

BACKGROUND

Dr. Lopez grew up in the El Paso/Juarez area in the US/Mexico border. While he and his family opted to live in Juarez, his family worked for over 40 years at a Levi Strauss plant in El Paso (sewing jeans you probably wore if you are over 30). After completing basic education in Juarez, he earned BS and MS degrees at the University of Texas at El Paso, continuing afterwards at Texas A&M University for Ph.D. studies. Graduating in 1986 with highest honors and earning the Best Thesis Award, he went to the prestigious Niels Bohr Institute and Lawrence Berkeley Lab for postdoctoral stays. After a brief stint at CalPoly in San Luis Obispo, he returned to his alma mater in 1990 where he has been Assistant, Associate and Professor, as well as Associate Dean and Department Chair.

EDUCATION

- B.S. Physics, 5/1977, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, UTEP scholarship "Good Neighbor", awarded from September 1975 to May 1977.
- M.S. Physics, 8/1979, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, thesis advisor: Dr. E. A. Dean, thesis: "Elastic constants of polycrystalline ceramics", 8/1979
- Ph.D. Physics, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, Physics, Ph.D., dissertation advisor: Dr. P. Siemens, dissertation: "The quark gluon plasma in linear response", graduate scholarship awarded by Conacyt-Mexico from September 1980 to May 1983.

GRADUATE APPOINTMENTS

- Cyclotron Institute, Texas A&M University, Texas, Graduate Research Assistant, 1981-1985.
- Physics Department, Texas A&M University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1979-1981.
- Physics Department, University of Texas at El Paso, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1977- 1979..

POSTDOCTORAL APPOINTMENTS

- The Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, Physics, supervisor: Dr. Jakob Bondorf, from 10/1985-8/1987.
- Lawrence Berkeley National Lab., Nuclear Theory, Nuclear Science Division, Berkeley, California, supervisor: Dr. Jørgen Randrup, 9/1987-8/1989.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Physics Department, CalPoly State University, 1989-1990.
- Assistant Professor, Physics Department, Univ. of Texas at El Paso, 1990-1993.
- Associate Professor, Physics Department, Univ. of Texas at El Paso, 1994-2000.
- Professor, Physics Department, Univ. of Texas at El Paso, from 9/2000-present.