

## INTRO TO MEX-U.S. RELATIONS

### Evolution of Mex-U.S. Relations

Hostile up to 1860s

More accommodationist - 1860 - 1910 (porfiriato)

Worsened again in Revolution

Improved 1930+ - Good Neighbor

Became especially important in 1970s & 80s - Carter & Reagan admin.

76-80 80-88

Personalities

Ech. activism

Carter - humanities & 3rd W orientation

Reagan - SW ties, concern over CA, war on drugs

Both Bushes—Texas and oil ties; Bush sr. began final negotiations on Nafta (had started in 1986)

Clinton—official signed and passed Nafta, with bipartisan support (actually more pro-nafta votes from GOP).

Obama. Problems in US Senate with nominations in 2015.

Ambassadors - best: Dwight Morrow (1920s)(Charles Lindberg met Morrow's daughter, Ann Spencer Morrow, in Mexico in 1927 and married her in 1929—in 1932 their almost two year old son was kidnapped and found dead), Josephus Daniels (FDR)

Carter

Patrick Lucey (ex-gov. Wis.) VP Candidate under John Anderson.

Julian Nava. Professor of Latin American History. 1<sup>st</sup> Mexican-American to be Ambassador. Close to Cesar Chavez.

Bob Krueger—scholar—English lit—Duke—BA, SMU—represented west Tx district in House—served briefly in Senate. Ambassador-at-large under Carter.

Reagan

John Gavin - actor (Bacardi commercials), L.A. studies, Span, OAS - mettled

1980 Charles Pilliod - businessman (Goodyear)- did not mettle

Bush

Negroponte - career (but IndoChina, CA experience)

## Clinton

James Robert Jones, Oklahoma Democratic in the House, lost race Senate race, subsequently appointed ambassador to Mexico. No experience with Mexico.

Jeffrey Davidow, career foreign service officer, ambassador to Zambia under Reagan, to Venezuela under Clinton, Asst Sect of State for Latin America under Clinton, and last to Mexico under Clinton

## Bush

Antonio (Tony) Garza—lawyer, from Brownsville, County Judge, Sect of State for Bush, substantial involvement in relations with Mexico, appted ambassador in 2002. married [María Asunción Aramburuzabala](#) in 2005 (mexico's richest woman; \$1.8 billion, Grupo Modelo—Corona beer). Divorced in 2010.

## Obama

carlos Pascual, worked for USAID in Africa for many years. later NSC senior director for russia, ukraine, etc. Ambassador to Ukraine under Bush. Confirmation delayed by Senate. Stepped aside after some conflicts with Pres. Calderon. as a result of the [WikiLeaks release of diplomatic cables](#) in which Pascual criticized the Mexican military's ability or willingness to fight the Mexican drug cartels

Earl Anthony Wayne

career diplomat. Ambassador to Argentina under bush and obama. Deputy ambassador to afghanistan under obama. ambassador to mexico under obama. Retired in 2015.

To replace Wayne, Obama initially nominated Maria Echaveste, (daughter of Mexican immigrants—no diplomatic experience--Clinton administration aide—very political). Never even scheduled a Senate hearing. Withdrew.

In June, 2015 nominated Roberta S. Jacobson (Asst. Sect. of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs—Mexico expert—also key person in negotiations to re-establish ties with Cuba). Being held up by Senators Rubio and Menendez.

<a href="#">John D. Negroponte</a>	1989-07-03	1993-09-05	<a href="#">George H. W. Bush</a>
<a href="#">James Robert Jones</a>	1993-09-10	1997-06-25	<a href="#">Bill Clinton</a>
<a href="#">Jeffrey S. Davidow</a>	1998-08-05	2002-09-14	<a href="#">Bill Clinton</a>
<a href="#">Antonio Garza</a>	2002-11-22	2009-01-20	<a href="#">George W. Bush</a>
<a href="#">Carlos Pascual</a>	2009-08-09	2011-03-19 <sup>[1]</sup>	<a href="#">Barack Obama</a>
<a href="#">Earl Anthony Wayne</a>	2011-07-02		<a href="#">Barack Obama</a>