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## EDUCATION

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<b>Texas Tech University</b> Lubbock, TX	<b>Graduated 2014</b>
<i>Doctorate in Musical Arts</i> Emphasis: Orchestral Conducting	
<b>University of Texas at Brownsville</b> Brownsville, TX	<b>Graduated 2005</b>
<i>Master of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies</i> Emphasis: Music Education	
<b>Puebla State Conservatory of Music</b> Puebla, Mexico	<b>Graduated 2001</b>
<i>Bachelor of Music</i> Emphasis: Violin Performance	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Florida Southern College</b> Lakeland, FL	<b>2019-present</b>
<b>Director of Orchestras and String Studies Director</b>	
<i>Courses and Responsibilities:</i> Symphony Orchestra Director Beginning and Advanced Instrumental Conducting Orchestration Form and Analysis String Area Director	

**Washburn University**  
Topeka, KS  
**Director of Orchestras and String Area Coordinator**

**2015-2019**

*Courses and Responsibilities:*

Symphony Orchestra Director  
String Orchestra Director  
Beginning and Advanced Instrumental Conducting  
Orchestration  
Enjoyment of Music  
Music Advisor  
String Area Coordinator

**Topeka Youth Symphony Orchestra**  
Topeka, KS

**2016-2019**

*Responsibilities:*

Musical Director and Conductor

**University of Texas at Brownsville**  
Brownsville, TX  
**Director of String Studies and Symphony Orchestra**

**2007-2015**

*Courses and Responsibilities:*

Symphony Orchestra Director  
String and Chamber Ensembles Director  
Instrumental Conducting  
Applied Violin and Viola  
String Methods

**South Texas College**  
Edinburg, TX  
**Adjunct Faculty**

**2012-2015**

*Courses and Responsibilities:*

Applied Violin and Viola  
Chamber Music

**University of Texas at Brownsville**  
Brownsville, TX  
**Lecturer in Music**

**2004-2007**

*Courses and Responsibilities:*

Symphony Orchestra Director  
Applied Violin  
String Methods  
Music Theory I  
Sight Singing and Ear Training I-IV  
Chamber Music  
International Music Student Advisor

**University of Texas at Brownsville /Texas Southmost College**  
Brownsville, TX  
**Adjunct Faculty**

**2001-2004**

*Courses and Responsibilities:*

Assistant Symphony Orchestra Director  
Applied Violin  
Mariachi Assistant (Violin Section)  
Sight Singing and Ear Training I-IV  
Chamber Music

**Puebla State Conservatory of Music**  
Puebla, Mexico  
**Adjunct Faculty**

**1998-2001**

*Courses and Responsibilities:*

Violin Professor, lower division  
Youth Orchestra Director

## **THESIS PROJECTS**

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**Texas Tech University**  
**Doctorate in Musical Arts - Orchestral Conducting**

**2014**

“On the Performance of Homenaje a Federico García Lorca by  
Silvestre Revueltas and Danzón No. 5 by Arturo Márquez”

**University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College**  
**Master’s Degree - Emphasis Music Education**

**2005**

“Three Violin Sonatas by Twentieth Century Mexican Composers:  
An Alternative to the Standard Violin Literature with Pedagogical Application”

**Puebla State Conservatory of Music**  
**Bachelor’s Degree in Music - Violin Performance –**  
Project for the Puebla State Public Library

**2001**

“Violin History Research and Standard Repertoire Recordings”

## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

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Bi-National Youth Symphony Orchestra	Mexico and Germany
String Orchestra of Voghera	Italy
Executive Director and Clinician Orchestra and Band Conducting Symposium	Mexico
Puebla State Conservatory of Music	Mexico
Escuela de Música “Fausto de Andrés y Aguirre”	Mexico
Rheintalische Music School	Austria

## PERFORMING and ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

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Lawrence Community Orchestra	USA	2018-2019
Trio Angelopolitano	Mexico and Canada	2015-present
Sin Fronteras Piano Trio	USA	2015-2016
Kingsville Symphony Orchestra	USA	2014-2015
Lubbock Symphony Orchestra	USA	2013-2014
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Camerata	Mexico	2012-present
South Texas Chamber Players	USA	2012-present
University of Texas at Brownsville Faculty String Quartet	USA	2007-2015
Valley Symphony Orchestra – Principal Second Violin	USA	2005-2007
Puebla State Symphony Orchestra	Mexico	2003-2004
Puebla City Chamber Orchestra	Mexico	2000-2001
Conductor and Founder Puebla State Conservatory of Music Youth Orchestra	Mexico	2000-2001
Normalista Choir and Symphony Orchestra	Mexico	1999-2000
University of Tlaxcala Chamber Orchestra	Mexico	1996-1998
Puebla State Secretariat of Fine Arts Symphony Orchestra	Mexico	1999-1997
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Student Orchestra	Mexico	1990-1996

