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Background

MFA in Creative Writing from San Diego State University (2002), poet-teacher in the Poetry Residency Evaluation Project at Harborside Elementary (2002), Impact Teacher at Kimball Elementary (2001-2002), substitute teacher and tutor in National City Schools (1999-2001). Currently, he is an Assistant Professor of English Composition at Southwestern College in Chula Vista.

He was the poet-teacher for the Tijuana projects (see special projects section of the website). Bustos' work has been published in Classroom of Poets and Raices y Mas. He is co-author for the book of poems and prose: *Aquí Estamos... Ya Nos Vamos/ Here We Are... Here We Go*. Francisco has been published in numerous places including *The Best of Border Voices* anthology.

Teaching Approach

Francisco believes that when teaching poetry, a poet can use music, sculpture, photography and other forms to inspire creation in students. Teaching poetry requires digging for a voice and finding identity through words, sounds and the things and places surrounding the poets. It is a process of creation and exploration, and when done in a group, a collectivity happens, which should be nourished and refined.

Special Emphasis or Special Skills

Francisco writes and speaks Spanish and English fluently. Also, as a musician he has taken part in cultural events on both sides of the border. His knowledge of Spanish literature and music illuminates his poetry workshops.

Francisco's References

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