

# Curriculum Vitae

Raymond R. Mitchell

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## Education:

### **Texas A&M University**

PhD Candidate – History (4.0 GPA)

(Comprehensive examinations successfully completed in: U.S. history to 1877, U.S. history post-1877, the Civil War era, and Sociology as it relates to the American prison system)

\* Expected graduation date: Fall 2024

College Station, Texas

2020 to present\*

### **Sam Houston State University**

M.A. History (4.0 GPA)

Huntsville, Texas

2020

### **University of Houston Law School**

Juris Doctorate

Houston, Texas

1995

### **University of Missouri**

B.A. Political Science

(Minor in History)

Columbia, Missouri

1992

## Professional Experience:

### **Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

Instructor

August 2024 to present

Durant, Oklahoma

- History 1523 - U.S. History from 1876

- History 4653 - Contemporary U.S. History, 1945 to present

### **Buena Vista University**

Adjunct Faculty - Online

August 2024 to present

Storm Lake, Iowa

- History 101 - U.S. History to 1877

- History 241 - World War II

### **Texas A&M University**

Graduate Lecturer

August 2022 to May 2024

College Station, Texas

- History 105 - U.S. History to 1877

- History 106 - U.S. History from 1877

Graduate Assistant Teacher

August 2020 to May 2022

- History 105 - U.S. History to 1877

- History 106 - U.S. History from 1877

Guest Lectures:

- "Gettysburg and the High-Water Mark of the Confederacy" - November, 2020

- "The Saratoga Campaign" - October, 2021

- "Lee's Failed Second Invasion of the North" - December, 2021

- "Civil War Historiography & the Lost Cause Narrative" - January, 2022
- "Angel Island and the Exclusion of Chinese Immigrants" - February, 2022
- "Civil War POW's: Issues and Experiences" - April, 2022
- "Post-Revolution Blues, Washington's Presidency, and the Petty Partisanship of Hamilton and Jefferson" - October, 2022
- "Antisemitism, Eugenics, and the Rise of Fascism in Europe" – October, 2023

Literary Review Lectures:

- *The Yankee Plague: Escaped Union Prisoners and the Collapse of the Confederacy* (2016), by Lorien Foote - April, 2022

**Law Offices of Raymond R. Mitchell**

Owner April 2009 to December 2023 Katy, Texas

**Tiger Stripe Resources, LLC**

President/Founder Sept. 2008 to December 2023 Katy, Texas

**Griffith Land Services, Inc.**

Legal Advisor/Senior Landman July 1998 to April 2009 Houston, Texas

**Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP**

Associate Attorney June 1995 to July 1998 Houston, Texas

**University of Houston Law School**

Tutor/Teaching Assistant Sept. 1993 to May 1995 Houston, Texas

**Service:**

**Texas A&M University**

- Administrative Officer/President - History Graduate Student Organization - 2021-2022
- Senator - Graduate & Professional Student Government - 2021-2022
- Graduate Student Representative - Department Graduate Committee - 2021-2022
- Organized and led the History Graduate Student Organization's annual conference - 2022
- Co-created and operated the Teaching Matters Working Group – 2022 to 2024
- Created the "How to teach a survey class" workshop series for graduate students - 2022-2024
- Aggie Honor Council - 2023-2024

**Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Scholarships:**

C.K. Chamberlain Award – Best journal article printed in the *East Texas Historical Journal* for 2022: \$500.00 - awarded by the East Texas Historical Association \*

Calvert-Nelson-Krammer Graduate Fellowship - Texas A&M University – 2022: \$2,000.00

Glasscock Foundation Grant - Teaching Matters Working Group - Texas A&M University - 2022: \$1,500.00

Texas A&M University History Department Graduate Research Award – 2023: \$2,000.00

Finalist – Outstanding Mentoring Award for Graduate & Professional Students - 2024

Texas A&M Summer Dissertation Fellowship - 2024: \$10,000.00

## **Conference Presentations and Publications:**

### **Conference Presentations:**

- “The Nature of Survival: the impact of the environment on the death rates of POWs during the American Civil War” - Society for Military History Annual Conference - April, 2022
- “Our Failure of Compassion: the shared post-release experiences of ex-convicts and prisoners of war” – Social Science History Association Annual Conference – November, 2023

### **Journal Articles:**

- "Our Weakness to Forgive: War psychosis and the impaired humanity of Colonel Clayton Crawford Gillespie" – Volume 60, Issue 1 and 2, *East Texas Historical Journal*, Spring-Fall 2022: 20-47. \*

### **Book Reviews:**

- *The US Volunteers in the Southern Philippines: Counterinsurgency, Pacification, and Collaboration, 1899-1901*, by John Scott Reed, H-War, H-Net Reviews, March, 2021.
- *Identified with Texas: The Lives of Governor Elisha Marshall Pease and Lucadia Niles Pease*, by Elizabeth Whitlow, Volume 58, *The Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record*, December, 2022.
- *Country of the Cursed and the Driven: Slavery and the Texas Borderlands*, by Paul Barba, Volume 37, Number 2, *The Journal of South Texas*, Fall 2023.
- *Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood: Coming of Age in the Sixties*, by John D’Emilio, Volume 43, Number 3, *The Journal of American Ethnic History*, Spring 2024.

### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

- Nellie Doom biography - Handbook of Texas Women - Texas State Historical Association - 2019
- Lottie Deno biography - Handbook of Texas Women - Texas State Historical Association - 2019

### **Dissertation and Master’s Thesis:**

- “Sorrowful Reality: The Survival of Prisoners of the American Civil War” – Doctoral Dissertation - Texas A&M University ProQuest Dissertations – Texas A&M University Libraries – 2024
- “Corrupting Humanity: The Morale and Physical Well-being of Civil War POWs in Texas” – Master’s Thesis - Sam Houston State University Institutional Repository - Texas Digital Library – 2020

## **Honors, Memberships, and Certifications:**

### **Honors:**

- Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society - Sigma Phi Chapter - 2019
- Alpha Chi National Honor Society - Texas Omicron Chapter - 2019

### **Professional Memberships:**

- Immigration and Ethnic History Society
- Social Science History Association
- Society for Military History
- Society of Civil War Historians
- American Historical Association
- Organization of American Historians

- East Texas Historical Association

### **Academic Certifications:**

- Teaching Endorsement Certificate - Texas A&M University, Department of History

### **Professional Certifications:**

- Licensed Texas Attorney - State Bar of Texas #00797097
- Federal District Court Certification - Southern District of Texas - License Admission #21131

## **Research Interests:**

The humanity, or more often the inhumanity, in late nineteenth and early twentieth-century United States history; more precisely the ways in which we have treated those less fortunate in society, and why we, both individually and collectively, made the choices to do so. I focus not only on our behavior in relation to immigration, gender, race, and sexuality – and their intertwining with nativism and xenophobia - but also our response to opposing civilizations during times of war. My secondary interest lies in the impact of war on society, culture, and the environment (and vice-versa), primarily from the period of the American Civil War to World War II.

My current project examines the personal experiences, perceptions, and reactions of Civil War prisoners of war to their environment, as well as the impact of comradeship, group identity, and unit cohesion on rates of survival. This project also includes case studies into selected regiments as to their post-war experiences and possible early forms of PTSD related to incarceration.

## **References:**

Dr. Walter Kamphoefner  
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Dr. Troy Bickham  
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