

Alexis Racelis Biography

Alexis Racelis, Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (Texas)

Dr. Alexis Racelis is Professor in the School for Earth, Environmental and Marine Sciences at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where he directs UTRGV's program in Agroecology and Resilient Food Systems. He and his team of students conduct participatory action-research to explore ways to address impacts of extreme heat across communities in south Texas, from farms to municipalities. He also co-directs UTRGV's Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Advancement, which strives to enhance the agricultural enterprise and foster the development of rural communities in South Texas through collaborative efforts involving UTRGV students, faculty, and community partners. In addition to teaching and research, Alexis also oversees the Hub of Prosperity, a 5-acre farm that sells direct-market produce to the community, and offers classes, training, and experiential learning opportunities to students, beginning farmers, and community members interested in advancing sustainable food systems in south Texas. He enjoys most of all spending time with his two children, Vivian and Emil, and his wife, Alison.