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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2021–present Associate Professor, History, Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
2015–2021 Assistant Professor, History, Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
2014–2015 Visiting Assistant Professor, History, Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
2010–2013 Lecturer, History, University of Texas at San Antonio  
2008–2010 Visiting Assistant Professor, History & Mexican American Studies,  
Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX  
2002–2008 Adjunct, History, Northwest Vista (Alamo Colleges), San Antonio, TX

## EDUCATION

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2006 Ph.D., History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas  
1999 M.A., History, University of Texas at San Antonio  
1990 B.A., Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

## TEACHING

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### **Texas A&M University-San Antonio:**

HIST 1301 U.S. History to 1865  
HIST 2301 Texas History  
HIST 2327 History of Spanish Borderlands  
HIST 2328 Mexican American History  
HIST 2351 Latin American I: Colonial Era  
HIST 2352 Latin American II: Modern Era  
HIST 3301 Reading & Writing Like a Historian  
HIST 3356 History of Mexico  
HIST 4301 Methods of Historical Research  
HIST 4392 Topics in Latin American History: Slavery (Spring 2014); Women (Spring 2017); Caribbean (Summer 2018); Black Movements in the Borderlands (Summer 2019)  
HIST 4398 History Internship

**University of Texas at San Antonio:**

HIS 2053 Texas History  
HIS 2533 Latin American Civilization  
HIS 3303 History of Mexico  
HIS 3403 Pre-Hispanic & Colonial Latin America

**Our Lady of the Lake University:**

HIST 1302 U.S. History since 1865  
HIST 1356 World History: Trends and Issues since 1600  
MAST 2301 Mexican Americans in U.S. Society  
HIST 2390 African American History  
HIST 3324 History of Texas  
HIST 3354 Mexican American Cultural History  
HIST 4322 Spanish Borderlands in North America

**Northwest Vista (Alamo Colleges):**

HIST 1301 U.S. History, pre-Columbian to 1865  
HIST 1302 U.S. History since 1865

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Books:**

*Los Adaes: The First Capital of Spanish Texas*. College Station: TAMU Press, 2020.  
Summerfield G. Roberts Texas History Series.  
2023 Book award from the San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation.  
2022 Book award from the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association.  
2021 Finalist for the Ramirez Family Award from the Texas Institute of Letters.

*San Antonio's Churches*. Milo Kearney, co-author. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2012.

**Journal Articles and Book Chapters:**

"Dreams of Empire in the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands." In R.A. Kashanipour and Juliet Wiersema, eds. *Known, Unknown, and Imagined Geographies and Landscapes of Colonial Latin America* (University Press of Colorado, forthcoming).

"A Tainted Friendship: The Betrayal of Tejanos in the Republic of Texas." In Kenneth Howell and Charles Swanlund, eds., *Single Star of the West: The Republic of Texas, 1836-1845* (Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2017), pp. 437-482.

"Between Esteban and Joshua Houston: Women, Children, and Slavery in the Texas Borderlands," *Journal of South Texas* (Fall 2014), pp. 22-36.

"Between Imperial Warfare: Crossing of the Smuggling Frontier and Transatlantic Commerce on the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1754-1785," in Alexander Mendoza and Charles David Gear, eds., *Texans and War: New Interpretations of the State's Military History* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2012), pp. 157-177.

- “There Will Be Blood: Oil, Rebels, and Counterrevolution in the Gulf of Mexico Borderlands, 1900-1920.” In Leslie G. Cecil, ed., *New Frontiers in Latin American Borderlands* (Cambridge Scholarly Press, 2012), pp. 7-19.
- “Comparative Freedom in the Borderlands: Fugitive Slaves in Texas and Mexico from the Age of Enlightenment through the U.S. Civil War,” with Joseph N. De Leon. In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, and Antonio Zavaleta, eds., *Ongoing Studies in Rio Grande Valley History*, Vol. 10 (University of Texas at Brownsville, 2011), pp. 27-44.
- “Lost in Translation: Tejano Roots on the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1716-182.” In Raúl A. Ramos and Monica Perales, eds., *Recovering the Hispanic History of Texas* (Houston: Arte Público Press, 2010), pp. 3-18.
- “The Chirino Boys: Spanish Soldier-Pioneers from Los Adaes on the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1735-1792,” *East Texas Historical Journal* (Fall 2008), pp. 42-58.
- “Presidio Los Adaes: Worship, Kinship, and Commerce with French Natchitoches on the Spanish-Franco-Caddo Borderlands, 1721-1773,” *Louisiana History* (Spring 2008), pp. 191-208.
- “River Boundaries of Texas: The Louisiana-Texas Borderland and Lower Rio Grande Valley in Comparative Perspective, 1700-1865.” In Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, and Antonio Zavaleta, eds., *Additional Studies in Rio Grande Valley History*, Vol. 8 (University of Texas at Brownsville, 2008), pp. 5-33.

