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Education

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Anticipated Graduation, Spring 2022

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Felipe Hinojosa

Dissertation Title: *Our Fight is Here: The Puerto Rican Anti-War Movement, 1940-1975*

Areas of Interest: 20th Century United States, Puerto Rican and Latina/o/x History, Modern Latin American History, Transnational Social/Political/Religious Movements, Comparative Race and Ethnicity, Sports and Society

Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

Master of Arts in History

August 2015

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jessica Brannon-Wranosky

Thesis Title: *Transnational Freedom Movements: A History of the American League for Puerto Rico Independence, 1944-1950*

Bachelor of Arts in History

August 2012

Teaching/Professional Experience

Texas A&M University, College Station

August 2019-Present

University Writing Center

University Writing Consultant, Team Leader, Night Shift Supervisor

Duties:

- College Reading and Learning Association Level III (Master) Certified Consultant
- Lead team meetings on best tutoring practices
- Evaluate and mentor team members' progress
- Work one on one with undergraduate and graduate students to improve their writing, speaking, audio/video skills, and time management skills and deadlines, both online and in-person
- Conducted 815 consultations (as of August 2021) with undergraduate and graduate student clients
- Maintain records of each consultation
- Coach and facilitate university-wide theses and dissertation writing retreats and workshops
- Ongoing advisor for theses and dissertation students
- Instruct international students in English writing and conversation
- Conduct classroom workshops
- Present research and suggestions of best practices for UWC staff

Lone Star College System, CyFair Campus

August 2019-July 2021

Adjunct Instructor, Department of History

Courses Taught: HIST 1302, US History from 1877

Duties:

- Provide lecture and discussion-based direction (face to face or virtual) of course materials (up to 30 students per class)

- Create course and assignment content for class
- Assess written assignments and provide feedback that encourages writing and suggests improvement
- Hold office hours (face to face or virtually) for students

History Department, Texas A&M University

August 2019-May 2020

Graduate Assistant Lecturer (Instructor of Record)

Courses taught: HIST 106, US History from 1877

Duties:

- Provided lecture and discussion-based direction (face to face or online) of course materials (up to 150 students per class)
- Created course and assignment content for class
- Assessed written assignments and delivered feedback that encourages writing and suggests improvement

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Discussion Lead

August 2015-May 2019

Courses: HIST 105-U.S. History to 1877; HIST 106-U.S. History from 1877; HIST 226-The History of Texas

Duties:

- Assisted course professor/instructor with grading quizzes, exams, and essays based on course rubric (for classes ranging from 130 to 300 students)
- Led discussion course materials with small groups of students
- Gave sporadic lecture in class
- Held office hours for students

Graduate Teaching Associate (Pilot Program)

August 2018-December 2018

Course: HIST 105-U.S. History to 1877

Duties:

- Co-proposed and trial ran an immersive teaching program with Dr. Verity McInnis
- Prepared and presented lectures that included multiple teaching strategies
- Responsible with the creation of select quizzes and exams
- Graded and evaluated all assignments
- Creation of drafts of a teaching philosophy, learning objectives, and future course syllabus
- Received regular feedback of expectations and teaching materials from course instructor

Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)

August 2013-May 2015

Courses Taught: HIST 1301-US History to 1877 & HIST 1302-U.S. History from 1877

Duties:

- Provided lecture and discussion-based direction (face to face or online) of course materials (up to 30 students per course)
- Created course and assignment content for class
- Tutored students during office hours over course content and writing suggestions

Graduate Assistant (Non-Teaching)

August 2012-May 2013

Courses: HIST 1302, U.S. History from 1877, HIST 409-The United States in the Twentieth Century

Duties:

- Graded essays and exams
- Assisted professors with attendance and classroom management (for classes ranging from 55 students per course)
- Held office hours for students

Velma K. Waters (Formerly James G. Gee) Library Special Collections, Commerce, Texas

June 2014 – August 2014

Archival Intern

Duties:

- Assisted Head Archivist in the processing and organization of the J. Mason Brewer Archival Collection
- Organized the collection chronologically and thematically to highlight Brewer's career as a professional and academic folklorist and university professor
- Created the Finding Aid for the Collection, including the addition of a biographical section

Scholarly Publications

Book Reviews:

Review of *Solidarity under Siege: The Salvadoran Labor Movement, 1970-1990* by Jeffrey L. Gould. H-LatAm, H-Net Review, April 2020

Encyclopedic Entries:

2020: "DeAlva Eyvonnice Sibley (June Byers)" *Handbook of Texas Online* (In progress)

2018: "Alva Jo 'Tex' Fischer." *Handbook of Texas Online*

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/ffisc>

(Entry is also part of *San Antonio: 300 Years of History*, ebook, Texas State Historical Association)

2018: "Ruth Elizabeth 'Tex' Lessing." *Handbook of Texas Online*

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fless>

2018: "Emily Marie 'Red' Mahoney." *Handbook of Texas Online*

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fmah>

Blogposts

"Your Written Voice Matters: Embracing Written Language against the Standards of the Academy."

