



OFFICE of RESEARCH & GRADUATE STUDIES



Moderator

Dr. Trinidad Macias is the Sponsored Projects Coordinator at UIW where she manages research funding programs, coordinates research engagement, and supports sponsored projects training and development. Throughout her academic career, Dr. Macias has focused on various projects such as just war theory, migration policy, and the experiences of Saudi women in the US. She values research and interdisciplinary partnerships which play a vital role in knowledge-based economies. She holds a PhD in Education with a concentration in International Education and Entrepreneurship from UIW, a BA in International Relations from St. Edward's University and an MA in Political Science, with a focus on international politics from UTSA.

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The Triple Helix concept is grounded in the interaction of higher education, industry, and government which generates an innovation system format to facilitate a successful collaboration among the three agencies to support the mission of providing educational and career incentives for students. Triple Helix theory supports the concept that learning by doing, learning by using, and learning by interaction leads to increased efficiency.

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies embraces the Triple Helix concept and supports a change pedagogy from traditional manners of teaching and research activities, in place of problem-based learning in education.



April 23, 2018
SEC Ballroom



Schedule

5:00 - 5:30 pm **Check-in and Reception**

5:30 - 6:30 pm **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Osman Özturgut
Dean of Research and Graduate Studies

Introduction of Panelists

Dr. Trinidad Macias
Sponsored Projects Coordinator

Panel Discussion featuring:

Dr. Thomas Evans
President of the University of the Incarnate Word

Jenna Saucedo-Herrera
President & CEO of SAEDF

Hon. Justin Rodriguez
State Representative for District 125

Rebecca Brune
President & COO of SA Area Foundation

6:30 - 7:00 pm **Question and Answer Session**



Dr. Thomas Evans began his service as President of the University of the Incarnate Word on July 31, 2017. UIW is the largest Catholic University in Texas and the fourth-largest private University in the state. The enrollment of 10,389 students reflects the diversity of South Texas, as more than 60 percent of the students are from racial or ethnic minority groups. Dr. Evans served as president of Carroll College in Helena, Montana, from 2012-2017. During his time at Carroll, he developed and implemented a strategic plan, Vision 2018, oversaw a budget of \$55 million, and developed and led several comprehensive fundraising campaigns in excess of \$45 million dollars. Prior to his time at Carroll College, Evans served at St. Edwards University in Austin for 16 years; having risen through the ranks in various roles ultimately to associate vice president of professional education and global initiatives. Dr. Evans holds a Master of Arts in Asian studies and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from UT-Austin. He earned a Bachelor of Science in language arts from the School of Languages and Linguistics at Georgetown University.



Jenna Saucedo-Herrera joined the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF) as president and chief executive officer in 2016. She is responsible for advancing the diversification and growth of the San Antonio regional economy through domestic and global business development, workforce development, partnerships and market strategies. Before joining SAEDF, Saucedo-Herrera served as Vice President of Public Affairs and Brand Management for CPS Energy. She is an alumna of St. Mary's University. Saucedo-Herrera serves on community boards and councils, including the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Visit San Antonio, Free Trade Alliance, EPICenter, San Antonio Medical Foundation, Southwest Research Institute (SwRI), and Alamo Academies.



Born and raised in San Antonio, Representative Justin Rodriguez began his career in public service as a juvenile prosecutor for the Bexar County District Attorney's Office, where he worked diligently to assist young offenders in their rehabilitative efforts. In 2004, Rodriguez was elected to the SAISD Board of Education. After serving three years on the SAISD Board, Justin was elected to the San Antonio City Council for two terms. While at City Hall, Justin was an advocate for economic and educational opportunities for the hard-working families of his district. In 2012, Rodriguez was elected to the Texas House of Representatives to serve as the voice of San Antonio's District 125, where he is in his third term. He currently serves on the following House Committees: Appropriations, Pensions, Texas Ports, Infrastructure & Innovation. In addition, he has been selected for the Joint Interim Higher Education Funding Committee.



Rebecca "Becca" Brune is the President and Chief Operating Officer at the San Antonio Area Foundation (SAAF), where she oversees daily management and operations, and development and execution of strategic planning, community investments, and public policy initiatives. Becca has more than 24 years of experience working at the local, national and international levels building public-private partnerships to support innovative programming leveraging community investments. As a trained facilitator and mediator, she has facilitated community conversations around natural resource management issues, economic development, strategic planning and community engagement. Prior to joining SAAF, Becca was Senior Vice President of strategic planning and growth at Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Vice President at Goodwill Industries, and director of family self-sufficiency at the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County. Throughout her career, she has sought to build innovative, strategic partnerships and promote collaborations to improve programming and inspire systems change.

Panelists