

# Alexandria E. Castillo

## **Education**

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- August 2017 Ph.D. in History, University of Houston  
Dissertation Title: “Constructing Race: The Catholic Church and the Evolution of Racial Categories and Gender in Colonial Mexico, 1521-1700.”
- May 2014 M.A. in History, University of Houston
- April 2014 Comprehensive Doctoral Exams, Latin American History, University of Houston
- December 2010 B.A. in History, Texas A&M University, College Station

## **Research and Teaching Interests**

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Colonial and Modern history of Mexico and Latin America, history of the Atlantic World, U.S. history to/from 1877, medieval/early modern European history, women and gender history, religious history (Western Christianity), African Diaspora in Latin America, intellectual and cultural history, ethnohistory, race, identity and class formation

## **Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards**

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- 2016-2017 College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (University of Houston)
- 2016-2017 Blanche Espy Chenoweth Graduate Fellowship, The Shuart Scholarships, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department (University of Houston)
- 2015-2016 Teaching Fellowship (University of Houston, History Department)
- 2011-2016 Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship (University of Houston)
- 2014, 2016 Murray Miller Endowed Scholarship for Dissertation Research (University of Houston)—Archivo General de Nación, Mexico City, Summer 2014 & 2016
- 2011-2013 Latin American Studies Fund (University of Houston)
- 2011-2013 Murray Miller Endowed Scholarship (University of Houston)

## **Publications, Conference Papers, and Presentations**

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- “Translating Purity: Female Religious and Female Piety in Spain and Colonial Mexico,” journal article (in progress)
- “A Perceived Threat: Protestantism and the Catholic Church in Sixteenth-Century Spain and Mexico” journal article (in progress)
- “The Politics of Religious Exclusion: Protestants and the Catholic Church in Early Colonial Mexico” Conference Paper/Presentation, Bartolomé de Las Casas, O.P. History, Philosophy, and Theology in the Age of European Expansion International Conference, Providence College, Providence, RI, (October 2016)
- “Translating Canon Law: Establishing the Catholic Church in Sixteenth-Century Mexico” Conference Paper/Presentation, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 2016 Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM, (March 2016)

“Defining ‘Outsider:’ The Threat of Protestantism and the Catholic Church in Colonial Mexico”  
Conference Paper/Presentation, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 2015  
Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ, (April 2015)

### **Teaching Experience**

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- 2022-present Lecturer of History, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- Department of History, Philosophy, & Geography, U.S History I (1000-level, traditional face-to-face and hybrid courses)
  - Department of History, Philosophy, & Geography, WGST Minor Program, Intro to Women & Gender Studies (2000-level)
  - Department of History, Philosophy, & Geography, History of Mexico (3000-level)
  - Department of History, Philosophy, & Geography, TAMU-SA Honors Program, “Visions & Revisions of Conquest:” Memory, History, & Culture in Latin America (3000-level)
- 2019-2022 Adjunct Professor of History, Northeast Lakeview College
- Judson Early College Academy, Dual-Credit U.S. History I (both in-person and synchronistic remote learning courses)
  - Social Sciences Department, U.S. History I (lower-level lecture; both in-person and synchronistic remote learning courses)
  - Social Sciences Department, Mexican-American History (lower-level lecture)
- 2017-2019 Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American History, Goucher College
- Center for Humanities, Latin American History Survey: The Modern Period (200-level)
  - Center for Humanities, Latin American History Survey: The Colonial Period (200-level)
  - Center for Humanities, First Year Seminar: “Saints, Sinners, and Sexual Deviance: Histories of Gender, Sexuality, and Christianity” (first-year freshmen)
  - Center for Humanities, Center Pair Exploration: “From Crusades to Witch Hunts: Histories of Religious Violence” (200-level, non-majors only)
  - Center for Humanities, Women and Gender in Latin American History (200-level)
  - Center for Humanities, “Burn the Ships:” Mythmaking & the History of the Spanish Conquest (300-level)
  - Center for Humanities, Women and Gender in Latin American History (200-level)
  - Center for Humanities, “Sensual Spirituality:” The Precarious Nature of Female Piety in Western Christianity (100-level)
  - Center for Humanities, “The Foolish Shall Serve the Wise:” Race, Religion, and Power in the Atlantic World (200-level)
- 2015- 2016 Instructor of Record, University of Houston
- Department of History, U.S. History to 1877 (lower-level lecture)

