

Biographical Sketch

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Dr. Jan Fernandez serves as Interim Director for Continuing & Professional Studies at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Dr. Fernandez has extensive experience in higher education management and administration of projects, programs, staff, and curriculum. She is involved in several professional associations as a member, journal reviewer, and frequent presenter.

She received her Doctor of Philosophy in International Sustainable Development with emphases in training and adult education, her Masters in Ecotourism, and her Bachelors in Wildlife Biology.

She has worked for three decades in higher education, with students, staff, faculty, and administrators in the primary missions of several state universities, and has worked in the Texas public school systems, where she served as a high school biology teacher. Past professional experience includes training teachers throughout the state of Texas in train-the-trainer models, managing federal and corporate grant programs, managing placement of large groups of students as employees in school districts, managing university-wide reciprocal exchange study abroad programs, facilitating international study groups, facilitating community tourism assessment projects, and hospitality training.

Additionally, her experience includes extensive training in international development, including travel and study in Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Germany, Italy, Canada, Scotland, England, Ireland, and France. Her research interests include practical skills needed to successfully work in cross-cultural settings.