

Professor Armando Arias (SBSGS) received the International Latino Literary Award (non-fiction) for his new book *Theorizing Cesar Chavez: New Ways of Knowing STEM* (2020). The book is a treatise in the social psychology of scientific thinking in everyday life.

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Theorizing César Chávez: New Ways of Knowing STEM is a fascinating look at the world of science, technology, engineering and math around the life and times of César Chávez.

Sonny Boy Arias is a pseudonym for a questioning social scientist who knew César Chávez and followers from all walks of life. His interpretations of César's activism, strikes, boycotts and successful transformation of labor organizing laws for farmworkers relate to César's penchants for reading, study and information for humanity. *Theorizing César Chávez* is also to conceptualize strategies for organizing and social reform as new forms of "Enterprise Architecture" and "Systems Engineering." I highly recommend this book for high school students and higher. Refugio I. Rochin, PhD, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis and UC Santa Cruz

Theorizing César Chávez is an intriguing portrait of César Chávez. The author, of course, has taken liberties in his fictionalized forays into the intimate regions of César's mind. But from close personal observation in the Grape Strike, I recognize many aspects of his immensely complex personality in your portrayal. Using him as a heroic defender of a more just approach to the STEM curricula is engaging on several levels. He was unquestionably a man of the people, the poor people especially; but he was also riven with contradictions as a labor leader, community organizer, father, jazz aficionado, guru, and (in the minds of some followers) a would-be saint. Luis Valdez, Founder of El Teatro Campesino

About the author



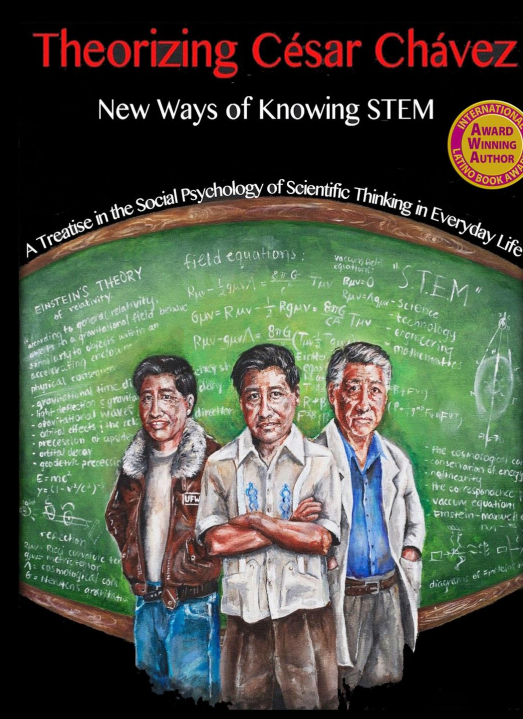
Armando Arias, Ph.D., is a professor and founding faculty member in the division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Global Studies at CSU Monterey Bay. He writes as Sonny Boy Arias, and claims he was born in a crossfire hurricane that hits Baja California Norte once every thousand years. His DNA has been traced to the Westside of National City, (San Diego) California.

Sonny Boy met and sat with César Chávez on numerous occasions spanning several decades. He found César to be spell-binding and charismatic with a warm heart, heavenly spirit, and open-minded with an intellectual curiosity. He often shared his stories with César and found him an empathic listener. As a result of their conversations, a sparkling interchange of ideas always ensued, often leaving both of them suspended, existentially caught in a web of contradictions, and they were okay with that.

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