

Jaime Chahin, Professor and Dean of the College of Applied Arts at Texas State University-San Marcos, has over twenty-nine years of varied experiences in education. During the last twenty years he has been an administrator and holds a tenured teaching appointment as a Professor at Texas State. He has held other teaching appointments at the University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at Brownsville and Southwest Texas Junior College. Dr. Chahin's teaching experience began in 1972 as a Head Start teacher aide in Eagle Pass, Texas. Prior to that Dr. Chahin was a Senior Policy Analyst for the Select Committee for Higher Education in Texas, which reported its findings to the legislature in 1987. From 1977 to 1986, Dr. Chahin was Dean of Student Personnel Services and Research, Director of Counseling and Special Assistant to the President at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville, Texas.

Dr. Chahin's professional development includes fellowships, articles, research grants, and numerous professional presentations at the state, national, and international levels. He received the "Ohtli" award from the Secretary of Exterior Relations of Mexico in July 2002. He also received the Outstanding Latino in Higher Education Award, American Association Higher Education, Hispanic Caucus, March 2001. In addition, he was executive producer of a documentary, The Forgotten Americans, a film about colonias in the U.S. Mexico border, which premiered at the Smithsonian and on PBS on December 14, 2000. The documentary received a First Place Award from the National Council of Families. In 1993, Dr. Chahin was awarded a three year Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship in which he studied economic development and free trade issues in Europe, the Pacific Rim and North America. Specifically, his research focused on how institutions and communities can collaborate to identify workforce needs and provide the training and education required to prepare the workforce and attract business entities. In 1993, Dr. Chahin chaired the American Association for Higher Education Hispanic Caucus.

His principal research interests involve cultural and public policy issues that impact access and equity in Higher Education. His most recent publications include the following articles: "Latina Immigrant Transnational Mothers: The Voices of Leaders" (2007); "The Forgotten Americans: A Voice for Colonia Residents" (2005); "Where Leadership is Really Learned," (2004); "Digital Divide: Impact on Hispanic-Owned Small Businesses" (2003); "Las Colonias, Entre dos Mundos" (2003); "Latino Demographics and Education in the U.S. Southwest" (2003); "The Educational and Occupational Aspirations of Colonia Children" (2002); "Reflections of a Migrant Farmworker" (2000); "Lessons Learned in the Development of Human Capital" (1999); "Dichos y Refranes: The Transmission of Cultural Values and Beliefs" (1998); "Mis Padres: What They Shared" (1998); "The Contrast Between the Pathological Attributes and the Status Aspirations of Mexican American Youth" (1998); "Beyond the Myths: Paternal Values of Latino-Fathers" (1997); "Leadership, Diversity and The Campus Community" (1994); "Hispanics in Higher Education: Trends in Participation" (1993); "The Status of Hispanic Faculty in Texas Universities" (1993). Other notable publications of interest include "The Educational and Occupational Aspirations of High School Females" and "The Incubator Concept for Economic Development."

His professional service has been manifested at all levels through various boards and committees. Recently he served on the Advisory Committee of the Kellogg Foundation, ENLACE Initiative, the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation Master Teacher Project and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Currently he is also serving on three boards, San Marcos Community Foundation, Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce Education Foundation, Vice Chair of the U.S. Mexico Solidarity Foundation and the Proyecto Azteca Development Bank, a colonia project in the Rio Grande Valley. In addition he has served on the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center and the Texas Faculty Shortages Committee that completed a report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board forecasting the future faculty needs of Texas. In 1992, he was appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Texas Senate to serve a six-year term on the board of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation. The Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation currently guarantees millions of loans to students attending colleges and universities in Texas. He also served from 1990-1993 as a scholar in Higher Education at the Tomas Rivera Center for Policy Studies at Trinity University. Since 1994 he has served on the Editorial Board of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools in Charleston, West Virginia.

He has been a consultant, evaluator and presenter for various organizations and universities such as the U.S. Office of Education, Title III and IV, HOSTS Corporation, Kellogg Foundation, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, University of San Francisco, American Association of Community Colleges, Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, Association of Colleges and Universities, Higher Education Alliance, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, Columbia Teachers College, University of Costa Rica, and Santa Fe Community College.

Dr. Chahin, a 1971 graduate of Eagle Pass High School, received his Ph.D. in Education Administration in 1977 and his M.S.W. in 1975 in Administration and Policy from the University of Michigan. His B.A. degree in Sociology and Political Science was awarded in 1974 from Texas A & I University. He completed Post Doctoral work in Higher Education Management in 1980 and 1983 at Harvard University. In 1993, he received the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship. In 1996, he was awarded a fellowship to attend the Salzburg Institute in Austria to study Sustainable Communities.