- 2012-2015 Lab Instructor, University of Houston
- Department of History, U.S. History to 1877 (lower-level discussion section; 25 students per section)
  - Department of History, U.S. History from 1877 (lower-level discussion section; 25 students per section)

### **Professional Development & Professional Research Experience**

- 2022-23 Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Effective Teaching Practices (25 week) Course
- 2020 Adjunct Faculty Certification, Alamo Colleges Faculty Development Program, Human Resources & Organizational Development Office, Alamo Colleges District, Northeast Lakeview College
- 2017 Center Pair Exploration (CPE) Institute & Problem Based Learning (PBL) Workshops, Center for the Advancement of Scholarship and Teaching, Goucher College
- 2010 Paid Research Assistant, Dr. Walter Kamphoefner, Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University
- Research focused on language confirmation patterns of German immigrant communities in Missouri using 1920 and 1930 U.S. census transcripts from ancestry.com.
  - Compiled and organized data on community members using PASW Statistics Data Editor.
- 2010 Research Assistant, Thaddeus Romansky, ABD PhD candidate, Texas A&M University
- Research focused on sociocultural foundations of mutinies in the Union Army during the Civil War.
  - Transcribed military correspondence, court martial records, muster roll calls, and other documents.
- 2009 Internship, Malay Heritage Centre, Singapore
- Organized two exhibits: Hari Raya Photograph Exhibition and Batik Fusion Exotica (showcasing the art of Mr. Sarkasi Said).
  - Handled and cataloged artifacts and worked in the administrative office.

### **Academic Service and Community Outreach**

- 2022-present WGST Faculty Committee, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 2022-present Global Borders & Borderlands Program Review Committee, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 2017-2019 Faculty Advisor, Annual Intercollegiate Undergraduate History Conference, Goucher College
- 2012-2017 Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Association, University of Houston
- 2008-2010 Executive, Aggie Women In Leadership (AWIL) (undergraduate)
- 2008-2010 Executive, Women's Resource Center Community Outreach (undergraduate)

### **Languages**

English and Spanish (proficient verbal, reading, writing)

### **Professional Organizations and Affiliations**

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2015-present Member, American Historical Association  
2015-present Member, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies  
2011-present Member, Phi Alpha Theta (University of Houston)  
2010-present Member, Phi Beta Kappa (Texas A&M University)

## **References**

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- Dr. Susan Kellogg, Professor Emerita of History, Department of History, University of Houston, dissertation advisor email: [skellogg@uh.edu](mailto:skellogg@uh.edu)
- Dr. John M. Hart, Professor, Department of History, University of Houston, dissertation committee member email: [jmhart@uh.edu](mailto:jmhart@uh.edu)
- Dr. Martin Nesvig, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Miami, dissertation committee member email: [mnesvig@miami.edu](mailto:mnesvig@miami.edu)
- Dr. Guillermo de Los Reyes, Associate Professor, Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Houston, dissertation committee member email: [jgdelosr@uh.edu](mailto:jgdelosr@uh.edu)
- Dr. Matthew Hale, Associate Professor of History, Center for Humanities, Goucher College, email: [matthew.hale@goucher.edu](mailto:matthew.hale@goucher.edu)
- Dr. Jeff Hassmann, Professor of History, Department Chair, Social Sciences Department, Northeast Lakeview College, email: [jhassmann@alamo.edu](mailto:jhassmann@alamo.edu)
- Judah M. Leggett, History Instructor, History Discipline Lead, Social Sciences Department, Northeast Lakeview College, email: [jleggett1@alamo.edu](mailto:jleggett1@alamo.edu)

(Other references available upon request)