

Witness Profiles

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Jean-Xavier Guinard
University of California

Professor Guinard is the Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of the University of California's systemwide Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). Since 1962, when 80 UC students first went to Bordeaux, France for a year of study abroad, UCEAP has provided study abroad options in all academic disciplines to over 78,000 UC students at 120 partner institutions in now 39 countries. It has also hosted over 23,000 students from these partner institutions at UC as part of its Reciprocity Program.

Under his leadership, UCEAP has developed and implemented a strategic plan to support its vision of study abroad for all, academic excellence and best business practices, and to become self-supporting. In 2011-12, 4,700 UC students studied abroad with UCEAP and 1,800 reciprocity students from partner institutions attended UC for up to a year of non-degree study.

Professor Guinard was trained as a food engineer in France and holds degrees from the Agricultural and Food Engineering Institute and the School of Law and Economics in Nancy and the University of Paris. He holds an M.Sc. in Food Science/Enology and a Ph.D in Microbiology from UC Davis. Professor Guinard's research focuses on the sensory properties of foods, beverages and consumer products and how they affect food intake and consumer behavior.

Luis Mier-y-Terán Casanueva**National Council of Science and Technology of Mexico**

Ph.D. in Physics for the Faculty of Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, (UNAM). Postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Minnesota (1980-1981), Visiting researcher at the Supercomputer Institute of the same university (1988-1989).

He has been Professor at the Physics Department of the Metropolitan Autonomous University (UAM) at Mexico City, Rector of the Iztapalapa campus of UAM, and General Rector of the UAM system. Member of the National Researchers System (SNI) (1984-2009), the Mexican Academy of Sciences and other recognized institutions. Director of the SNI (2007-2008). Currently he is Deputy Director of Planning and International Cooperation at the National Council of Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACyT).

Cauligi Raghavendra**Univesity of Southern California**

Dr. Raghavendra is a Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and is Vice Dean for Global Academic Initiatives for the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California , Los Angeles.

He received the B.Sc (Hons) physics degree from Bangalore University in 1973, the B.E and M.E degrees in Electronics and Communication from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in 1976 and 1978 respectively. He received the Ph.D degree in Computer Science from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1982.

Dr. Raghavendra is a recipient of the Presidential Young Investigator Award for 1985 and is a Fellow of the IEEE. His research interests are Computer Networks, Wireless and Sensor Networks, parallel and distributed computing.

Arturo Cherbowski Lask

Santander Universidades México/ Universia México

Arturo Cherbowski holds postgraduate degrees from Yale University and proudly a Bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. He is the General Director of Universia in México, a leading university network that joins over 1,200 universities in Iberoamérica as Banco Santander's corporate social responsibility project, mainly focused in the development of value added projects, services and products for universities, the promotion of a socially responsible Iberoamerican Knowledge Space and building a link that helps reinforce a collaborative work between universities and private and public companies. Since 2011, he is also Executive Director of Santander Universities in México, division that guides the Santander's social action through a catalog of projects that directly support the development of universities and students including scholarships, lectures, collaborative projects and financial products and services for undergraduate and graduate students.

Armando Vazquez-Ramos

California-Mexico Project

Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos has been promoting California-Mexico relations for more than 20 years. He has taught on Chicano/Latino education, history, immigration, politics, public policy, and US-Mexico relations at the CSU Long Beach Chicano and Latino Studies Department, where he is also Coordinator of the California-Mexico Project and established the Latino Political Roast to raise Mexico travel/study scholarship funds.

As a student leader at CSULB in 1969, Professor Vazquez-Ramos was a co-founder of the Chicano and Latino Studies department, where he earned a B.A. in Mexican-American Studies and a Master's in Psychology. He has also earned a Master's in Public Administration at Pepperdine University and is currently working on his doctoral dissertation on "A Development Plan for Mexican Universities in the U.S."