

Lawrence E. Estaville

As Geography Department chair, Dr. Lawrence Estaville led in establishing the first Ph.D. program at Texas State University. The founding of three national centers of excellence (two honor people of global fame, Astronaut James Lovell and National Geographic Society Gilbert Grosvenor) in the department provided the Ph.D. programmatic structure focusing on environmental geography, geographic information science, and geography education. Earlier as department chair at California State University, Fresno, Lawrence led in launching a master's program in geography. He is the founder and director of the Texas Atlas Project and has been the research advisor for 3 Ph.D. and 11 master's students. He also envisioned and piloted the creation of 23 university student scholarships and 22 student and 10 staff awards.

Lawrence, a Hispanic drawn into ethnic geography, has published ten books (9 peer-reviewed, 1 commercial) and 50 refereed journal articles and book chapters that encompass a wide range of scholarly research, including journal articles and book chapters on Cajuns, Latinos, and Somalis; books about American homelands, teaching ethnic geography, and Civil War railroads; atlases on Texas water, health, crime, and education and, more recently, journal articles regarding business geography and cancer prevention. Oxford University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Texas A&M University Press, and the National Council for Geographic Education have published some of his books and book chapters, and such journals as the *Journal of Historical Geography* (published at Cambridge University, UK), *Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Journal of Geography*, *Geoscience and Man*, *Southeastern Geographer*, *Louisiana History*, and *Journal of Cancer Education* (published at Dartmouth College School of Medicine) have published many of his peer-reviewed papers. He has given over 100 scholarly presentations at international, national, state, and university venues. To support his research and service projects, he has obtained more than \$6.2 million in grants and contracts, including his largest single grant of \$1 million from the Houston Endowment.

Lawrence has been a leader in national, regional, and state professional organizations and has been honored for his work with numerous awards and recognitions. He led in establishing both the Association of American Geographers Ethnic Geography Specialty Group and the Business Geography Specialty Group. He has been a co-director and board member of the International Race, Ethnicity, and Race Conferences. Lawrence was part of the inaugural REP Conference in Binghamton and all REPs since. He has been an intellectual and financial supporter for the REP Conferences. Lawrence also is a member of the Association of American Geographers National Diversity Taskforce, and a member of the board of directors of the Applied Geography Conferences. He was vice president for the California Geographical Society as well as the Wisconsin Council for Geographic Education. Lawrence served for three years as one of twenty members of the National Marrow Donor Program (Be the Match) board of directors, is currently a member of the Texas Cancer Alliance, and a co-author the Texas Cancer Plan Evaluation Report. He envisioned and was a co-founder and the former chair of the Texas State Cancer Advocacy Movement for Colleges and Outreach (CAMCO) for cancer education prevention and marrow donor registration drives that is currently active at six Texas universities. Dr. Estaville is also a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, serving his final tour of duty at the Pentagon.