

# Ray Marvin Keck, III

Fall 2019

## Education

Texas Military Institute	1965
Princeton University, AB, magna cum laude, Romance Languages and Literatures	1969
Ph.D., Romance Languages and Literatures	1978
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Summer Program	1966 – 1967
Bryn Mawr College in Madrid, Summer Program	
Harvard Divinity School	1968
Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellow	1969 – 1970
Harvard Graduate School of Education	
The Harvard Seminar for Experienced Presidents Certificate	2008

## Organ Study

Mary Krimmel, Westminster Choir College	1965 – 1978
Carl Weinrich, Princeton University	1966 – 1969
John Ferris, Harvard University	1969 – 1970

## Employment

The Hotchkiss School	1970 – 1978
Instructor in Spanish and Chair, Dept. Of Modern Languages	
Union National Bank of Laredo	1978 – 1979
International Banking Officer	
Laredo State University	1979 – 1983
Assistant Professor of Spanish	
Assistant to the President	
Charged with organizing first program in development	
Episcopal High School	1983 – 1987
Chair, Foreign Language Department	
Established summer study abroad program in Segovia, Spain	
Potomac School	1987 – 1989
Chair, Foreign Language Department, K-12; continued program in Segovia	
Headed foreign language curricula in grades K-8 and established foreign language program in grades 9-12	
St Anne's Belfield School	1989 – 1993
Director, Upper School	
Charged with the recruitment, hiring, and evaluation of a secondary school faculty of 50; responsible for all aspects of preparatory academic program and college placement	
Texas A&M International University	
Professor of Spanish; Chair, Dept. of Language, Literature & Arts	1994 –
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	1999 – 2001
President	2001 – 2016
Texas A&M University-Commerce	
President	2016 – 2018

## **Publications**

### **Book**

*Love's Dialectic: Mimesis and Allegory in the Romances of Lope de Vega.*  
Oxford, MS: University of Mississippi, 1999.

### **Essays**

- "Sweet Nails, Sweet Cross: Metonymy, not Metaphor"  
Published 2005, Mise Publication.
- "Changing the Blood: Language, Literature, and Teaching." *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*, Vol. I, No. 1, January 2002.
- "Playing for Apollo: The Technical and Aesthetic Legacy of Carl Weinrich."  
*The Diapason*, February, 2000.
- "Cide Hamete, Melquíades, Alba Trueba: Marco narrativo y tema en Cervantes, García Márquez y Allende." *Crítica Hispánica*, Vol XVIII, Otoño, 1996.
- "Bach's Legacy: A Musical Offering." *American Music Teacher*, December/January, 1995-1996.

### **Works in Progress**

Biography of Lope de Vega (In English)

## **Professional Services**

- Guided the design and installation of a new 21-rank pipe organ in Laredo, and played the dedication recital in September, 1996. This is the third project completed to bring a new pipe organ to a parish in Laredo.
- Revised Spanish curriculum for Texas A&M International University, including Master's of Arts degree in Spanish.
- Proposed the joint doctorate in Hispanic Studies in the A&M System.
- Assisted in preparation of legislative package and institutional presentation for the 77th legislature.
- Guided the preparation of proposals and presentation to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of eight new degrees for this university.
- Instituted research track for faculty at a university where teaching has been the faculty's dominant responsibility.
- Instituted procedures to ensure proper communication and mentorship by chairs of faculty on probationary status.
- Instituted, together with the Office of Institutional Advancement, the university's first honors program.
- Initiated and organized the university's first program in fine arts.
- Initiated the University's first Office of Distance Learning.
- Required all faculty to post online syllabi in each course by September, 2001.
- First piloted and then institutionalized a mentorship program for university faculty to guide the development and delivery of Advanced Placement curricula in Laredo schools. This program, the Faculty Fellows, was accepted for participation in a GEAR-UP collaboration involving Texas A&M University, Texas A&M International University, and the Texas Education Agency.
- Initiated a task force now working to finalize a plan for dual language curricula/biliteracy in all Laredo schools.
- Presented our Faculty Fellows program to both state and national meetings of GEAR-UP.

