

Biography

Dr. Jesse T. Zapata has been at UTSA since 1976. A full professor with tenure in the Department of Counseling, he has held a number of additional positions at UTSA. He was the first director of the Hispanic Research Center, where he was co-investigator for 2 one-million dollar research grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In 1994 he was selected as a result of a national search as the first Associate Provost and then Vice Provost for the UTSA Downtown Campus. In 2000, Zapata was appointed the first dean of the College of Public Policy, a position he held concurrently with that of Vice Provost for UTSA Downtown. In 2007, after having successfully established the College of Public Policy, he once again assumed full time duties as Vice Provost.

Dr. Zapata obtained his BA in Government and History from the University of Texas at Austin in 1969, and his master's degree in Counseling from Texas Tech University in 1971. He received his doctorate in an APA approved counseling psychology program from Arizona State in 1976. His research has focused on, among other topics, dynamics within Mexican American families and substance use among Mexican American youth.