fuse and Hinckley, Thailand National Science Museum's Public Spaces, Bangkok, Thailand, "Communicating Controversial Science: Museums Media and the Press". Sponsored by the Thailand Ministry of Science and Technology, December, 2011.

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Nader- Panelist, NSF Workshop on International Workshop on International Collaborations, Northeastern University, Arlington, VA June 2-4, 2010 Advising funders on broadening participation in international STEM for women and underrepresented groups.

Nader, R.H., Chittenden, D. (February 21, 2005) "Japan-US Dialogue on Public Understanding of Science and Technology" presented at the Annual Meeting of the AAAS, Washington, DC.

Nader, R.H. (February 11, 2005) Moderator, Panel Ambassadors' Forum: "Asia- The Next 4 Years" Sponsored by the Asia Society, Intercontinental Hotel, Houston

Nader, R.H. Invited Poster (January 14, 2005) "Cultural Impacts on Public Perceptions of Biotechnology: Comparison of South Korea and the United States" presented at Second Annual Conference on Humanities and Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nader, R.H., Invited Speaker, (August 2004), Democratic Pacific Assembly, Taipei -"New Vision New Messages for Higher Education in Asia" Hosted by the Office of VP A. Lu.

Nader and Schielack, Co-Chairs, (November 2003) "IT-based Science Education, Research" Roundtable Session, US-China Relations Conference, College Station, Texas

Nader, R.H., Speaker, (October 2002) China-US Workshop on Public Understanding of Science, National Academy of Science, Washington, D.C.

Nader, R.H., Invited Participant, Poster (September 2002). Public Understanding of Research, Museums and the Media Conference. Minnesota Museum of Science, St. Paul MN. National Science Foundation

Nader, R.H., Invited Speaker (August 2002). Chinese American Network Scientists Symposium, Shanghai, PRC. "Network Applications US-China Comparative Virtual Science Museum"

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Nader, R. Bresette, D. (October, 1999). Presenter, Family Violence in Rural Settings: Improving Services, Building Partnerships in Culturally Diverse Communities. College Station, TX

Nader, R. (1998 December) Panelist. Juvenile Justice Grants Fair. *Where is the money and how do you get it?* Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center. Sponsored by U.S. Representative Garnet Coleman. Prairie View A&M University. Prairie View, TX.

Nader, R., Johnson, C. (September 1997) *Funding Strategies and Theory-based Interventions for Drug Abuse Programming*. Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Annual Symposium, Austin, TX.

Nader, R. (1997, May). *Texas Legislature Strengthens Communities through Texas A&M University*. Presentation for 5th Annual LINKS Conference—Linking Public Universities & State Capitols, Springfield, IL.

Nader, R. (1996, April). *Strategies of a childhood immunization assessment and neighborhood coalition building*. Presentation at the 30th National Immunization Conference, Washington, D.C.

Nader, R. Invited speaker. (1996, February). *Using data to strengthen programs, proposals, & evaluations*. Presentation at Texas War on Drugs/Texas Education Agency Joint Conference for Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities, Austin, TX.

Nader, R. (1995-1996). Invited speaker. *Mobilizing the community for funding*. Presentation for faculty & community leaders at Tarelton State University, Stephenville; Texas Women's University, Denton; East Texas State University, Commerce.

Nader, R. (January 1993). (co-presenter) *How culture & politics are changing economic forecasts in Slovakia: A good time to look at the microcosm*. Presentation before the AIESIC (International Assoc. of Students in Economics & Business Management) regional meeting, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.

FEDERAL SERVICE

January 2016 - NSF GRFP, Fellowship Reviews –Political Science Panel

May 2014, 2015- 100,000 Strong Partners for the Americas reviewer

February 2010, NSF PIRE Review Panel

Feb 2009 and March 2010 Reviewer NSF Graduate Student Research Fellowship

January 2009 Reviewer-NSF East Asia Pacific Summer Institutes

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April 2003 Review Committee member-Educational Partnerships Grants to China,
Education and Cultural Affairs Section, US Department of State.

February 2001 Panelist Selection Committee. Fulbright Memorial Fund. Institute for
International Education, Washington, DC.

August 1999, April 2001 Committee Chair, Community Initiated Research Grants.
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services.

March 1999 21st Century Community Learning Centers. U.S. Department of Education,
Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

August 1998 Youth Connections Demonstration. Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

June 1997, 1998, 1999 Rural health outreach demonstration grants. Office of Rural Health
Policy, Health Resources Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services.

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

2002– Developer and Instructor, “Grant development and proposal writing-an interdisciplinary approach” (PHPM 655) for the School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (3 graduate level semester credit hours).

1998 – Developer, "Interdisciplinary Methods for Winning Grants"- Texas A&M University Extended Education Program 6 module 12 hour course in effective grant writing.

1998 – Reviewer, "Curriculum 2000 Grant Seeking for Community Government," The Texas County Commissioners Court Advanced Certification Program, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University Systems 52 modules. Multi-media lesson plans, objectives and worksheets.

HONORS, ACCOLADES & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Elected Member, APLU Commission on International Initiatives (CII) (2014-7)
 - NSF Director’s Award for Public Service and Collaborative Team Building (2006, 2008)
 - National Board Member-Phi Beta Delta-- International Scholars Honor Society (2005) President, Phi Beta Delta—International Scholars Honor Society (2002)
 - External Advisory Board, “Dragon Skies”, Chabot Space Science Center, Oakland, (2002)
 - Fellow, L.T. Jordan Institute for Intl. Awareness-Study abroad grant recipient (1999)
 - Fellow, National Science Foundation Database Institute (1998)
 - Fellow, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), US Dept. of Ed (1997)
 - Recipient, “Red Boot” CDC award for most significant community health project (1996)
 - Member, Statewide Resource Development, Texas Rural Development Council (1999)
 - Member, Sigma Tau Delta – English Honor Society (1988)
 - Honorable Discharge, United States Marine Corps (1982-1988)
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