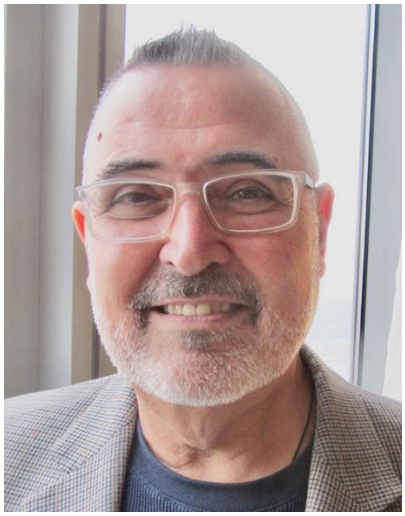
CAL STATE LA EMERITI FACULTY BIOGRAPHY



Jose L. Galvan

Jose L. Galvan began his Cal State LA career in 1990, when he joined the faculty as a professor of applied linguistics in the TESOL Program (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) in the Charter College of Education. Prior to his tenure at Cal State LA, he spent 14 years in faculty and administrative positions at UCLA. Galvan received a B.A. in English, an M.A. in Applied Linguistics, and a Ph.D. in Psycholinguistics, all at the University of Texas at Austin. He was granted emeritus status at Cal State LA in 2013 and has been a Life member since then, though he continued working as Dean of Extended Learning at San Francisco State University until his retirement from the CSU system in 2015. He now resides in Pasadena.

Galvan was active in the leadership of the College of Education. He became coordinator of the TESOL Program shortly after his appointment here, and he served on numerous division and college-level committees, including Fiscal Policy and Student Policy. He represented the college in the Academic Senate and served on several senate committees, including Educational Policy and Writing Policy. Galvan was also active in CSU systemwide committees, including serving as member of the Advisory Committee for the Sally Cassanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars Program, on which he continues to serve as a retiree, and he was active in CSU administrator affinity groups, including the Council of Graduate Deans, the Council of Research Administrators, and the Association of Extended Education Deans.

An active Principal Investigator, Galvan received numerous grants and contracts while in the College of Education. These included several teacher training grants funded by the Fulbright Commission and the US State Department's Agency for International Development. These grants were funded to train elementary and secondary school teachers in Egypt for assignments teaching English, mathematics,

natural science, and social studies in schools built specifically to educate young girls who previously had not attended school. Throughout his career at both UCLA and Cal State LA, Galvan received grants totaling more than $10 million. In 1993 – 94, he was named a Research Fellow with the US Department of Education's Office of Research.

Galvan is the author of numerous articles in sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics and two books. His book on writing literature reviews, first published in 1998, is currently used as a required textbook in more than 90 universities throughout the US and was translated to Chinese for the Taiwan market in 2003, and was translated to Chinese again for the mainland China market in 2021. He has lectured internationally, including Fulbright lectures in English Language Teaching in Cairo, Egypt, and in 2002 – 05 he served as Visiting Scholar at the Dalian University of Technology in China.

After spending eight years teaching in the TESOL Program at Cal State LA, Galvan was appointed Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research in 1998 and became Dean in 2005. He assumed the role of Dean of the College of Extended Studies and International Programs at Cal State LA from 2009 until he accepted the San Francisco State appointment in 2012. During his career in extended education, he served as a commissioner in the CSU Commission on the Extended University.

Galvan was born and raised in Weslaco, a small town in South Texas that is famous as the home of the Tex-Sun canning company, specializing in citrus juices. His only daughter, Melisa, a UC Berkeley history graduate (BA, MA, PhD) is now a tenured professor at CSU Northridge and the mother of his granddaughter, Emma Cristina.

Galvan served as president of the Cal State LA Emeriti Association from 2020 - 2022.