#### **Book Reviews:**

- James Aalan Bernsen, *The Lost War for Texas: Mexican Rebels, American Burrites, and the Texas Revolution of 1811*. *Journal of American History* (December 2025): 555-556.
- Damon B. Akins and William J. Bauer, Jr. *We Are the Land: A History of Native California*. *Hispanic American Historical Review* (August 2022): 513-514.
- David M. Gitlitz, *Living in Silverado: Secret Jews in the Silver Mining Towns of Colonial Mexico*. *New Mexico Historical Review* (Spring 2022): 226-227.
- Art Martínez de Vara, *Tejano Patriot: The Revolutionary Life of José Francisco Ruiz, 1783-1840*. *Journal of Southern History* (February 2022): 151-152.
- Karen Racine and Graham Lloyd, eds., *The Journal of James A. Brush: The Expedition and Military Operations of General Don Francisco Xavier Mina in Mexico, 1816-1817*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (October 2021): 205-207.
- Erika Pérez, *Colonial Intimacies: Interethnic Kinship, Sexuality, and Marriage in Southern California, 1769-1885*. *Hispanic American Historical Review* (February 2021): 166-168.
- Light Townsend Cummins, *To The Vast and Beautiful Land: Anglo Migration into Spanish Louisiana and Texas, 1760s-1820s*. *Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture* (2019).

- Bradley Folsom, *Arredondo: Last Spanish Ruler of Texas and Northeastern New Spain*. *New Mexico Historical Review* (Spring 2019): 203-205.
- Lola Orellano Norris, *General Alonso de León's Expeditions into Texas, 1686-1690*. *Journal of Southern History* (May 2018): 419-420.
- Julie M. Fenster, *Jefferson's America: The President, The Purchase, and the Explorers Who Transformed a Nation*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 2017): 388-390.
- Timothy M. Matovina and Jesús F. de la Teja, eds., *Recollections of a Tejano Life: Antonio Menchaca in Texas History*. *Hispanic American Historical Review* (February 2016): 150-151.
- David Narret, *Adventurism and Empire: The Struggle for Mastery in the Louisiana-Florida Borderlands, 1762-1803*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 2016): 320-322.
- Ed Bradley, "We Never Retreat": *Filibustering Expeditions into Texas, 1812-1822*. *Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record* (November 2015): 83-84.
- F. Todd Smith, *Louisiana and the Gulf South Frontier, 1500-1821*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (October 2015): 221-222.
- Robert J. Willoughby, *The Brothers Robidoux and the Opening of the American West*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 2014): 325-326.
- Clay Mathers, Jeffrey M. Mitchem, and Charles M. Haecker, eds., *Native and Spanish New Worlds: Sixteenth-Century Entradas in the American Southwest and Southeast*. *Southwestern American Literature* (Fall 2013): 104-105.
- Albert L. Hurtado, *Herbert Eugene Bolton: Historian of the American Borderlands*. *Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture* (2013): 85-86.
- Ida Altman, *The War for Mexico's West: Indians and Spaniards in New Galicia, 1524-1550*. *East Texas Historical Journal* (Spring 2012): 99-101.
- Alan K. Brown, trans. and ed., *With Anza to California, 1775-1776: The Journal of Pedro Font, O.F.M.* *Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture* (2011): 86-87.
- William B. Carter, *Indian Alliances and the Spanish in the Southwest, 750-1750*. *East Texas Historical Journal* (Fall 2010): 135-137.
- Mary Christine Morkovsky, *Living in God's Providence: History of the Congregation of Divine Providence of San Antonio, 1943-2000*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (October 2010): 223-224.
- H. Sophie Burton and F. Todd Smith, *Colonial Natchitoches: A Creole Community on the*

*Louisiana-Texas Frontier. Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (April 2009): 445-446.

Pam Wheat-Stranahan, *La Salle in Texas: A Teacher's Guide for the Age of Discovery and Exploration. Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 2009): 316-317.

Laura Hernández-Ehrisman, *Inventing the Fiesta City: Heritage and Carnival in San Antonio. East Texas Historical Journal* (Spring 2009): 78-79.

Clint Johnson, *The 25 Best Civil War Sites: The Ultimate Traveler's Guide to Battlefields, Monuments and Museums. H-Net Reviews* (May 2007).

### **Encyclopedic Entries:**

"Curbelo, Juan" in *Handbook of Texas Online*. Texas State Historical Association, 2020.

