



## **Texas Faculty Association**

### **2020 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

#### **Steve Wilson, Texas State University-San Marcos**

Steve Wilson has taught at Texas State University since 1987, and has been a member of TFA for over two decades. He has been active in faculty governance at Texas State, where he served as Faculty Senator for six years (until 2013), and has also been an active participant in many university committees focusing on faculty issues, most recently the Academic Freedom Committee and the President's Task Force on Internationalization. He has directed a study abroad program since 2000, participates in professional conferences all over the country, and always encourages his colleagues to join TFA. A professor of Creative Writing (Poetry) and U.S. Literature, he is the author of five collections of poetry -- the latest, \*The Reaches,\* appeared in 2019. Wilson is a Fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters. He has also taught abroad as a Senior Fulbright Scholar, in Romania (1994-95) and Slovenia (2002 and 2004).

#### **Samir Iqbal, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

Dr. Samir Iqbal earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University, USA in 2007. He is a Professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Before this, he was a faculty at UT-Arlington for over a decade. He has published over 60 journal articles and presented at more than 100 conferences. He has been a Distinguished Lecturer for two IEEE Societies and has received many research, teaching, mentoring and service awards. He aspires to be working at the forefronts organizing Texas higher-ed faculty.

#### **Israel Aguilar, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

Dr. Israel Aguilar earned a B.A. and M.A. in English literature from the University of Texas at Brownsville. He also holds a Ph.D. in education with a major in school improvement from Texas State University-San Marcos. In addition, he holds Texas educator licensure in the following areas: superintendent, principal, and classroom teacher. Dr. Aguilar's professional experience include serving as a school administrator in Dallas, and as a teacher in Austin and Brownsville. He currently teaches in principal preparation at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

#### **Michael Coulehan, El Paso Community College**

Michael Coulehan, M.A. Applied Linguistics, served as TFA State President from 2014-2018. Previous to that he served as Vice President 2012-2014 and board member from 2008-2012. Currently he is a full-time tenured instructor at El Paso Community College where he teaches English and Reading. He is currently completing his hours in History and will be teaching History in the Fall. As a long-time advocate for the rights of higher education faculty, Michael will work tirelessly for faculty tenure and academic freedom.

#### **Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Texas State University-San Marcos**

Dr. Rebecca Bell-Metereau, TFA member since 1986, member TSEU, COPE, TSTA, taught in Peace Corps Chad, interpreted for Air Force grain flights to Sahel, member Hays LWV, Faculty Senator, English Professor and Director Media Studies at TxState; co-chaired Solid Waste Committee for San Marcos' first recycling program, on Bond Commission that built SM library, planning and zoning commissioner, was Special Assistant to President Supple, Fulbright Scholar in Senegal, received Alumni Teaching Award, Presidential Award for Service, Texas State University, now chairs university Environment Sustainability Committee; 4 books, numerous chapters/articles, tireless teacher, SBOE candidate determined to give students education/skills to solve 21st century problems.