

Education:

B.A. in Bilingual Education
University of St. Thomas

August 1995 – December, 2000

MFA in Creative Writing– Poetry
University of Texas @ El Paso

June 2012 – December, 2015

Featured Poetry Performance History:

Nat'l Poetry Month	Lone Star College – NH	Houston, TX	April, 2015
Latino Hero's Banquet	Univ. of TX (San Antonio)	San Antonio, TX	September, 2014
CantoMundo	Mex.Am. Cultural Ctr.	Austin, TX	July, 2014, 2015
MANA – Latina Leadership Inst.	Double Tree Hotel	Houston, TX	September, 2013
Public Poetry Reading	HPL – Clayton Library	Houston, TX	August, 2013
Rio Grande Valley Int'l Poetry Fest.	Various Locations	San Benito, TX	April, 2013
NACCS – Tejas Foco	Univ. of Tex.- Pan American	Edinberg, TX	February, 2013
Magnitud/e	Fotofest	Houston, TX	January, 2013
Barbed Wire Open Mic	Joe & Vinny's Coffee Shop	El Paso, TX	August, 2012
Word Around Town Poetry	Secret Word Café	Houston, TX	August, 2012
Frida Festival	East End Gallery	Houston, TX	April, 2012
<i>First Fridays –Reading Series</i>	Inprint House	Houston, TX	December, 2011
<i>Opened for Dagoberto Gilb</i>	San Antonio Public Library	San Antonio, TX	November, 2011
<i>Encuentro!</i>	Sam Houston State Univ.	Huntsville, TX	September, 2008
<i>Latino Book/ Family Festival</i>	George R. Brown Center	Houston, TX	October, 2003- 2007
<i>A Legacy of Hope</i>	Holocaust Museum	Houston, TX	February, 2007
<i>Empowerment Through the Arts</i>	Univ. of Houston	Houston, TX	May, 2006
<i>Dia de Los Muertos</i>	Lawndale Art Center	Houston, TX	Nov., 2003 – 2005
<i>Texas Book Festival</i>	State Capital, Board Rm. C	Austin, TX	Oct., 2003 - 2005

Publication History:

Photograph of Women (Blue Dress, with Leis)

Forthcoming

Gulf Coast Literary Journal

University of Houston Press - Houston, TX

Dance Night, December 11th, 1971, Resurrection Hall

Forthcoming

Valuable – LA Review of Books

www.valuable.com

To My Tio Joaquin (A Response to Yo Soy Joaquin)

Spring, 2016

The Beatest State in the Union: An Anthology of Texas Beat Writers

Lamar University Press - Beaumont, TX

When A Student Dies

Fall, 2015

Ostrich Review – Iss. 3.2

<http://ostrichreview.com/?work=when-a-student-dies>

<p><i>Flight</i> Luna Luna Magazine www.lunalunamag.com</p>	<p>Fall, 2014</p>
<p><i>Revolución</i> Revista Sincope www.revistasincope.com</p>	<p>Spring, 2014</p>
<p><i>I Teach</i> <i>Stop Watching Me (Trying to Get a Job)</i> Huizache,– Issue 2 Centro Victoria/University of Houston-Victoria Press - Victoria, TX</p>	<p>Fall, 2012</p>
<p><i>What Should Run in the Mind of Caballeros (w/ review)</i> Flash: The International Journal of Short Fiction, Vol. 4; Issue 1 University of Chester Publishing - Chester, CH, England, UK</p>	<p>April, 2011</p>
<p><i>In Honor</i> <i>Getting Hired</i> Bayou Review - Vol. 25; Issue 1 (25th Anniversary Ed.) University Of Houston- Downtown Press - Houston, TX</p>	<p>April, 2011</p>
<p><i>What Should Run in the Mind of Caballeros</i> Sudden Fiction Latino: Short, Short Stories from the US & Latin America W.W. Norton & Company - Brooklyn, NY</p>	<p>March, 2010</p>
<hr/> <p>Presentations:</p>	
<p><i>“Conserving & Cultivating Our Ancestral Heritage”</i> National Association of Chicano/Chicana Studies – Tejas Foco Lone Star College – Kingwood – Kingwood, TX</p>	<p>February, 2016</p>
<p><i>“The I – 10 Chican@ Renaissance From Califas to Tejaztlan: Identity, Social Change & (Re)Writing the City”</i> American Literature Association Symposium Hotel Monteleone – New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>September, 2015</p>
<p><i>“La Cosecha de la huelga: The History of Houston’s Huelga Schools”</i> National Association of Chicano/Chicana Studies – Tejas Foco Lone Star College – North Harris – Houston, TX</p>	<p>February, 2015</p>
<p><i>“The Librotraficante Movement: Elements of Black/Brown Unity”</i> Diversity Leadership Conference – Blurred Lines Sam Houston State University - Huntsville, TX</p>	<p>February, 2014</p>
<p><i>“Poetry as Activism”</i> Facing Race: A National Conference Hilton Anatole Hotel – Dallas, TX</p>	<p>December, 2014</p>

Professional Experience:**Tintero Writing Workshop Series***Host/ Curriculum Designer***September 2014 - 2015***Talento Bilingüe de Houston - Houston, TX*

- Awarded a *Poets & Writers* Grant for a writing program, made free to the public
- Implemented non-fiction based lessons for adults and teens ages 16 on up
- Edited and guided participants in writing exercises based on oral histories
- Created a local poetry/writers resource guide for workshop participants

Word Around Town Poetry Tour*Co- Organizer/ Promoter***June, 2007 - 2015***Various Locations - Houston, TX*

- Establish/Maintain contact with local poetry venues in order to schedule readings
- Networked with more than twenty poets, in order to organize performances
- Wrote local press releases for use of radio, television, and Houston based publications

Awards and Affiliations:

2014	CantoMundo	- Fellow; University of Texas, Austin, TX
2013	NALAC Leadership Institute	- Selected; Cohort 2013, San Antonio, TX
2012	Downs Intellectual Freedom Award	- Univ. of Illinois @ Urbana - Champaign, Champaign, IL