

# Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

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## Introduction

Dr. Lea Ybarra is co-author of the book *Americanos: Latino Life in the U.S.* written with Edward James Olmos and M. Monterrey, and an executive producer of the HBO film “Americanos.” She has been a university professor and administrator for more than 25 years, and currently serves as executive director of the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, in Baltimore, Maryland, which works annually with more than 80,000 highly gifted students from more than 90 countries. Her work has focused on educational equity issues and implementing diversity in the classroom and workplace.

## Experience

Dr. Ybarra also serves as Senior Research Associate for Olmos Productions and has worked on several documentaries with Edward James Olmos, including “Americanos” and “It Ain’t Love,” a film on teenage date violence. Dr. Ybarra is the author of the book *Vietnam Veterans: Chicanos Recall the War*. She also has published many articles and has made hundreds of presentations at universities throughout the U.S. and internationally. Dr. Ybarra previously worked in the California State University system.

## Education

Dr. Ybarra received her B.A., M.A., and PhD. from the University of California, Berkeley. She completed her post-graduate work and seminars at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Institute for Public Policy Research and Harvard University’s Master in Public Policy program.

## Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

As a university professor and administrator, Lea Ybarra has received many awards for her teaching, research and community service, such as:

- Top 100 Women in Maryland
- 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S. (*Hispanic Business Magazine*)
- Business Professional Woman of the Year
- The Rosa Parks Award for Community Service, and the
- Johns Hopkins Diversity Leadership Award.

She has served on many boards and committees, including chairing the U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on Exceptional Children in Overseas Schools and the Hopkins Council on K-12 Education.