



Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity

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Dr. Alma Dolores Rodríguez is Dean of the College of Education and P-16 Integration at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). Her research and scholarship focus on bilingual and ESL teacher preparation from three interconnected dimensions: 1) issues of language and how those impact teaching and learning; 2) the use of culturally and linguistically responsive approaches to teacher preparation with the goal of impacting teacher candidates' practice; and 3) the improvement of teacher preparation programs with an emphasis on meeting the needs of Latina/o emergent bilingual students, teachers, and communities. Dr. Rodríguez received her Doctor of Education degree from The University of Houston. She has been president of the Texas Association of Teacher Educators (TxATE) and served on the board of the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education (CSOTTE). She has also been a member of the Council of Unit Presidents of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE). Dr. Rodríguez is a member dean of Deans for Impact and serves as a member of the RGV FOCUS leadership team. In the summer of 2020, Dr. Rodríguez was appointed to serve on the State Board of Educator Certification.