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## RODERICK CASTRO ED.D

### Education

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**2008** ED. D. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Dissertation: *Establishing a Peer & Mentoring Network to Support Achievement As an Intervention for Underachieving Gifted Latino High School Students*

**2003** ED. M. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Educational Administration, Administrative Services Credential

**1994** B.A. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Political Science, International Relations

### Teaching Experience

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**2010- present** UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Associate Professor, Adjunct*

EDUC 558: Culture Learning in Schools: Latinos in California

EDUC501: Instruction for Teaching English as a New Language / TESOL

EDUC 568A&B: Guided Practice, Supervised Practicum in Observation & Teaching

EDUC 504: Foundations of Literacy Development & Instruction

**2008 –2014** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, EXTENSION

*Instructor*

UNEX 437.86 Today's Gifted Learner (*Authored*)

UNEX328.36 Teacher's Toolkit: Introduction to Strategies For Gifted Learners  
(*Authored*)

UNEX 328.371 Introductory Lesson Design For Today's Gifted Learners (*Authored*)

UNEX 328.372 Intermediate Lesson Design For Today's Gifted Learners (*Authored*)

UNEX 428.11 Intern Teacher Practicum

**2008-2010** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, EXTENSION

*Instructor*

EDUC 30087: Teaching the Gifted and Talented: Differentiating the Curriculum

EDUC 3V219: Assessment of English Learners

### Dissertation Committee Member

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3/18 -USC, Dr. Laura Rogers, *Utilizing school counselors to increase the number of rural high achieving low-income students at selective colleges: an evaluation study*

4/18 -USC, Dr. Kristen Freeman, *First- Year Retention: Community College Students: A Gap Analysis*

6/18 – USC, Dr. Muhammad Lakhani, *Maximizing English Learners' Success in Higher Education with Differentiated Instruction*

6/18 – USC, Dr. Dotteanna Garlington, *STATE Public Charter Schools And Extracurricular activities*

## **Work Experience**

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**July 2014** - present

DIRECTOR, STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAMS, San Francisco Unified School District

**July 2013 – June 2014**

SUPERVISOR, SPECIAL EDUCATION, San Francisco Unified School District

**July 2001 – July 2014**

ASST PRINCIPAL/PRINCIPAL, Los Angeles Unified School District

July 2004 – June 2013 SECONDARY (PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL)

July 2001 – June 2004 ELEMENTARY (ASST PRINCIPAL & CAT PRGRMSCOORD)

AREAS SUPERVISED (AT ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY LEVELS)

- Curriculum & Instruction, Professional Development & Intervention
- School Operations, Security & Discipline
- Attendance & Counseling Services
- Special Education
- English Language Arts & English Learner Programs
- WASC Accreditation, Categorical Programs, Program Compliance
- Athletics, Physical Education
- Instructional Technology
- Gifted Programs

**October 1994 – June 2000**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, Los Angeles Unified School District

## **Honors & Awards**

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**July 2016** Selected to Cohort 6, Superintendents Leadership Academy,  
Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents

**2013- 2014** Selected - SFUSD Superintendent's Fellow

**March 2010** Winner, "New Best Practices In A Dissertation" **UCLA** - Conclave of the  
California Association of Latino Superintendents & Administrators (CALSA)

**October 2010** Winner, "New Best Practices In A Dissertation" **UC Davis** - Conclave of  
the California Association of Latino Superintendents & Administrators (CALSA) UC  
Davis Conclave

## **Publications**

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**2008** Dissertation: Establishing a Peer & Mentoring Network to Support Achievement  
As an Intervention for Underachieving Gifted Latino High School Students

**2009** Book Review: Distributed Leadership in Practice, by Spillane and Diamond.  
*Journal of Educational Administration* (2/2009)

## **Certifications & Affiliations**

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⊛ ACSA Member, ALAS Member, CALSA Member