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Michael Yoder
U.S. Consulate in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas

Consul Michael Yoder arrived in Nuevo Laredo on August 15, 2003 to begin a three-year tour as Principal Officer at the American Consulate.

Consul Yoder joined the State Department in 1989 and has served in Poland, London, Mexico City, Central Asia and Jamaica.

He has a B.A. in Political Science from Indiana University, a M.F.A. in Playwriting from the University of Georgia, and in 1987 he was a Fulbright Scholar in Peru.

He has strong ties to Texas. While in graduate school at the University of Texas in Austin, he met his wife Barbara. They married in 1986 and have two children, Maggie 17, and Martin 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoder were Fulbright scholars together in Peru in 1988. He is a published playwright and has a Master of Fine Arts Degree in playwriting.



Daniel Hernández Joseph
Mexican Consulate in Laredo, Texas

Daniel Hernandez Joseph is the Consul of Mexico in Laredo, Texas. He has been with the consulate in Laredo since August 30, 1999. He served as Director for Migration Issues, Bureau of North American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Relations in Mexico from April 1, 1998 until August 29, 1999 and as Technical Secretary to Mexico's Interagency Group on Border Affairs.

He has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Relations in Mexico as Policy Director for Protection of Mexican Nationals Abroad and as Assistant Director for Central America. From April 1991 until November 1994, he served as alternate Consul of Mexico in Austin, Texas and as Administrative Officer for Protection of Mexican Citizens.

He is also a published writer in Mexico, having published many articles; some of which include “La defensa de los Derechos de los Trabajadores Migratorios Mexicanos en Estados Unidos y los Alcances de la Nueva Legislación sobre Nacionalidad” (The Defense of the Rights of Mexican Migrant Workers in the U.S. and the new Legislation on Nationality) published in 1998 and the “Efectos Internacionales de la Política Migratoria” (International Effects of Political Migration), published in 1995.

Hernandez Joseph received his Bachelor of Arts from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana in 1981. His thesis was titled “Comparative Study; The European Common Market and Latin American Integration Efforts”. In 1991 he received his Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. His thesis was titled “The Press in the Process of Modernization and Democratization in Mexico”. He also studied Mexican Foreign Policy in 1991 at the Instituto Matias Romero de Estudios Diplomáticos, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores in Mexico City.