"Curbelo, Joseph" in *Handbook of Texas Online*. TSHA, 2022.

"Galán, Enrique Manuel" in *Handbook of Texas Online*. TSHA, 2024.

### **Digital Projects:**

2007 Website: "Los Adaes: 18th-Century Capital of Spanish Texas," in Texas Beyond History: the Virtual Museum of Texas' Cultural Heritage, Site Explorer. Dr. Steve Black (Archaeologist), co-editor, and Heather Smith, web developer. Provided Spanish archival documents and wrote text for several sections about Los Adaes history (nonpaid). [www.texasbeyondhistory.net/adaes/](http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/adaes/) (website still running)

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA**

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2025 "I Alone Am King: The Problem of the American Revolution for Spanish Bourbon Reformers and Free Trade in the Texas Borderlands." Inaugural Annual Conference of the *Alliance for Texas History*, Texas State University-San Marcos. May 17.

2025 "Ghost Town of Tejas: Los Adaes and the Spirit of Survival in East Texas." 129th Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Houston. February 28.

2024 "Captives, Guns, Tobacco, and *chinguirito*: Spanish Concerns about the English and Indians in the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands during the American Revolution." 64th Annual Conference of the *Western History Association*, Kansas City, MO. October 25.

2023 "All we need are Settlers to Cultivate the Fertile Lands': Imagining Haciendas, Labor, and Commerce to Guard against the English at the Mouth of the Trinity and Brazos rivers in the Province of Tejas during the American Revolution." *The Southwest Seminar: Consortium on Colonial Latin America*. UTSA Southwest School of Art, San Antonio. November 10.

2023 "Angelique: Indigenous Scout of Los Adaes." *Conference on Texas: Origin Stories*. Witte Museum. San Antonio, TX. March 23.

- 2022 “The First Capital of Texas at Los Adaes and the Problem of Smuggling.” Save Texas History Symposium: Frontier Encounters. *Texas General Land Office*. November 5.
- 2022 “Bourbon Reforms of the Spanish Military in 18th century Texas and Smuggling.” *The Society for Military History* Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas (in-person). April 30.
- 2021 “Los Adaes: 300 Years of History.” *East Texas Historical Association* Annual Meeting, Nacogdoches (in-person), October 15.
- 2021 “Los Adaes, Smuggling, and the Hidden Colonial Roots of the US-Mexico Border.” 125th Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Corpus Christi (virtual), March 4.
- 2018 “Changing Borders, Changing Names: Pueblo de los Adaes, Mestizaje, and the Hidden Origins of the Early American Southwest in the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands.” 58th Annual Meeting of the *Western History Association*, San Antonio, October 20.
- 2017 “Pedro Ramírez and Rosalia: Slavery, Marriage, and Freedom on the Eighteenth- Century Texas Frontier.” Paper, International Symposium, “Landscapes, Peoples, and Institutions: Constructing the Borderlands,” *Center for the Study of the Southwest, Texas State University-San Marcos*, April 1.
- 2017 Roundtable: “What is Central Texas? What Makes Central Texas History Unique?” 1st Annual Meeting of the *Central Texas Historical Association*, Blinn College, Brenham, TX, April 28.
- 2017 “Forgotten Trails: Indians, Ranching, and the East Texas Missions.” 121st Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Houston, March 3.
- 2014 “I Thought We Came From Mexico: The Mora Family and Other Spanish Pioneers in the East Texas Borderlands from Exodus to Revolution, 1773-1813.” *East Texas Historical Association*, Nacogdoches, October 3.
- 2014 “Gone to Tejas: The Forgotten Capital of Los Adaes in Spanish Texas at the End of the Camino Real.” 118th Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Joint Session with Texas Tejano, San Antonio, March 6.
- 2013 “Saints, Sinners, and Smugglers: Franciscans and Catholicism beyond Missions and Treaties on the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands, 1716-1821.” 117th Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Joint Session with the Texas Catholic Historical Society, Fort Worth, March 1.
- 2011 “The Camino Real as a Pre-Underground Railroad: Fugitive Slaves in the Texas Borderlands, 1718-1821.” Annual Meeting of the *Organization of American Historians*, Houston, March 19.

