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## **Dr. Ricardo Romo**

Ricardo Romo grew up in San Antonio's Guadalupe community and Prospect Hill. A graduate of Fox Tech High School, he attended the University of Texas at Austin on a track scholarship. He earned All-American honors in track, and was the first Texan to run the mile in less than four minutes.

Romo earned his bachelor of science degree at the University of Texas at Austin; and a master's degree in history from Loyola Marymount University (1970). He earned a Ph.D. in history from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1975. A nationally-respected urban historian, Romo has taught and published in the field of civil rights, Mexican American history, and urban history. He is the author of "East Los Angeles: History of a Barrio," now in its ninth printing, which has been published in English and Spanish.

Romo served as the fifth president of the University of Texas at San Antonio from 1999 to 2017. Today, Romo serves the community on numerous boards, including: Southwest Research Institute, Brackenridge Park Conservancy, Humanities Texas, and World Affairs Council. He is also active as a cultural and political writer and editorial board member for La Prensa Texas, a bilingual newspaper in San Antonio.

A talented photographer, Romo's photos have been included in numerous regional exhibits including "Havana" and "Small Town Texas," from which photos were selected for an exhibit in China, "Infinite Horizons: Visions of Texas." He and his wife Harriett are avid

collectors of Latino art and active in several Texas museums.

Ricardo and his wife, Harriett, have been recognized for their philanthropy in the arts. Over the past 20 years, they have donated nearly 2,000 Latino art prints and paintings to a dozen museums, including:

- McNay Art Museum;
- The Smithsonian;
- Witte Museum;
- The University of Texas at Austin: Benson Latin American Collection;
- Briscoe Western Art Museum;
- San Antonio Museum of Art;
- Say Sil;
- University of Houston -- Downtown;
- Progreso Library in Uvalde;
- The University of Texas at San Antonio;
- San Antonio Public Library; and
- St. Philip's College.



### **Dr. Harriett Romo**

Harriett Romo was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, but grew up in Pasadena, Texas, where she graduated from South Houston High School. She attended The University of Texas at Austin and earned her bachelor's degree in education.

She is a first-generation college student, and attended college on the War Orphan's Benefits component of the G.I. Bill because her father was killed in World War II. Her first teaching job was at the American-Nicaraguan School in Managua. She married Ricardo Romo, whom she met as an undergraduate at UT Austin. They have been married for 52 years and have two children, Anadelia Romo, a history professor at Texas State University in San Marcos, and Carlos Romo, an attorney in Denver, and five grandchildren.

Harriett earned a master's degree in education at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), while teaching fifth grade in inner-city Los Angeles. She earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

In California, Harriett worked for the National