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### **Education**

#### **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Master of Science in Biology (12/2000)**

- Thesis Advisors: Dr. Frank Judd, Dr. Robert I. Lonard, Dr. Timothy Brush

#### **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Bachelor of Science in Biology (05/1992)**

- Major: Biology
- Minor: History
- Outstanding Scholarship and Academic Achievement Award (05/1992)

### **Academic Positions**

- AP Biology Instructor, McAllen Memorial High School, Science Department, 08/1992 – 12/2021
- Adjunct Faculty, South Texas College, Biology Department, 01/2001 – 05/2026

### **Publications**

#### **Journal Articles**

- Eddy, M.R. and Judd, F.W. (2004). “Comparison of Branch Elongation Among Four Acacia Species in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.” *Texas Journal of Science*, 56, 253 – 262.
- Eddy, M.R. and Judd, F.W. (2003). “Phenology of Acacia Berlandieri, A. Minuata, A. Rigidula, A. Schaffneri, and Chloroleucon Ebano in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas During a Drought.” *The Southwestern Naturalist*, 48(3), 321-332.

### **Awards**

- DHR Health 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional GME Discovery Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Poster Presentation, Awarded by DHR Health, 2025
- Top Training Provider, Awarded by American Red Cross, 2024
- District Secondary Teacher of the Year, Awarded by McAllen Independent School District, 2017
- Campus Teacher of the Year, Awarded by McAllen Memorial High School, 2017

## **Selected Conference and Poster Presentations**

- “From Withheld to Welcomed: Turning Accreditation Setbacks Into Success.” ACGME Annual Educational Conference; San Diego, CA; February 19, 2026
- “Becoming Our Own Sponsoring Institution: Working with All Hospital Leaders for GME Success.” ACGME Annual Educational Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, February 22, 2025
- “Becoming Our Own Sponsoring Institution; Working with All Hospital Leaders for GME Success.” DHR Health 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional GME Discovery Day; Original Investigation, May 29, 2025
- “Cuidado Fronterizo – La Psiquiatria Geriatrica y Palliativa en El RGV (Geriatric and Palliative Psychiatry in the RGV.” American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP) 2025 Annual Meeting; March 15, 2025