## RELEVANT ENSEMBLES CONDUCTED

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Texas All-Region 32 Middle School Full Orchestra	USA
North East Kansas Honor High School Orchestra	USA
Gustavo Aguirre Producciones Orchestra	Mexico
Binational Youth Symphony Orchestra	Mexico-Germany
String Orchestra of Voghera	Italy
Christian Rauch Schule Symphony Orchestra	Germany
Frankenberg Schule Orchestra	Germany
German School of Jakarta Orchestra	Germany
Kassel Schule Orchestra	Germany
Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra	USA
Topeka Youth Symphony Orchestra	USA
Washburn University Symphony Orchestra	USA
University of Texas at Brownsville Symphony Orchestra	USA
University of Texas at Brownsville String Orchestra	USA
Lustenau Sinfonietta	Austria
Texas Tech University Symphony Orchestra	USA
Texas Tech University String Orchestra	USA
Texas All-Region 28 High School Symphony Orchestra	USA

Texas All-Region 28 Middle School Orchestra	USA
Puebla State Symphony Orchestra	Mexico
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Symphony Orchestra	Mexico
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Wind Ensemble	Mexico
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Camerata	Mexico
Puebla State University Sinfonietta	Mexico
University of Puebla Symphony Orchestra	Mexico
University of Tamaulipas Symphony Orchestra	Mexico
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Youth Symphony Orchestra	Mexico
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Youth Chamber Orchestra	Mexico

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Placeres, Martha. "The History of the Violin in Mexico"  
 Síntesis, 2013 (Mexico)

Placeres, Martha. "Basic Conducting Manual" (in Spanish)  
 (currently in progress)

## **RECORDINGS**

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"Concierto Encuentro" (CD and DVD)  
 Puebla State Conservatory of Music Youth Symphony Orchestra and University of Texas at Brownsville Symphony Orchestra  
 Estudios Universales Famma and Miguel Angel Barreda Producciones, 2007 (Mexico)

"Hypo-Kundenkonzert" (CD and DVD)  
 Lustenau Sinfonietta and University of Texas at Brownsville Symphony Orchestra (selected students)  
 Lustenau Höchst Fußach, 2014 (Austria)

"Vespers Concert" (DVD)  
 Featuring the Washburn University Symphony Orchestra and Choir  
 KTWU, 2015 (USA)

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 KTWU, 2016 (USA)

"Viva Mexiko" (CD)  
 Bi-national Symphony Orchestra Mexico-Germany  
 Christian Rauch, 2016 (Germany)

“Vespers Concert” (DVD)  
Featuring the Washburn University Symphony Orchestra and Choir  
KTWU, 2017 (USA)

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Featuring the Washburn University Symphony Orchestra and Choir  
KTWU, 2018 (USA)

## AWARDS

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Royal Decree of the City of Cholula Participation as the Mexican Conductor of the Binational Youth Symphony Orchestra Mexico-Germany	Mexico	2016
Exceptional Merit Award University of Texas at Brownsville	USA	2010
Award “Carmen Serdán Alatríste” Woman of the Year in the Arts of the State of Puebla	Mexico	2008

## GRANTS

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University of Texas at Brownsville Center of Civic Engagement Scholarship of Community Engagement	2014
University of Texas at Brownsville Center of Civic Engagement Scholarship of Community Engagement	2013

## RECENT CLINICS

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String Conducting Workshop Washburn Rural High School	Mexico USA	2019 2019
Texas Music Educators Association Region 32 Middle School Full Honor Orchestra	USA	2018
Shawnee Heights High School Orchestra	USA	2018
Topeka Public Schools Music Professional Development	USA	2018
9 <sup>th</sup> International Youth Festival	Germany	2018
Kassel, Frankenberg and Christian Rauch Schule Combined Orchestras	Germany	2018
Texas MEA Region 15 Nikkie Rowe High School Orchestra	USA	2018
Seaman High School Orchestra	USA	2018
Kansas MEA In-Service Workshop High School Honor Orchestra	USA	2018
Youth Symphony of Kansas City	USA	2018
Orchestra and Band Conducting Symposium	Mexico	2017
North East Kansas MEA District Honor High School Orchestra	USA	2017
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School	USA	2017
Pre-UIL Clinic Texas MEA Region 28 – Orchestra Division	USA	2017
Free State High School	USA	2017
Spring Hill High School	USA	2017
Washburn Rural High School	USA	2017