- 2011 “Tejano Warrior: Trinidad Coy and His Transition from the Presidial Company of San Antonio de Béxar to Revolutionary, 1826-1836.” 115th Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, El Paso, March 5.
- 2010 “There will be Blood: Oil, Rebels, and Counterrevolution in the Gulf of Mexico Borderlands, 1910-1920.” *Latin American Studies Conference*, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, October 1.
- 2010 “Deserters, Slaves, and Indians: Crossing of the Smuggling Frontier with Transatlantic Commerce in the East Texas Borderlands, 1754-1779.” *East Texas Historical Association*, Nacogdoches, September 17.
- 2008 “Spanish Pioneers on the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1721-1821.” 112th Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Joint Session with the Hispanic History of Texas Project, Corpus Christi, March 6.
- 2007 “Before the Louisiana Purchase: Spanish-French-Caddo Smuggling and the Arroyo Hondo Boundary on the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1721-1803.” 47th Annual Conference of the *Western History Association*, Oklahoma City, October 5.
- 2006 “Spanish Los Adaes: Commerce, Worship, and Kinship with French Natchitoches in the Eighteenth Century.” 48th Annual Meeting of the *Louisiana Historical Association*, Lafayette, March 24.
- 2003 “Acomodación entre españoles, franceses y caddoes en la frontera Tejana- Luisiana en el siglo XVIII.” *XI Reunion of Mexican, United States, and Canadian Historians*, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Nuevo León, México, October 3.
- 2002 “Black and Mulatto Slavery in Spanish Texas, 1718-1821.” 106th Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, Corpus Christi, March 9.

## SERVICE

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### Committees (Texas A&M-San Antonio):

- 2025-2026 Chair, Faculty Search. Tenure-track. Modern Europe. History Program. Fall-Spring.
- 2025 Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee. Tenure-Track. History Program. Spring.
- 2025 Post-Tenure Review Committee. History Program. Spring.
- 2024-2025 Faculty Search. Tenure-track, Early Modern Europe. History Program. Fall-Spring.
- 2024-2025 Chair, Awards & Nominations. College of Arts & Sciences. Fall-Spring.
- 2024 Faculty Evaluation. Lecturers. Alternate for Tenured. History Program. Spring.
- 2024 Faculty Search. Lecturer, ECHS, History Program. Spring.
- 2023 Chair, Awards & Nominations, College of Arts & Sciences. Fall-Spring.
- 2022-2023 Tenure & Promotion, Mid-Tenure, Dept. of Hist, Phil, & Geog. October.
- Annual Evaluation, NTT Faculty, Dept. of Comm, Hist, & Phil. Spring.
- 2022-2023 Faculty Search, Tenure-Track, Asia, History Program. Fall-Spring.
- 2020-2022 Tenure & Promotion, College of Arts & Sciences. Fall.
- 2021-2022 Faculty Search, Tenure-Track, African-American, History Program. Fall-Spring.

2021 Tenure & Promotion Committee, Dept. of Language, Literature & Arts. Fall.  
 2020-2021 Land Acknowledgement Committee, College of Arts & Sciences. Fall-Spring.  
 2020-2021 Study Abroad Committee, Provost. Fall-Spring.  
 2021 Judge, 1st Annual Student Research Paper Award. History Program. May.  
 2019-2020 University Core Curriculum. Fall-Spring.  
 2018-2019 University Heritage Months Planning, Student Affairs. Fall-Spring.  
 2018 University Distinguished Faculty Awards, Provost. Spring-Fall.  
 2018 LatinX Heritage Month Planning Events, College of Arts & Sciences. Spring-Fall.  
 2018 Faculty Evaluation Form Revision, College of Arts & Sciences. Fall.  
 2018 Tenure & Promotion Revision Commission, History Program. Summer.  
 2018 Faculty Search, Lecturer, History Program. Spring.  
 2016-2018 SA300 History & Cultural Events. President & Provost.  
 2015-2017 Writing Across the Curriculum.  
 2015-2016 Strategic Planning. President.  
 2015-2016 Foundations of Excellence. Student Affairs.  
 2015-2016 International Education. Provost.  
 2015-2016 Chair, Faculty Search, Spanish, Arts & Humanities Dept. Fall-Spring.  
 2015-2016 Faculty Search, Tenure-Track, U.S., History Program. Fall-Spring.  
 2015-2016 Faculty Search, 3 Lecturer positions, U.S., History Program, Fall-Spring.  
 2016 Staff Search, Librarian/Archivist. Spring.  
 2015-2016 U.S.-Mexico Borderlands Symposium. Fall-Spring.  
 2014-2016 Texas State Historical Marker, "Spanish and Mexican Land Grants," Plaza, Central Academic Building, President.

