



Violist and conductor Dr. Veronica Salinas is currently the Assistant Professor of Strings at Texas A&M University in Kingsville and Resident Conductor for the Kingsville Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Salinas began her music studies in the Corpus Christi public schools at the age of twelve. She learned to play violin and performed with the Corpus Christi Youth Symphony while she attended Roy Miller High School. She enjoys playing and teaching both violin and viola and holds degrees in both disciplines. Dr. Salinas has a Bachelor's Degree in Violin Performance and a Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Tx. She completed her Doctorate in Musical Arts in Viola Performance at Texas Tech University as an AT&T Chancellor's Fellow.

As an orchestral player, Dr. Salinas has played violin in the Corpus Christi Symphony and Victoria Symphony Orchestra; violin and viola in the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra, Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra, New Mexico Symphony, Lubbock Symphony Orchestra; and viola in Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra, the Arlington Symphony, the Garland Symphony Orchestra, and Dallas Live Orchestra. Currently, Dr. Salinas plays viola in the Victoria Symphony and the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Salinas spends much of her time working on music education outreach for the community. As a member of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Educational Quartet and the Texas Tech Graduate String Quartet, she regularly performed outreach concerts for area schools and organizations. Dr. Salinas was also the Chamber Music Outreach Coordinator at Texas Tech and organized outreach performances for other student groups as well. In Kingsville, she has started the first ever String Project called JAVELINA Strings where KISD student attend after school classes to learn to play in orchestra. This year alone she has secured over \$20,000 to promote music education in Kingsville.

When Dr. Salinas is not working on learning viola music or studying orchestral scores she enjoys running, cooking, and reading. She is currently training to run the Houston Half-Marathon in October of 2014. This will be her second half-marathon. Whenever she can, she enjoys learning new things and has just learned how to fish. She hopes to try archery this Fall.