

# ROBERT J. CAVAZOS, MFA

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

MFA in Creative Writing-Poetry, North Carolina State University, 2019  
BA in English & Government, University of the Incarnate Word, 2017

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DC/ECHS Faculty Fellow, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, 2023-Present  
Lecturer of English, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, 2021-Present  
English Instructor, Northeast Lakeview College, 2022-2023  
English Instructor, Texas Southmost College, 2020-21  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, NC State, 2017-19  
Special Collections Assistant, NC State, 2017-18  
Professional Writing Tutor, UIW, 2014-17

### POETRY PUBLICATIONS

“La Frontera,” “DNA,” and “Recipe,” *Boundless 2021: The Anthology of the Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival*, March 2021.  
“Convicted Nowhere Yet,” *Quirk*, May 2017.  
“A Rambling Semblance of Coherence,” *Quirk*, May 2015.  
“Prejudice,” *A Celebration of Young Poets-Texas*, January 2007.

### CONFERENCES & READINGS

“Students, Family, and Faculty: Developing the DC/ECHS Program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio,” *Summit for Dual Credit Programs*, South Padre Island, Texas, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

“Stories from Remains: Responding to War and Environmental Calamity in Poems, Essays, and Graphic Novels,” *2024 Southern Humanities Conference*, Savannah, Georgia, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

DC/ECHS Faculty Fellow representative, *2023 NACEP National Conference*, St. Louis, Missouri, October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Featured Faculty Poet, *Be Bold. Be Heard. Live Showcase*, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Featured Faculty Poet, *National Poetry Month Showcase*, Northeast Lakeview College, Universal City, Texas, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

“Truth and Cultural Mythmaking: A Poetry Reading,” presentation of original poetry, *2023 Southern Humanities Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

DC/ECHS Faculty Advisory Group representative, *2022 NACEP National Conference*, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 6th-8th, 2022.

“San Antonio through Poems,” interview and poetry reading, *Latin@ Stories* (podcast) with host Dr. Elena Foulis, San Antonio, Texas, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

“Pop-Pop’s Hallway,” reading of winning ekphrastic poem, *National Poetry Month Celebration and Reading*, Briscoe Western Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

“Sensational Reading: The Relationship between Accessibility and Storytelling,” discussion panel, *Gemini Ink’s Writers Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, July 2018.

“Turn,” multimedia digital wall display of poetry, *NC State’s Art United Gallery Show*, Raleigh, North Carolina, April 2018.

“No Free Shipping,” short fiction reading, *Weber State’s National Undergraduate Literature Conference*, Ogden, Utah, March 2017.

“The Reclamation of Personal and Traumatic Experience: Poems,” senior portfolio poetry reading, *UIW’s Tenth Annual Research Week Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, February 2017.

“Erasing to Remember: Reclaiming Traumatic Narrative through Erasure,” group presentation, *UIW’s Tenth Annual Research Week Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, February 2017.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### A&M-San Antonio

ENGL 1301: Composition I, Fall 2023

ENGL 1302: Composition II, F2F/Asynchronous, Spring 2022-Present

INRW Jaguar Bootcamp (TSI refresher course), Asynchronous, Summer 2022

ENGL 1300: Integrated Reading & Writing, F2F/Hybrid/Asynchronous, 2021-Present

### Northeast Lakeview College

ENGL 1301: Composition I, Spring 2023

ENGL 2322: British Literature I, Anglo Saxon through Neoclassical, Fall 2022

### Texas Southmost College

ENGL 1302: Composition II, Asynchronous, 2020-21

### North Carolina State University

ENG 289: Poetry Writing Workshop, Spring 2019

ENG 287: Explorations in Creative Writing, Fall 2018

## **SERVICE**

### A&M-San Antonio Committees

DC/ECHS Faculty Advisory Group, Spring 2022-Present

Integrated Reading & Writing Program, Fall 2021-Present

First Year Composition Program, Fall 2021-Present

Creative Arts & Performance Studies, 2021-22

Faculty Advising Program, 2021-22

A&M-San Antonio Faculty Workshop Development

DC/ECHS Fall & Spring Faculty Orientations, Organizer and Host, 2022-24

DC/ECHS Workshop Series, Creator and Facilitator, Spring 2022-Present

Coffee & Composition, Session Facilitator, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A&M-San Antonio Faculty Workshop Participation

ACUE Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning, Microcredential, Spring 2022

Safe Space LGBTQ+ Workshop, University Designation, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Writing-Intentional Course Design Workshop, Dec.-Jan. 2021-22

UndocuAlly Workshop, University Designation, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

A&M-San Antonio Student-Focused Initiatives

Hostile Terrain Art Exhibit, Opening Poem Reading, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

DC/ECHS Fall Family Orientation, Organizer and Host, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Jaguar JumpStart, TSI preparation sessions, Facilitator, Summer 2022-Present

New Student Orientations, Multiple Measures Rubric, Facilitator, Summer 2022-Present

University Library Banned Books Week Read Aloud, Faculty Facilitator, Fall 2021-Present

ENGL/HIST Learning Community San Antonio Missions Trip, Organizer, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A&M-San Antonio Poetry Readings

Lupe Mendez, State Poet Laureate of Texas, Grant Writer and Facilitator, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Vocab Sanderson, SA Poet Laureate, Grant Writer and Facilitator, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Chibbi Orduña, Reading and Workshop, Master of Ceremonies, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Guerrero, State Poet Laureate Book Launch, Intro and Reading, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Creative Writing Contest Judging

Harvard's Symposium on Spanish as a Heritage Language, Poetry Contest Judge, 2023-24

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Corps Member, Teach for America-Rio Grande Valley, 2019-21

Gemini Ink Writer-in-Residence, Ella Austin Community Center, 2016-17

Founder, UIW Student Social Justice Advocacy Training Conference, 2016-17

Cardinal Community Leader, Global Service Trip, Sisters of Charity, Mexico City, June 2016

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2022 Ekphrastic Poetry Contest Winner, NPMSA, March 2022

Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, Teach for America, 2020-21

NC State Poetry Contest Finalist, North Carolina State University, May 2019

Dr. Jo LeCouer Award for Poetry, University of the Incarnate Word, May 2017

Sr. Alacoque Power Award for Outstanding Student of English, UIW, May 2017

Amy Freeman Lee Scholastic Achievement & Service Recognition Award, UIW, May 2017

United States Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, UIW, June 2015

Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta, and National Society of Collegiate Scholars, UIW, May 2014

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Academy of American Poets

Southern Humanities Council (SHC)

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)

**SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

AP English Teacher, Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District, 2019-21

Texas Educator Certificate, ELA & Reading 7-12, ESL Supplemental, valid until May 2026