

San José State University Emeritus & Retired Faculty Assoc. Biography

Name: Ralph B. Edfelt

Department: Organization & Management

Academic Rank: Emeritus Professor

Year Retired: 2004 (FERP 2005-2008)

City of Residence: Saratoga, California



Birthplace: Seattle, Washington

Birth Year: 1941

Marital Status: Married **Spouse or Partner's Name:** Nidia

Colleges or Universities Attended:

	Year	Degree
University of Washington	1959-63	B.A., Geography
National University of Mexico	1961	- - -
University of California, Los Angeles	1968-70	M.A., Latin-American Studies
University of California, Los Angeles	1970-75	Ph.D., Management

Teaching Experience:

	From	To
San Jose State University	1976	2008

Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience:

1962-1964 U.S. Peace Corps (urban youth development project in a Venezuelan slum)

1964-1966 U.S. Army [mandatory military service during the Viet Nam war; assignment: Panama (Canal Zone)]

Selected Publications:

Articles in *Long Range Planning*, *Comparative Education Review*, *California Management Review*, *The Information Society* and other academic and professional publications

Book: Edfelt, Ralph B. (2009), *Global Comparative Management*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

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Personal Commentary

I grew up in Washington (state) raised by Swedish immigrant parents. My life experience includes several years of work, study and travel in Latin America, e.g., study in Mexico (Spanish language and Mexican history), two years of service in the U.S. Peace Corps (Valencia and Punto Fijo, Venezuela) and Viet-Nam-era military service in Panama (Canal Zone) linked to the U.S. Army Inter-American Geodetic Survey, Natural Resources Division. Research for my Master's thesis was done in Venezuela and doctoral research in Brazil. I am fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. My spouse Nidia (Stanford Ph.D.) is from Argentina. We have traveled extensively internationally.

I was hired in Fall 1976 for the inaugural undergraduate concentration in international business (College of Business). Subsequent teaching assignments included Introduction to International Business, International & Comparative Management, Introduction to Management, and Strategic Management. I served for several years as faculty advisor to the campus chapter of global student organization **AIESEC**.

It was personally very rewarding to be engaged with an economically and culturally diverse student population and supportive campus community in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Beyond my academic pursuits, I have been active for many years (continuing) in social, team and tournament tennis (U.S. Tennis Association, Northern California section).

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