#### **Additional Service (Texas A&M-San Antonio):**

2024 Faculty Peer Teaching Observation. Adjunct. History Program. Fall.  
 2024 Volunteer. Office of Alumni Affairs. 5, 10, & 15-year Reunions. July 13.  
 2024 Judge. *Student Research Symposium*. April 19.  
 2024 Guest Speaker: "Sinking of the USS Maine and the Spanish-American War," History Club. February 15.  
 2023 Faculty Peer Teaching Observation. Tenure-Track. History Program. Fall.  
 2022 Guest Speaker: "Los Adaes: Our Forgotten Heritage," History Club. September 15.  
 2022 Book Talk and Recruitment: "Los Adaes, the First Capital of Spanish Texas," Northwest Vista College, San Antonio (in-person). April 6.  
 2022 Organized Guest Speaker, Dr. Lindsay Silver, History Lecturer, Texas A&M-SA, "Kate Townsend and the Irish American Dream of Ill Repute in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century," Irish American Heritage Month (in-person and virtual). March 24.  
 2022 Organized Guest Speaker, Mr. Eugene Lee, Actor and Lecturer, Texas State University, "Race, Representation, and Memory in American Film, Television, and Media," Black History Month (virtual). February 3.  
 2021 Organized Panel Discussion and Presenter, "From Tenochtitlán to San Antonio: 500 Years After the Spanish Conquest," Hispanic Heritage Month (in-person and virtual). October 6.  
 2021 Recorded talk, "Tejanos on the Border," Hispanic Heritage Month, Office of First-Year Experience. September.  
 2016-2021 Faculty Advisor. History Club.  
 2021 Keynote Speech, Scholars Night. Incoming students joined. Auditorium (virtual).



- April.
- 2021 Co-Presenter with Dr. Andrew Sanders (Political Science), “Irish Latinx: Celtic Culture, Diaspora, and Identity in the Americas,” Irish American History Month. (virtual), March.
- 2020-2021 Liaison. History Program and American Indians of Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions, Texas Heritage Project.
- 2020 Presented with Dr. Amy Porter, “American Indians in San Antonio History.” Native American Heritage Month. November.
- 2020 Organized several guest speakers in my classes, Filipino American History Month. October.
- 2015-2021 Reader, Names, Graduations. Fall & Spring.
- 2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *10-Year Anniversary Book: A&M-San Antonio*. By Catherine Cooke Nixon. August.
- 2015-2018 Student Research Symposium. Faculty sponsor for my students who presented papers; chaired panels. Spring.
- 2017-2018 Exhibit: “San Antonio as a Crossroads: 300 Years of an Evolving Frontier Community,” Presidio Gallery, Texas A&M University–San Antonio. Curators: Leslie Stapleton and Pru Morris, Librarians, A&M-SA.
- 2015-2016 Exhibit: “World War II Photography.” Photographs courtesy of Dr. Edward Westermann via McNay Art Museum. History Club and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor students collaborated and displayed on the 3rd floor, Central Academic Bldg., Veterans Day. November.
- 2015-2016 Recruitment: Pathways to College Success, Alamo Colleges. Fall and Spring.
- 2016 Participant, Panel, College Educators. Southwest High School, San Antonio. April.
- 2015 Guest Speaker, South San Antonio High School, U.S. History classes. April.
- 2015 Commentator, PBS Film, *Latino Americans: 500 Years of History*, Episode 1: “Foreigners in Their Native Land,” CAB Vista Room (open to the Public) Co-presented with Dr. Porter, as part of collaboration with Emily Bliss-Zaks, Librarian, who received National Endowment for the Humanities Grant. Oct 19.
- 2014 Judge, 21st Spanish Spelling Bee, Univision 41 San Antonio, former Brooks Campus, A&M-SA. May 3.

#### **Service (The University of Texas at San Antonio):**

- 2013 Presenter, “Texas Cultural History,” Office of International Programs. Gave presentation in Spanish to 48 High School students from Mexico City on a two-week ESL study program at the UNAM-San Antonio Campus. December 6.
- 2010, 2012 Presenter, “The Spanish Colonial Period,” Humanities Texas Summer Workshop for Teachers: “Shaping the American Republic to 1877.” Summer.

