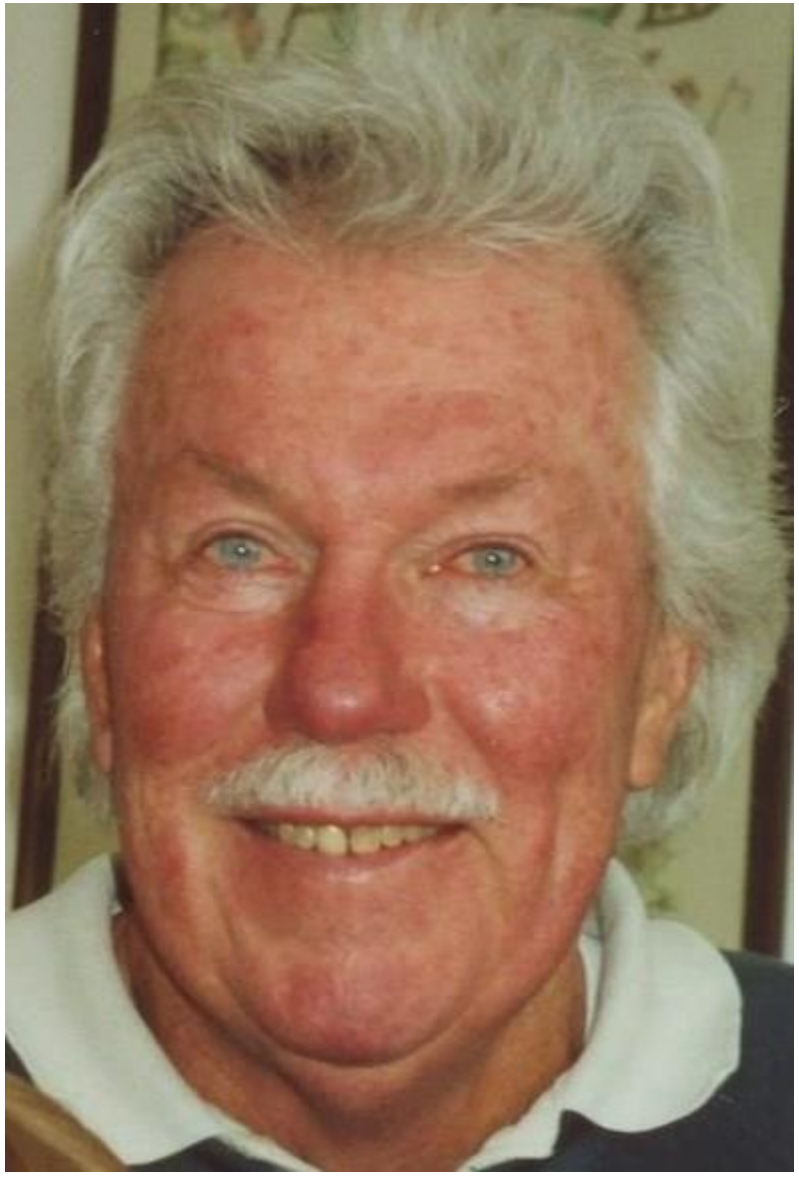
Robert Howard Schmidt, Jr., Ph.D., passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. He was 77 years old. He was a longtime resident and supporter of El Paso, Texas. Robert moved to El Paso in 1969, where he taught Physical Geography at UT-El Paso for 31 years. Upon his retirement, he earned the honor of Professor Emeritus. He had a passion for the desert, research, adventure, and traveling the world with his loving wife Merced Aida. Robert's survivors are his wife for 32 years, his two sons, Howard (Jennifer), and Justin (Debbie) and his daughter, Andrea Kelly (Rodney) Brewer. He had 5 grandchildren, Bergen, Lauren, Gianna, Channing and Reid. His other survivors are Lourdes Medina and Pilar Medina.



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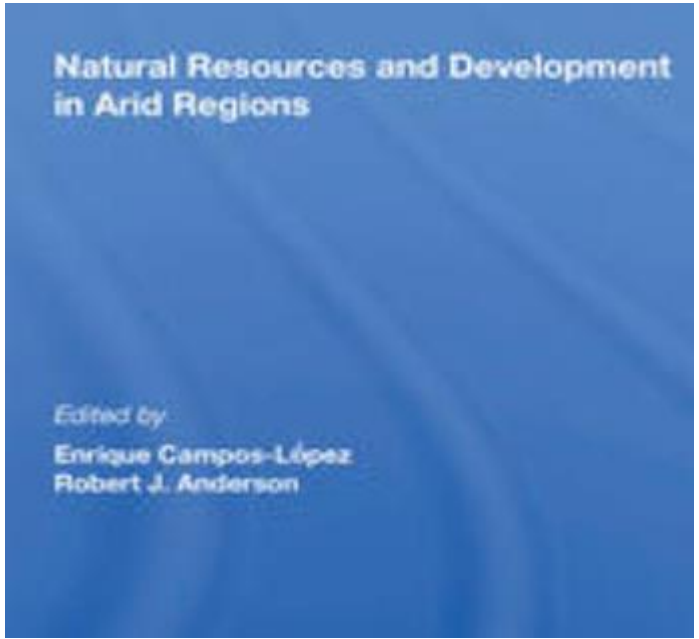

