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EDUCATION

M. A. University of Texas at Austin, (May, 1973)
Major field: Computer Science
Minor field: Educational Psychology

B. A. University of Texas at Austin with Honors, (May, 1968)
Major field: Mathematics
Minor field: Computer Science

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1/07 – Present University of Texas at Austin, Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Management Information Systems. Teach Intro to Problem Solving and Programming, and Web Application Development. Coordinator for undergraduate studies in MIS.

9/80 – 1/07 University of Texas at Austin, Senior Lecturer in Management Information Systems. Teach Intro to Problem Solving and Programming, and Web Application Development. Coordinator for undergraduate studies in MIS.

9/79 - 5/80 City College of San Francisco. Instructor. Taught Introduction to Management Information Systems.

5/74 - 9/79 American River Touring Association. Director, American White Water School. Organized and directed an outdoor school for white water river guide training.

6/69 - 5/74 IBM Corporation. Systems Analyst. Designed, implemented, and maintained a large database and display system in support of NASA space program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Pick A Prof Panelist (2007 – 2011)
IROM Promotions Committee (2008, 2009)
Dean's Committee on AACSB Professional Qualifications for Non-Tenured Faculty (2007)
Dean's Committee to select new director of Computer Services (2004)
BA 101 Presenter for MIS Major (2002 to present)
MIS Undergraduate Coordinator (1990 - present)
Kimberly Clark MIS 333K Team Challenge (1998 – 2004)
MIS Department Advisor Selection Committee (1998)
MISA Student Chapter Faculty Advisor (1980 - present)
Chairperson, MSIS Scholarship Committee (1985 - 2006)
Business Foundations Design Committee (1992)
MIS 310 curriculum revision committee (1984, 1987 - present)
Chairperson, MIS 310 textbook and software selection committee (1989)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Hispanic Business Students Association Favorite Professor (2011)
"Favorite Professor Award" McCombs Class of 2008
McCombs Faculty Honor Roll (2006)
Mortar Board Honor Society's "Honored Professor" (2006)
Alpha Kappa Psi's "Most Outstanding Teacher Award" (2005)
Orange Jackets – Outstanding Teacher Award (2005)
Nominated for Texas Excellence Teaching Award (2003)
Hank and Mary Harkins Foundation Award
for Effective Teaching in Undergraduate Classes (2000)
Byars/Jordan Endowment Established (1996)
"Most Outstanding Professor Award" Alpha Kappa Psi (1994)
"Best Professor Award" Utmost Magazine (1989)
Texas Excellence Teaching Award (1988)
Faculty Fellow Jester Center (1988 - 2003)
Department Nominee for Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship Award (1987)
Faculty Academic Development Grant (1981)

PUBLICATIONS

The VAX Environment and VAX COBOL, 1987 Ginn Press.

Stretching Faculty Resources in Programming Courses. Interface, The Computer Education Quarterly, Fall 1982, 4, 37-40, (with Jordan).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Chairperson, MIS Steering Committee Annual Meeting – 2003 – 2012
BA101 presentation - 2003 – 2012
MIS 301 guest speaker - 2002 - 2011
Speaker at Parents Day – 1997 - 2007
MIS Degree Presentations at CBA Commencement, 1997 – 2012
National Instruments "Professor Day" speaker, August 2005.
Camp Texas Faculty Presenter, August 2005.
MIS transfer credit – for all MIS courses above MIS 301
MIS/Study Abroad course coordinator
MIS grade disputes – for all MIS courses
Letters of Recommendation for MIS graduates and summer interns
MISA student organization – faculty sponsor (1980 – 2012)
UT-MIS list server manager (1998 – present)

Recruiter Liaison – Meet with representatives of the following companies to discuss MIS degree and MIS graduates:

Goldman Sachs	Hewlett-Packard	Deloitte	KPMG	AT&T
BestFit Media, Inc.	Exxon-Mobil	Chevron-Texaco	Dell	
Conoco- Phillips	3M	PWC	National Instruments	
Accenture	Credera	Pariveda Solutions		

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