## **Organizations**

- Advisory Council, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures,  
Princeton University
- Council of Chief Executive Officers, The Texas A&M University System

Council of School Executives for Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Education	
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Committee for Field of Study	
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Committee for Transfer--Colleges and Universities	
Texas Council for the Humanities, Board of Directors	
Named to Governor's Executive Development Program	Fall 2000
Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors, Executive Committee of the Council Category "A" Representative	October 2004 -
The Philosophical Society of Texas, Member	2004 -
American Association of State Colleges & Universities Committee on Teacher Education Member	2004
Texas International Education Consortium Finance & Investment Committee Member	2004 - 2008
Texas International Education Consortium, Executive Committee Member Vice-Chair	2004 - 2006
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Infrastructure Formula Study Committee Member	2004 - 2006
Association of Texas Colleges and Universities	Term Expired: 2005
Texas International Education Consortium, Nominating Committee Member	2008 - 2009
Humanities Texas Board of Directors	2009 - 2014
HACU/NCAA Advisory Group	2010
NCAA Division II Hartland Conference, Presidents' Council Chair	2010 - 2011
Joint Committee on Oversight of Higher Education Governance, Excellence & Transparency	2011
Texas A&M University System, Search Advisory Committee for the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	2011 - 2012
Chancellor's Century Council Member	2012 - 2018
Texas A&M University, University of Texas and Texas Association of Community Colleges, Community College Initiative Member	2012-2013

### **Speaking Engagements**

Master of Ceremonies or speaker for professional organizations and clubs in Laredo, several times each month. Addresses have included a wide variety of topics in literature, education and fine arts.	
Commencement Speaker, Texas A&M International University	December 1996
Address the State Teacher Forum: "Isaiah Berlin, Romanticism and Teaching", Dallas, TX	February 2000
Invited to address conference sponsored by AASCU on International Education	February 2000
Graduation Speaker, Spring Commencement, Cigarroa High School	May 2000
Keynote Speaker: Texas Foreign Language Association Annual Convention	March 30, 2001
Keynote Speaker: Rio Bravo Association Conference. "Rankings and Ravings: Quality of Life". Texas A&M Kingsville.	April 2, 2004
Keynote Speaker: Teacher's Award Ceremony. "Caring for Student Success No Excuses, Just Results." Zapata I.S.D.	May 14, 2004.
Master of Ceremonies for Princess Pocahontas Pageant in Laredo, Texas	February 12, 2006.
Master of Ceremonies for Tuesday Music & Literature Club in Laredo, Texas	February 14, 2006.
Master of Ceremonies for Princess Pocahontas Pageant in Laredo, Texas	February 10, 2007.
Master of Ceremonies for WBCA-IGNC Bridge Ceremony	February 17, 2007.
Honorary Referee for Track and Field, Border Olympics	March 3, 2007
Keynote Speaker: Dedication of the Billy Hall, Jr., County Building	August 20, 2007
Master of Ceremonies for Society of Martha Washington Colonial Pageant	February 21, 2010
Rice University: Presentation on Edmund King's Translations of Gabriel Miro	March 9, 2011
Commencement Speaker, Texas A&M University-Commerce	August 2018

### **Awards**

Laredo Community College, "In Recognition of Significant Contributions of Behalf of Higher Education in Our Community"	
Toro Award for Distinguished Service, Cigarroa High School	May 1997
Laredo Lulac Council "Tejano Achievers Award"	2001
Laredo Rotary Club "Paul Harris Fellow Award"	2001

American Heart Walk Honorary Chair	2002
Consejo de Instituciones de Nuevo Laredo Appreciation Award	2002
Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra Appreciation Award"	2002 – 2003
United Way Silver Leadership Award	2002 – 2008
Diocese of Laredo Catholic Schools, St. Augustine School Academic Fair Appreciation Award of Participation as a Poetry Judge	2004
Dr. Leo G. Cigarroa High School Student Council, Pride and Patriotism Committee FAMAHISPANA Raices Award	2004
Laredo Junior Achievement, Laredo Business Hall of Fame	2004
Laredo Rotary Club, "Service Above Self Award"	2004 – 2005
Texas A&M International University Faculty Senate "Appreciation Award"	2004 – 2005
TMI -The Episcopal School of Texas, Distinguished Alumnus and Honoree, Stars Over TMI	September 24, 2005
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, "Appreciation Award for Services Rendered as Charter Member"	
Zapata County Independent School District, Appreciation Award for "Guest Speaker for the Inauguration of Zapata South Elementary School"	January 28, 2006
League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC Council 7 and LNB, "Gary G. Jacobs Higher Education Award" presented to Dr. Ray M. Keck, III, "In Grateful Recognition & Appreciation for your Educational Contributions to our Community" at WBCA Noche De Cabaret event.	February 15, 2006
Gateway to Mexico All Sports Clinic "Appreciation Award"	2006
Vidal M. Treviño Award, Outstanding Soccer Volunteer, Border Olympics Plaque presented to Dr. Ray M. Keck, III	March 2, 2006
Kegg Pipe Organ Builders, "In Recognition for Tireless Support of Music in the Arts at Texas A&M International University, and for Unending Enthusiasm for the Sharkey-Corrigan Pipe Organ"	July 23, 2006
Zapata County I.S.D. General Session, "Appreciation Award for Supporting the Zapata Higher Education and Technology Initiative"	August 9, 2006
Leadership Laredo "Appreciation Award for Supporting Leadership Laredo"	September 6, 2006
Laredo Chamber of Commerce Ramiro Sanchez "Spirit of Laredo" Award	2006 – 2007
Divino Magazine published in January 2007 by, Laredo Morning Times, named Dr. Ray M. Keck as "Divino Man of the Year- Leading Laredo's Educational and Cultural Development"	January 2007
KLRN 2007 Women's Health Conference "In Recognition of Continuous Support in Bringing Women's Health Issues to the Community Award"	January 20, 2007
Phi Kappa Delta International, "Appreciation Award for Services Rendered as as Charter Member"	February 23, 2007
West Wind Homes, "Border Olympics Honorary Director Award"	March 1, 2007
Laredo Masonic Lodge #547, "Community Builder Award"	March 2, 2007
Laredo Community College "Meritorious Service Award"	May 12, 2007
LISD/TAMIU Early College High School "Appreciation Award" from students	May 29, 2007
Honorary Recipient of United States Flag from U.S. Marine Corps, Recognizing Support of Troops Stationed at Camp Fallujah, Iraq	July 27, 2007
City of Laredo "Laredo Distinguished Citizen" Award	November 28, 2007
Young Man Youth Leadership Conference, "Certificate of Appreciation" in support of sponsorship and participation	December 14, 2007
Navidad del Barrio, Amalia V. Urbano Volunteer of the Year "Appreciation Award"	December 18, 2007
South Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America, "Laredo Distinguished Citizen Award"	2008
J.B. Alexander High School, "Certificate of Appreciation" in support of "Go Get It" Week	January 2008
Corazones de Tejas – ""Hearts of Texas State Employee Charitable Campaign Leadership Award"	April 23, 2008
United High School "Certificate of Appreciation Award"	November 25, 2008
Tzu Chi College of Technology, "Certificate of Appreciation" In Support of Sign Language Opera Performance 'Love Transcends the Sky Line'	February 8, 2009
Billy F. Cowart Award in Bilingual Education	April 25, 2009

