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Dr. Victor Sáenz is a fifth-year assistant professor in the Department of Educational Administration at the **University of Texas at Austin**. He is also a Faculty Fellow with the Division of Diversity & Community Engagement and a faculty affiliate with the Center for Mexican American Studies. Dr. Sáenz has published in numerous peer-reviewed journals and also has three book projects underway, including one on Latino males in higher education (Stylus Publishing). His current research on this topic examines their experiences at both two-year and four-year institutions as they navigate their college pathways. Earlier this summer (2011), Dr. Sáenz spoke about his research and programmatic work on Capitol Hill, and he continues to work closely with the Institute for Higher Education Policy and the College Board's Policy and Advocacy Center on their campaigns to raise awareness about the crisis facing young men of color in Education.

Dr. Saenz has received several notable accolades in his young academic career. In 2009 he was named by *Diverse Magazine* as “**One of 25 to Watch**” diversity leaders in higher education. In fall 2010, he was recognized as one of seven “**ING Professors of Excellence**” among over two thousand faculty members at the University of Texas. Over the years, he has been quoted and cited in numerous news stories, policy reports, and scholarly publications, and his research work on Latino males in higher education continues to gain national attention. He is a member of two distinguished editorial boards for peer-reviewed journals in his field, and he is an active member of several national associations focused on higher education issues, including **ASHE, AERA, AIR, AAHHE, TACHE, and the College Board**.

Dr. Sáenz received his PhD (2005) and a Masters degree (2002) from UCLA in Higher Education & Organizational Change. He also holds a Master's degree (1999) from the LBJ School of Public Affairs and a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics (1996) from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Sáenz was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas.