Conference on Education and Culture
Cross-Border Challenges and Opportunities
Co-hosted by
University of North Texas; Secretariat of Education of the State of Jalisco, Mexico; and
Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas

9:15 to 9:30 Welcome
Nancy Nelson, UNT College of Education
Jerry R. Thomas, Dean, UNT College of Education
Teodomiro Pelayo, Coordinator, Teacher Preparation and Development, Secretariat of Education of the State of Jalisco, Mexico

9:30 to 10:15 Keynote Address: Intercultural Communication: Language, Culture, and Learning
Ulla M. Connor, Indiana University-Purdue University
Introduction: Jane Bumpers Huffman, UNT College of Education

10:15 to 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 to 11:30 Cross-Cultural Collaborations and Communications
Gabriel Carranza, UNT International, “The Importance of Texas-Mexico Relations in Education”
Todd Spinks, UNT Sustainability, and Julio César Saucedo de la Llata, SuBiré, Zapopan, Mexico, “EXCEL International”
Session Chair: Nandika D’Souza, UNT College of Engineering

11:30 to 12:00 El Mariachi: Transnational and Transcultural
Catherine Ragland, UNT College of Music
Donna T. Emmanuel, UNT College of Music
Session Chair: Victor R. Prybutok, UNT College of Business

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch and Performance by Mariachi Águilas
Introduction of Mariachi Águilas: Rossana Ramírez Boyd, UNT College of Education

1:00 to 2:00 Language Diversity, Immigration, and Education
Ricardo González-Carriedo, UNT College of Education, “The Retornados”
Mónica Camacho, Institute for Superior Studies of Research and Education for Teaching, Zapopan, Mexico, “Sociocultural Factors Influencing the Use of Anglicisms in Adolescents’ Narratives”
Session Chair: Karthigeyan Subramaniam, UNT College of Education

2:00 to 2:30 Intercultural and Indigenous Education: The Wixárika Program
Martha Vergara, University of Guadalajara; Silvia Moreno, Institute for Superior Studies of Research and Education for Teaching, Zapopan, Mexico; Isabel Sañudo, Center for Research, Development, and Teaching of Permaculture, Zapopan, Mexico; Dimna González, Jalisco Secretariat of Education
Session Chair: Mariela Nuñez-Janes, UNT College of Public Affairs and Community Service

2:30 to 3:00 Closing Address: Educational Challenges, Opportunities, and U.S.-Mexico Relations
José Octavio Tripp Villanueva, Consul General of Mexico in Dallas
Introduction: Roberto Calderón, UNT College of Arts and Sciences

Invitation to the Reception and to Viewing of the Exhibit
Dina Castro, UNT College of Education

3:00 Post-Conference Reception