#### **Service (Our Lady of the Lake University):**

- 2009-2010 Faculty Advisor, Historical Society. Sponsored a new student organization.
- 2009-2010 Mentor, College Assistance Migrant Program.
- 2008-2010 Program Committee, Mexican American Studies Scholars Conference.
- 2008 Mentor, McNair Scholars Program.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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- 2025 Dissertation Committee. Defense. Clinton McKenzsie, Dept of Anthropology. UTSA. April 29
- 2025 Manuscript Review, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Texas State Historical Association. February
- 2024 Judge, H. Bailey Carroll Award for best article in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Texas State Historical Association. December
- 2024 Manuscript Review, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Texas State Historical Association. November
- 2024 Manuscript Review, *Journal of Southern History*. September
- 2024 Manuscript Review, *Texas A&M University Press*. College Station. June
- 2024 Manuscript Review, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. April
- 2024 Chaired panel, “Biographies in the Spanish and Mexican Borderlands: Piecing Together Personal Stories of Men and Women,” *Texas State Historical Association*. College Station. March 1
- 2024 Manuscript Review, *Texas A&M University Press*. February
- 2023 Manuscript Reviewer, *Texas A&M University Press*, College Station
- 2022 Manuscript Reviewer, *William & Mary Quarterly*, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, Virginia
- 2022 Manuscript Reviewer, Texas A&M University Press, College Station
- 2022 Manuscript Reviewer, *Texas Gulf Historical & Biographical Record*, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
- 2021 Manuscript Reviewer, Texas A&M University Press, College Station
- 2021 Manuscript Reviewer, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Texas State Historical Association
- 2017-2021 Advisory Board Member. *Touchstone Journal*. Texas State Historical Association
- 2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *Trinity University Press*, San Antonio
- 2016-2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of South Texas*, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- 2016-2017 Founding Executive Committee, *Central Texas Historical Association*
- 2017 Manuscript Reviewer, *Military History of the West*, University of North Texas
- 2016, 2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *Texas A&M University Press*, College Station
- 2015 Program Committee, Annual Meeting, *Texas State Historical Association*
- 2007 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, UCLA

## PUBLIC SERVICE

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- 2025 Guest Speaker. “The British and Comanches are Coming! The Problem of English Traders & Indian Diplomacy in Spanish Texas for Support of the American Revolution.” *National Meeting of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez*. San Antonio, TX. November 14.
- 2025 Guest Speaker. “Beyond the Mission Walls: Franciscan Pioneers in East Texas,

- Northwestern Louisiana, and Persistence of Faith on the Frontier.” *Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church*. Hebbronville, TX. October 6.
- 2025 Guest Speaker (virtual). “The Forgotten Capital of Spanish Texas at Los Adaes: Account Books, Power of Attorney, and *Comercio Libre* in the 18th Century.” Hispanic Heritage Month, *Forvis Mazars CPA Firm*. Online. San Antonio, TX. October 1.
- 2025 Guest Speaker. “Antonio Gil Ybarbo: Founder of Nacogdoches.” *Y’Barbo Family Reunion*. Civic Center. Nacogdoches, TX. July 12.
- 2025 Tour Guide. National Council for History Teachers. SA Missions. Feb 15.
- 2024 Guest Speaker. “The British and Comanches are Coming! The Problem of English Traders & Indian Diplomacy in Spanish Texas during the American Revolution,” *Monthly Meeting of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez, Laredo Chapter*. November 13.
- 2024 Guest Speaker. “Deep in the Heart of the Southside: Ranching, Mission, Military, and Family Connections from the American Revolution to the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Campus,” *Monthly Meeting of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez*, San Antonio Chapter. November 6.
- 2024 Presenter. “The Big Dance: Captain Ybarbo, Diplomacy, and the Roots of Independence in East Texas,” *Symposium: Tejanos in Revolutionary Texas*, The Bryan Museum, Galveston, Texas. June 15.
- 2024 Judge. *San Antonio Honors Student Research Symposium*. Palo Alto College. April 5.
- 2024 Judge. *San Antonio Regional History Day*. East Central HS. February 24.
- 2024 Book Talk. Dr. Joaquín Rivaya-Martínez’s Graduate Seminar on the Greater Southwest. Texas State University-San Marcos. Zoom. February 14.
- 2023 Book Talk. *Mission Dolores State Historic Site*. San Augustine, TX. June 24.
- 2022 Guest Speaker: “Hispanic Heritage Month and Our Forgotten Roots in Texas.” Breakfast with the Professor Series, sponsored by History Club, *Sandra Day O’Connor High School*, Northside ISD. October 6.
- 2022 Guest Speaker: “Sephardic Jewish Diaspora: An Academic and Genealogical Journey.” *Canary Islander Descendants Association*. San Antonio Public Library (Mission Branch). July 16.
- 2022 Presenter (in-person): “Warfare, Patrols, and Smuggling: The Camino Real and the Problem of Borders in Spanish Texas.” *El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association Annual Meeting*, Floresville, Texas. April 22.
- 2022 Book Talk (webinar): “Los Adaes, the First Capital of Spanish Texas.” *Casa Navarro State Historic Site*, San Antonio. April 20.
- 2022 Judge (in-person). Finals, *Texas History Day*. Texas State Historical Association. UT-Austin. April 16.
- 2022 Presenter (in-person): “Founding Mothers & Daughters: Forgotten Pioneers of the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands.” *Women in Texas History Symposium, pre-1845.* Norris Conference Center, San Antonio. March 18.
- 2022 “Overview of Alcaldes published in Handbook of Texas Online and Portraits Rendered,” 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Texas State Historical Association*, joint session with Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin Annual Meeting. Austin (in-person). February 26.
- 2022 Judge (virtual). *San Antonio Regional History Day*. February 16.
- 2022 Judge (virtual). *Caldwell Awards* for student papers. Texas State Historical

