José and his wife, Mary Jane, have three sons: José Jr. (’90), Juan, and Miguel (’00 BB).

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José has also established the José E. Fernández Sr. endowed library collection in Hispanic Studies at the Named level.