“Conducting Rehab Workshop” USD 501 School District	USA	2016
Seaman High School	USA	2016
Spring Hill Middle School	USA	2016
Topeka Youth Symphony	USA	2016
Orchestra and Band Conducting Symposium	Mexico	2016
Washburn Rural High School	USA	2015
Seaman High School	USA	2015
Shawnee Heights High School	USA	2015
Topeka Youth Symphony	USA	2015
Puebla State Conservatory of Music, Violin masterclasses	Mexico	2015
Beginning Conducting Workshop	Mexico	2015
Puebla State University, Orchestra Workshop	Mexico	2015
Harlingen Pre-UIL Concert and Sight Reading Orchestra Clinic	USA	2015
Texas MEA Region 28 Upper Strings Sectionals	USA	2015
Orchestra and Band Conducting Symposium	Mexico	2015
Texas MEA Region 28 Vibrato Clinic for Upper Strings	USA	2014
Texas MEA Region 28 Help Session	USA	2014
Harlingen CISD Orchestra Director’s In-Service Clinic	USA	2014
International Music Education Course - Texas Tech University	USA	2014
Texas MEA All Region 28 High School Symphony Orchestra	USA	2013
Texas MEA Region 28 Help Session	USA	2013
5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Tech University Music Education Research Consortium	USA	2013
Gutierrez Middle School Orchestra Pre-UIL Orchestra	USA	2012
Harlingen High School Varsity and non-Varsity Pre-UIL Orchestra	USA	2012
Coakley Middle School Varsity and Junior Varsity Pre-UIL Orchestra	USA	2012
Texas MEA Region 28 Help Session	USA	2012
Texas MEA All Region 28 Middle School Orchestra	USA	2011
Texas MEA Region 28 Help Session	USA	2011

## RECENT ADJUDICATIONS

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Puebla State Conservatory of Music Violin Degree Recitals	2019
Washburn University Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition Conducting Category	2018
Washburn University Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition Vocal and Instrumental Categories	2018
All-State Kansas Orchestra	2018
Washburn University Department of Music Honors Concert	2018
Missouri State University Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition	2018
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Violin Degree Recitals	2018
<i>Mi Talento Kids</i> – Semi-final and finals	2017
Youth Orchestras of Kansas City	2017
Washburn University Department of Music Honors Concert	2017
Kansas Large Ensemble Festival Contest – Orchestra Division	2017
Washburn University Department of Music Honors Concert	2017
All-State Kansas Orchestra – Violins	2017
Puebla State Conservatory of Music Violin Degree Recitals	2017
Washburn University Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition Conducting Category	2016
Kansas Large Ensemble Festival Contest – Orchestra Division	2016
Kansas Intercollegiate Orchestra	2016
Washburn University Department of Music Honors Concert	2016
Texas UIL Orchestra Concert and Sight Reading Region 28	2016
Washburn University Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition Conducting Category	2016
Washburn University Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition Vocal and Instrumental Categories	2016

Puebla State Conservatory of Music Degree Recitals	2016
Fourteenth Annual Guitar Festival of Brownsville Texas	2015
Texas UIL Orchestra Concert and Sight Reading Region 22	2015
Texas UIL Orchestra Concert and Sight Reading Region 15	2015
Texas UIL Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Region 28	2015
Texas Pre-UIL Orchestra Division Concert and Sight Reading – Harlingen Texas School District	2015
Texas UIL Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Region 15	2015
Texas UIL Orchestra Concert and Sight Reading Region 15	2014
Texas UIL Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Region 28	2014
Texas Pre-UIL Orchestra High School Region 15	2013
Eleventh Annual Guitar Festival of Brownsville Texas	2012
UTB Symphony Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition	2012
Texas Pre-UIL Orchestra High School Region 28	2012
Texas Pre-UIL Orchestra Middle School Region 28	2012
Tenth Annual Guitar Festival of Brownsville Texas	2011

## **COMMISSIONS AND PREMIERES**

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<i>Canto Dulce and Claro Oscuro</i> (Violin and Piano) by Adriana Romero (Mexico) – US Premiere	2019
<i>Tango</i> (for string orchestra) by Adriana Romero (Mexico) – World Premiere	2017
<i>Eclipse</i> (for string orchestra and electronics) by Mathew Campbell (USA) dedicated to Martha Placeres Kansas Premiere	2017
<i>Djivipe</i> (for string orchestra and percussion) by Mathew Campbell (USA) – World Premiere	2014
<i>New Counterpoint</i> (string orchestra and marimba quartet version) by Mathew Campbell (USA) World Premiere	2014
<i>A Shout Across Time</i> (for orchestra, film and soundtrack – in collaboration with UTB Rio Grande Science and Arts Festival) by Ira Mowitz (USA) - Texas Premiere	2014
<i>Christmas Concerto</i> (for orchestra and choir) by Mathew Campbell (USA) – World Premiere	2013
<i>Eclipse</i> (for string orchestra and electronics) by Mathew Campbell (USA) dedicated to Martha Placeres World Premiere	2013
<i>Nostalgia</i> (for string orchestra) by Adriana Romero (Mexico) – World Premiere	2012
<i>Three Pieces for Clarinet and Violin</i> by Adriana Romero (Mexico) dedicated to Martha Placeres World Premiere	2012
<i>Toledo, la Ciudad de las Cuatro Generaciones</i> (for symphony orchestra) by Sergio Berlioz (Mexico) Texas Premiere	2007

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Mexican Women Conductors League (Chair)  
 Kansas State High School Adjudicators Association (KSHSAA)  
 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA)  
 Texas Music Adjudicators Association (TMAA)  
 Texas Orchestra Directors Association (TODA)  
 National Association for Music Educators (NAfME)  
 Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA)  
 Conductors Guild  
 League of American Orchestras  
 College Music Society



## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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