- Association. February 11.
- 2022 Guest Speaker (in-person): “Antonio Gil Ybarbo: Criollo from Los Adaes, Hero, and Father of Nacogdoches, Texas.” *The Colonial Dames of America*, Petroleum Club, San Antonio. February 4.
- 2022 Presenter: “Pioneers and Refugees: Sephardic Jews, Identity, and Empire in the Spanish Borderlands of North America,” for *10th Annual The Holocaust Learn & Remember Series Theme: “Immigration & Refugees.”* San Antonio Public Library, Central Location, January 18 (in-person) and SAPL, Landa Location, January 24 (virtual).
- 2022 Presenter (virtual): “Antonio Gil Ybarbo: Native Son of Texas, Hero, and Father of Nacogdoches.” *Hidden History Series*, The Bryan Museum, Galveston (virtual), January 7.
- 2021 Book Talk (virtual): “Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas,” *Canary Islander Descendants Association Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 20.
- 2021 Keynote Speaker (in-person), *Webb Historical Society Fall Meeting*, Harvest Point Church, Nacogdoches, Texas. October 15.
- 2021 Book Talk (in-person): “Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas,” High Noon Talk Series, *Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum*, Austin, TX, Oct 6.
- 2021 *Memorandum of Understanding* between TAMUSA Library with American Indians of Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions. Texas Heritage Project Digital Collection. Liaison between our university and AIT-SCM. September.
- 2021 Book Talk (in-person): “Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas,” *DRT Alamo Couriers Chapter Meeting*, San Antonio Mission Library, August 25.
- 2021 Book Talk (in-person): “Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas,” *The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, June 2.
- 2021 Presenter (in-person): “Meeting the Spanish: Los Adaes, Texas’ First Spanish Capital,” *Conference on Texas: From Tejas to Texas*, Witte Museum, San Antonio, TX, May 13.
- 2021 Book Talk (virtual): “Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas,” Save Texas History Symposium, *Texas General Land Office*, April 16.
- 2020 Book Talk (virtual): “Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas,” *1718 San Antonio Founders and Descendants Group*, San Antonio, TX, September 26.
- 2017-2020 Member (Appointed, Precinct 2), *Bexar County Historical Commission*.
- 2017-present Advisor, *Los Alcaldes de Béxar*. Pre-1836 Mayors of San Antonio.
- 2018-2020 Judge. Caldwell Awards for student papers. Texas State Historical Association
- 2015-present Volunteer Judge (2015- ), Orientation Presenter (2015-2017), Steering Committee Co-Chair (2019), San Antonio Regional History Day, The Witte and A&M-SA, Fall/Spring.
- 2019 Guest Speaker, “Now Where Do We Go? Canary Islanders, SA300+1, & a Short Historical Tale, 1810,” *Canary Islands Descendants Association*, San Antonio, TX, March 10.
- 2019 Guest Speaker, “Worlds Apart Under One Roof: Masters and Servants in Colonial San Antonio,” *El Patronato de la Cultura Hispanoamericano*, San Antonio, TX, October 21.
- 2019 Guest Speaker, “Broken Border: The Colonial Roots of the U.S.-Mexico Border in East Texas and Northwestern Louisiana, 1721-1821,” AP History Classes, *O’Connor High School*, San Antonio, TX, November 19.