## Professional Memberships

## Board of Trustees Member

Journal of Hispanic Higher Education Advisory Board	2003
The Hotchkiss School Board of Trustees Member	2003 – 2005
Laredo Area Community Foundation Board Member	2004 –
Mercy Ministries of Laredo Board of Trustees Chair	2004 –
Texas State Aquarium Board of Trustees Member	2004 –
KLRN Alamo Public Telecommunications Council Board of Directors	2007 –
Humanities Texas	2009

## Local Civic Contributions

Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra, Board of Directors and Founding Chairman	
Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club Member	
Webb County Heritage Foundation "Republic of the Rio Grande President"	2001 – 2004
Laredo Educational System Coalition Committee Member	2002 – 2007
Laredo 250th Celebration Committee, Chair	2004 –
Laredo Quality of Life Committee Member	2004
Washington's Birthday Celebration Association Parade Marshall	2004
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Member	2005
Phi Delta Kappa International	2006
Council for Excellence in Education	2007
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International	2007
The Society of Martha Washington	2009
Elected to Portray George Washington for WBCA Celebration	2009
Mr. South Texas	2011
Commerce Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	2016 - 2018
Rotary International	2016 - 2018

## Musical Experience

Organ repertoire includes all the preludes and fugues for organ by J.S. Bach.

Concertized widely in Connecticut, Virginia, and Texas, and the District of Columbia.

Works by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Sweelinck, D'Aquin, Mendelssohn, Franck, Vierne, Hindemith, Pepping

Principal organist, Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown	1985 – 1989
Performed organ concertos by Handel, National Gallery Orchestra	1986
Soloist with Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra, to perform Poulenc's "Concerto for Organ and Strings."	1987
Featured organ soloist, Virginia Consort, Charlottesville	1992 – 1994
Invited to address the American Guild of Organists Centennial Convention, special session devoted to organ pedagogy.	July 1996
Organist and Musical Director, Christ Church Episcopal, Laredo	1995 –
Invited to serve as reviewer for new CD's of the works of J.S. Bach, The Diapason.	2000 –
Who's Who in America Achievement Published Biography 58th Ed.	2004

## Personal

Married Patricia González Cigarroa	
Nurse and Served as Director of Health Services at Laredo Independent School District (Retired)	2007 – 2011
MSN, Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi	2005
BA, Rice University, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa	1976

Three daughters:

Teresa Cigarroa Keck	
JD, University of Texas School of Law, Austin	2007
MA, Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas, Austin	2005
BA, Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas, Austin	2001

Joyce Cigarroa Keck

Married Danny S. Rafati  
MD, Baylor School of Medicine, Houston  
AB, Harvard University, Phi Beta Kappa

May 1, 2004  
2007  
2002

Lacey Cigarroa Keck (Deceased)  
BS in Applied Learning & Development, University of Texas, Austin

2006