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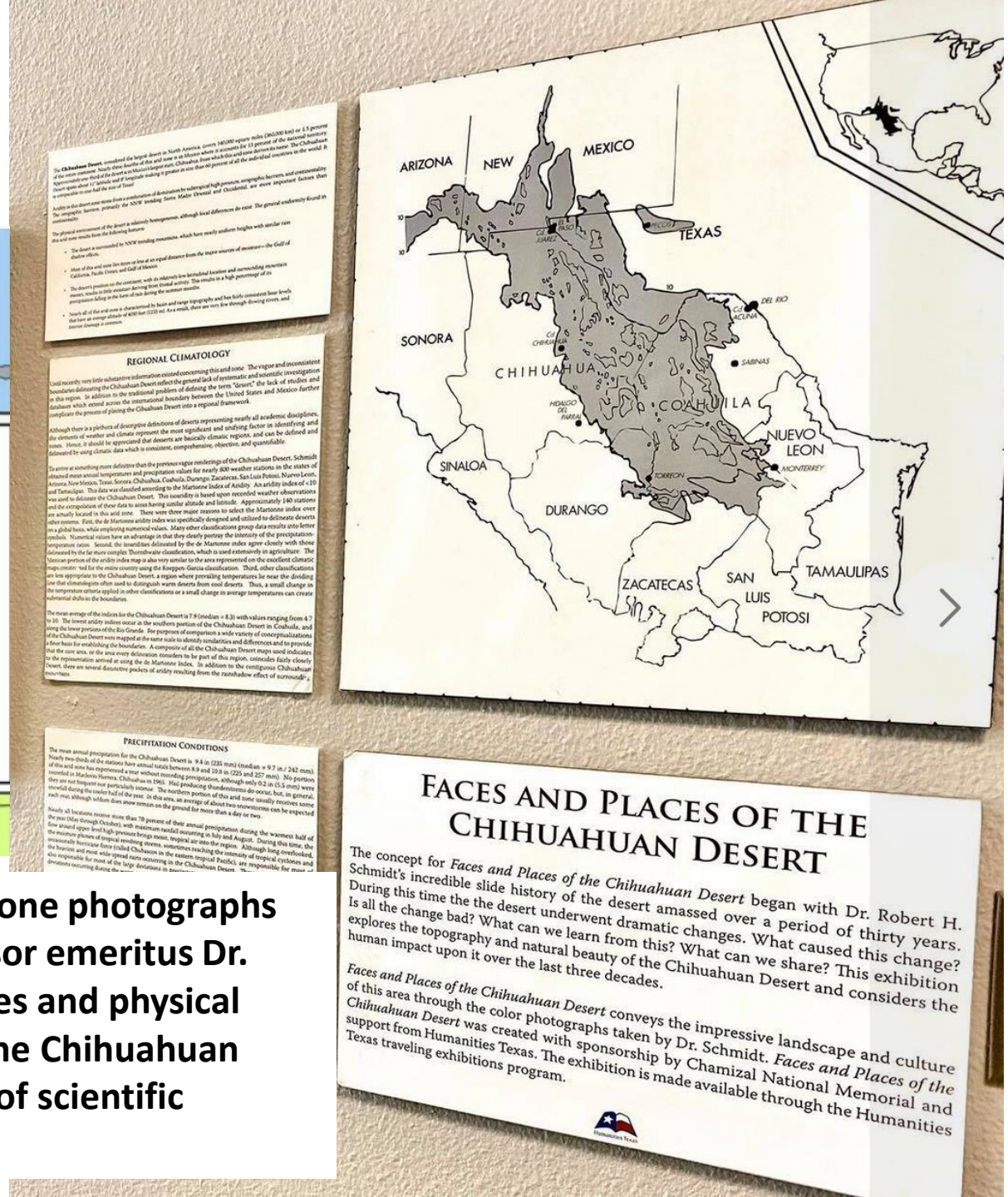
Climate and the Chihuahuan Desert

Robert H. Schmidt, Jr.

“For the geography of the Sierra Tarahumara, the best study is Robert H. Schmidt, Jr.’s *A Geographical Survey of Chihuahua*.” From “Mexico’s Sierra Tarahumara: A Photohistory of the People of The Edge” By William Dirk Raat, 1996



Faces and Places of the Chihuahuan Desert is composed of thirty-one photographs from the work of [UTEP - The University of Texas at El Paso] professor emeritus Dr. Robert H. Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt’s background is in natural resources and physical geography. For the last three decades he has tracked changes in the Chihuahuan Desert. This exhibition presents, in visual form, an interpretation of scientific information about the region of the Chihuahuan Desert.

FACES AND PLACES OF THE CHIHUAHUAN DESERT

The concept for *Faces and Places of the Chihuahuan Desert* began with Dr. Robert H. Schmidt’s incredible slide history of the desert amassed over a period of thirty years. During this time the the desert underwent dramatic changes. What caused this change? Is all the change bad? What can we learn from this? What can we share? This exhibition explores the topography and natural beauty of the Chihuahuan Desert and considers the human impact upon it over the last three decades.

Faces and Places of the Chihuahuan Desert conveys the impressive landscape and culture of this area through the color photographs taken by Dr. Schmidt. *Faces and Places of the Chihuahuan Desert* was created with sponsorship by Chamizal National Memorial and support from Humanities Texas. The exhibition is made available through the Humanities Texas traveling exhibitions program.