



Dr. Fred J. Rodríguez's professional career covers a wide range of experience, to include serving as a college President, twenty years as a university professor, and as an Army officer with the Reserve and Active components. He holds a B.S. from Idaho State University, a M.Ed. from Colorado State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Utah.

Dr. Rodríguez's career began when he was commissioned as an infantry officer in the United States Army following his undergraduate studies. He entered active duty in 1969 and completed the Infantry Officer, Ranger, Airborne, and Jungle Warfare Schools. In 1970 he served a one-year tour as a combat officer in the Republic of Vietnam. After leaving active duty in 1972, he entered graduate school and upon completing his Master of Education degree in 1974 he was appointed Assistant Professor and Head Wrestling Coach at California State University, Fresno. In 1976 he accepted a position as Associate Professor and Head Wrestling Coach at California State University, Long Beach where he remained until 1986.

In 1986, Dr. Rodríguez returned to active duty with the Army National Guard and for the next two years directed the SROTC program at the University of Southern California. From 1988-91, he was stationed in Panama and traveled widely throughout Central and South America providing the leadership for a long-range professional educational exchange program between the United States Southern Command and 19 Latin American nations.

In 1992 Dr. Rodríguez separated from active duty when he was selected to serve as Chief Executive Officer/Dean of the Panama Canal College. As the educational leader he was responsible for planning and directing the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Technology Degree programs for a culturally diverse student body of over 2,000.

Upon his return from Panama, Dr. Rodríguez assumed a professorship in Graduate Education in the California State University System. In August 2003, Dr. Rodríguez assumed the position of Director of Education Services at Fort Riley, Kansas. As the chief educational leader within the Fort Riley community he was entrusted with providing the leadership and directing educational opportunities for over 30,000 active duty soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, and family members.

Research Interests: Ethical, Interdisciplinary and International Leadership

In 1996 Dr. Rodriguez developed Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA). CEPA serves as a model for educational restructuring for the 21st Century by promoting ethical, interdisciplinary, and international leadership. CEPA embraces vision, risk and change for creating qualified instructional leaders to carry out new collaborative initiatives in a global community. The CEPA concept has been well-received, hailed as innovative and strongly endorsed by prominent individuals from academia, business, law enforcement, the military, as well as political leaders. CEPA has also been endorsed by Ministries of Education, Law Enforcement, Defense, and External Relations from Latin America. The CEPA Website is: www.cepa2000.org.

Dr. Rodríguez and his wife Janet reside in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He is a native of Klamath Falls, Oregon.