PeerCentered, July 1, 2020. <https://www.peercentered.org/2020/07/your-written-voice-matters-embracing.html>

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Louisville Institute

2021-2022 Louisville Dissertation Fellowship

- Awarded \$25,000 for the completion of the dissertation that focuses on spiritual and religious life in North America during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Texas A&M University

Carlos H. Cantú Foundation, College Station Texas

September 2017 – Present

Graduate Fellow

- Coordinates with History Department Office Administration and Student organizations concerning venue, catering, and promotion of speaker events

- Creates contracts for guest speakers and coordinates with History Department Office Administration to ensure speaker information is received and processed
- Assists coordinator of Cantu Foundation with logistics, organization, and promotion of the Latinx Lecture Series, sponsored by the Cantu Endowment
- Attend to guest's needs during presentation day

Texas A&M Department of History Summer Research Travel Award-Summer 2018

Texas A&M University -Commerce

Texas A&M University Department of History Conference Travel Award-2017

Texas A&M University-Commerce Office of Graduate Studies Competitive Travel Grant-2015

Phi Alpha Theta Texas A&M University-Commerce Student Organization Allocation Committee Conference Travel Fund-2015

2014-2015 Texas A&M University-Commerce, History Department, Frank B. Jackson Memorial Endowment

Researcher Experience

Handbook of Texas Women Project

Summer 2016

Contract Researcher

- Assisted in finding Texas sportswomen for potential future Handbook of Texas entries
- Research included searching for individuals, teams, and organizations

Selected Presentations/Conferences

Latinx Creativity and Scholarship Symposium

Texas A&M University (Virtual)

Panel Title: Rethinking Community through Latinx Practices of Social Resistance

Presented "Faith, Anti-Draft Activism, and Nationalism: The Complexity of Draft Resistance in the US and Puerto Rico."

2021 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 68th Meeting

Virtual Conference

Presented "Resistance to the Good War: The Case of Julio Pinto Gandia and Puerto Rican Anti-War Expression during World War II."

2020 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 67th Meeting

Las Cruces, NM

Accepted to present "Resistance during the "Good War" (Event Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Spring 2020 Latinx Studies Working Group

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. February 18, 2020

Workshopped "Resistance During the 'Good War'"

2017 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 64th Annual Meeting

Salt Lake City, UT

Presented "To Liberate our own Nation": Puerto Rican Independence Activists Debate War Effort Participation during World War II"

2015 Texas A&M University System 12th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Presented “Concerned Neighbors: The Latin American Debate on the status of Puerto Rico in the United Nations, 1945-1952”

2015 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 62nd Annual Meeting

Tucson, AZ

Presented “Transnational Freedom Networks: The Puerto Rican Nationalist Party’s Outreach to Establish Activist Networks, 1930-1950”

2015 World History Association of Texas 2015 Conference

St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX

Presented “Development of Transnational Freedom Networks: U.S. Pacifists’ Collaborative Stance against Global and Regional Imperialism, 1930-1950”

East Texas Historical Association Spring 2014 Program

Presented “*Ruth Elizabeth “Tex” Lessing and the Baseball Hall of Fame*” for “The Texas Women’s History is U.S. Women’s History Project-Adding more Women to the Handbook of Texas Online”

Professional Development

Voces Oral History 2019 Summer Research Institute

The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX

- Competitively chosen to learn best practices and techniques for conducting Oral History Research through weeklong seminar course.

University and Professional Service

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization

Spring 2020, 11th Annual Texas A&M History Conference

Panel Commenter, “Political and Social Clashes in the 20th Century”

Spring 2019, 10th Annual Texas A&M History Conference: Resistance in Retrospect

Panel Commenter, “New Paths of Remembering Identity: Food, Murals, Rodeos, and Ghost Stories”

Panel Chair, “Fascism as Making Modern Europe” and “From Baghdad to Detroit: The Palestinian Resistance, Anti-Imperialism Movement, and the Islamic State”

Spring 2018 9th Annual Texas A&M HGSO/PAT Graduate History Conference

Panel Chair, “The Limits and Possibilities of Protest”

Spring 2017 8th Annual Texas A&M HGSO/PAT Graduate History Conference

Panel Chair, “Race and Race Relations in Texas”

Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization, Officer

August 2016-May 2017

Secretary of HGSO

2017 8th Annual Texas A&M HGSO/PAT Graduate History Conference Organizing Committee

Spring 2016 7th Annual Texas A&M History Conference.

Panel Chair, “Texas/Borderlands”

Panel Commenter, “Race, Ethnicity, and Migration”

2019 World History Association of Texas Conference: Global Civil Rights. Texas A&M University-Commerce

Panel Chair, “Questions of Migration and Conflict”

Texas A&M University, Department of History,
September 2018-May 2019

Social Committee

2017 Living Heritage Symposium San Antonio, TX

Volunteer

Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional Student Government (formerly Graduate and Professional Student Council)

Senator (formerly Delegate) for Department of History, August 2017 to March 2019

Member of Travel Awards Internal Committee

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Scholars (NACCS) Tejas Foco 2017 Conference
College Station, TX

Conference Program Committee Member

Panel Chair, “Repatriation, Expulsions, and Activism: The Cycle of US Immigration and Education”

Traversea, University of Texas-Arlington

Spring 2016

Blind Reviewer

12th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Volunteer Judge

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Northeast Texas Regional National History Day Competition. Texas A&M University-Commerce

Spring 2014 & Spring 2015

Volunteer Judge

Professional Memberships

Texas State Historical Association, 2016-Current

Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 2015, 2017, 2021

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) 2017-2020

Puerto Rican Studies Association, 2016-2019

Latin American Studies Association, 2015-2019

World History Association, 2015-2019