

# Darby Cheek

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## **Education:**

Angelo State University, Bachelor of Arts, History/English, 3.5 GPA, cum laude

Texas A&M University, Arts and Sciences, Department of History, Doctoral Student

## **Research Interests:**

Early United States History:

How oral traditions, symbols, rituals, entertainment, and pedagogy surrounding the American Revolution and founders impact collective memory; the conjunction of historical analyses and public memory within contemporary politics.

Comparative colonial identity and intercolonial relations; regionalism as an identifier and impediment during the American War of Independence; the internal impacts of regionalism under the federalist system; regionalism comparative to nineteenth-century Nationalism.

The impetuses for activism, the precedent and practice of political engagement, and the modes and effects of public discourse in Revolutionary and post-war America. The political theories and legal precedents that informed the modern republic, and how those ideas were varyingly interpreted among founders and by subsequent generations.

Transnational interpretations and legacies of the American War of Independence with a focus on the Atlantic World and its subsequent revolutions; how the British public, crown, and military understood and engaged with the revolution, and how their perceptions and systems changed in the aftermath.

## **Academic Experience:**

Greatest Generation Oral History Archive, Angelo State University - Transcriber, Editor

Living History Project, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark - Tour Guide, Docent, Educational Events Liaison

Grape Creek Independent School District, Grape Creek, Texas - History Teacher, Supplemental Instructor - English,

**Academic Organizations:**

National History Honors Society, Phi Alpha Theta, Chapter Xi Zeta, Angelo State University - Member

National English Honors Society, Sigma Tau Delta, Chapter Pi Nu, Angelo State University - Treasurer

**Professional Presentations:**

“Womanly Warfare: The Precedent, Contributions, and Legacy of Female Soviet Combatants in the Second World War,” Exploring Borders in Human Life, History, and Society, Angelo State University, Nov., 2019.

“Trial in Absentia: How the Case of Henry Wirz Condemned the Confederacy and Commuted its Leaders,” Courtroom Battles of US History, Southwestern Social Science Association, April, 2022.

**Scholarships and Awards:**

CARR Scholarship recipient

PELL Grant recipient

**Social Organizations and Service:**

Friends of the Library, Tom Green County - Volunteer

Boy Scouts of America, Concho Valley Council - Eagle Scout, Adult Supervisor

Professional Disk Golf Association, San Angelo, Texas - Secretary, local chapter