CSULA Emeriti Faculty Biography

Name: Hildebrando Villarreal

Department: Modern Languages and Literatures

Academic rank: Professor

Year appointed: 1976
Year retired: 2005
FERP years: 2005-10

City of residence: Pasadena, California

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Birth Place: Bastrop, Texas

Birth Year: 1940 **Marital status**: Married

Spouse or partner's name: Mary MacGregor Villarreal

Family information: Daughter – Belen, and son - Carlos

Colleges or Universities Attended:	**Year**	**Degree**
University of New Mexico	1964	BA
University of New Mexico	1969	MA
UCLA	1976	Ph.D.

Teaching Experience:

Institution	**From**	**To**
California State University, Los Angeles	1976	2010

Courses taught:
Phonetics and Phonology, Fundamentals of Translation, Spanish in Community Service, Spanish Morphology, Syntax, Topics in Spanish Applied Linguistics: Languages in Contrast, Development of the Spanish Language, Sociolinguistic Patterns in Spanish

Scholarly/Creative Activity:
My research interests were the acquisition of Spanish as a first and second language, foreign language teaching methodology, the teaching of Spanish to native speakers of Spanish, and the development of the Spanish language.

Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):

Agency or Company	**From**	**To**
Chair – Department of Modern Languages and Literatures	2001	2004

Citations of Selected Publications, Presentations and/or Creative Activities:
Books:
Puntos de Partida: An Introduction to Spanish (Marty Knorre, Thalia Dorwick, Ana María Pérez-Gironés, William R. Glass, Hildebrando Villarreal). New York: McGraw-Hill.
Entre Mundos: An Integrated Approach for the Native Speaker. (Deana Alonso, Brandon Zaslow, Hildebrando Villarreal). Englewood Cliffs, N.J: Prentice-Hall.
¡A Leer! Un paso más: Reading Strategies and Conversation. (Hildebrando Villarreal, Gene S. Kupferschmid). New York: McGraw-Hill.
Morfología flexiva y derivativa del español: manual práctico para estudiantes de español. (Inflectional and Derivational Morphology of Spanish: A Practical Manual for Students of Spanish). Unpublished manuscript

University Service:
Marshal at Honors Convocation and Commencement (many years); Program Review; Personnel Committees A and B (college and department); University Search Committee (Dean, Continuing Education); Student Affairs; SSI/FMI Committee, Grievance Committees, and many other committees.

Personal commentary, including non-academic interests and accomplishments you may wish to share:

I was born in Bastrop, a small farming and ranching community, 30 miles east of Austin, Texas. I was the third son in a family of four boys. In addition, I was a twin, a situation which I considered quite fortunate. My parents moved to Gallup, New Mexico around 1942 and I really don't know how we survived there, but after 4 years our family moved to Belen, New Mexico. When we were in the fourth grade we moved again, for the last time, to Albuquerque where I graduated from high school and college.

At the University of New Mexico I majored in Education and Spanish and after graduation I taught Spanish at a junior high school for about four years. At this time I decided to return to the university to do graduate work in Spanish and linguistics and earned my Master's. At the urging of one of my professors, Dr. Raymond MacCurdy, I decided to apply to several universities to work on a Ph.D. in Spanish and linguistics. I was accepted by several schools, among them UCLA, where I decided to enroll and I completed my doctorate in 1976. This was a memorable year for me; I completed my Ph.D., got my first job as a professor, and married my wife Mary. My life has exceeded all expectations I ever had for myself. I had no idea how wonderful my family would be. My wife has been such a great support and we've had memorable times together. We have two children, Belen and Carlos, who are our pride and joy. They have surprised us and they have pleased us, but they have never caused us grief or worry.

As for my work, it's hard to remember a day when I didn't want to come to the university. When I retired I was a little concerned because I didn't know how my life would change. However, I found out that I have more to do than I ever imagined and I have taken up mountain climbing as a hobby in addition to other interests. This past year I climbed two 14,000 foot peaks, Mt. Whitney in California and Mt. Quandary in Colorado. Retirement seems like another career, and I'm loving every minute of it.

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