- 2018-2019 Advisor, *Alamo Trust, Inc.*
- 2018 Guest Speaker, "From Los Adaes to the Alamo: The Significance of East Texas to San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebration," *39th Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference*, San Antonio, September 28.
- 2018 Guest Speaker, "Colonial Roots of the U.S.-Mexico Border: The Spanish Military in the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands and Its Legacy," *Alamo Chapter of Sons of the Republic of Texas*, San Antonio, TX, May 17.
- 2018 Presenter, "In the Shadow of the Alamo: Slavery, Freedom, and Race in San Antonio de Béxar, 1718-1836," *A Conference on the Tricentennial*, Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas, March 23.
- 2017 Guest Speaker, "Tejanos and the Siege of Béxar, Oct-Dec 1835," Daughters of the Republic of Texas-Alamo Couriers Chapter, San Antonio, TX, December 9.
- 2017 Guest Speaker, "The Impact of the Louisiana Purchase on Spain: Revolution, Borders, and Smuggling," Sons of the American Revolution, Boerne, TX, October 28.
- 2017 Article, "From Los Adaes to the Alamo: The Significance of East Texas to San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebration," Historian's Corner. *Texas Insights*, Vol. VIII, Issue 1 (August). Online newsletter, Texas State Historical Association <https://www.teachingtexas.org/texas-insights/issues/august-2017>
- 2016-2017 Presenter, "The Spanish Missions in Texas," *Teacher's workshop, Encountering Texas History Conference: Prehistory to 1835*, sponsored by Texas State Historical Association, July 6, 2016, Aldine ISD, Houston, and August 8, 2017 Richardson, TX.
- 2016 Presenter, "The East Texas Connection to San Antonio de Bexar (Part 1): The Caddos, French, Franciscans and Military Settlement on the Northern Frontier of New Spain, 1700-1717," *Bexar County Tricentennial Symposium: "Spain's Encounter with the New World (the Indies)"*, San Antonio, May 7.
- 2016 Guest Speaker, "Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas at the End of the Camino Real," *El Patronato de la Cultural Hispanoamericana*, San Antonio, March 21.
- 2014 Presenter (Invited), "Los Adaes: The First Capital of Texas at the End of the Camino Real," *10th Anniversary Celebration of El Camino Real de los Tejas Historic Trail*, San Antonio, October 17.
- 2014 Guest Speaker, "Los Adaes: The Forgotten Capital of Spanish Texas," *Texas Connection with American Revolution Association*, San Antonio, June 10.
- 2014 Guest Speaker, "Forgotten Trails: Spanish Mission Ranching in East Texas during the 18th century," *The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez*, San Antonio. June 4.
- 2014 Presenter (Invited), "Texans to the Core: East Texas Tejanos, the Battle of Nacogdoches, and Woodlands Roots of the Texas Revolution, 1832-1836," Paper, for the *Annual San Jacinto Symposium: "The Tejano Side of the Texas Revolution: From the Siege of Bejar Through the Battle of San Jacinto"*, Jesús F. De la Teja and James Crisp, co- moderators, Houston, April 12.
- 2013 Guest Speaker, "Celebrating Hispanic Heritage in Texas: Cowboys, Soldiers, and Football," Hispanic Heritage Month, *Charlotte Middle School*, Charlotte, TX, October 7.
- 2013 Guest Speaker. "Los Adaes: The Forgotten Capital of Spanish Texas and the Crossing of the Smuggling Frontier with Transatlantic Commerce in the Lower

- Red River Valley, 1754-1803." *Texas Connection with American Revolution Association*, San Antonio, March 12.
- 2012 Guest Speaker, "Los Adaes: The Forgotten Capital of Spanish Texas and the Crossing of the Smuggling Frontier with Transatlantic Commerce in the Lower Red River Valley, 1754-1803." *Phi Alpha Theta*, Lecture Series, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, November 5.
- 2012 Presenter (Invited). "From Del Rio to Rivers: The Forgotten Spanish Fort of Los Adaes and Its Cultural Legacy in Northwestern Louisiana and Beyond." *Hispanic Roots of Creole Culture Symposium*, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, October 11.
- 2012 Guest Speaker. "From Battlefields to Boardrooms: The Hispanic Paradox of Celebrating Our Mexican Heritage in San Antonio, Texas." Hispanic Heritage Event, Latin Connection, *Wells Fargo Headquarters*, Wiseman Campus, San Antonio, September 11.
- 2012 Presenter (Invited), "Presidio Los Adaes: First Capital of Texas, 1729-1770," *El Camino Real de los Tejas and Oregon-California Trails Association*, Symposium, Austin, April 27.
- 2011 Guest Speaker. "Deep in the Heart of Nacogdoches: Spanish Roots of the East Texas Borderlands, 1690-1821," *East Texas Archeological Society Lecture Series*, "Nine Flags, Five Cultures: The Myths, Materials, and Lifeways of the People Who Formed the Oldest Town in Texas," Stephen F Austin State University, Nacogdoches, November 3.
- 2011 Presenter (Invited), "Distant Cousins: The Missing Family Links Between East Texas and South Texas Pioneers in the 18th and early 19th Centuries," *32nd Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and History Conference*, San Antonio, October 1.
- 2011, 2012 Judge, *Clotilde P. Garcia Tejano Book Prize Committee*, Summer.
- 2011 Presenter, "Tejano Warrior: Trinidad Coy and His Transition from the Presidial Company of San Antonio de Bexar to Revolutionary, 1826-1836." *Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 24th Texas History Forum: "Unsung Heroes of the Texas Revolution"*, Alamo Grounds Hall, March 26.
- 2010 Judge, Science Fair, *River City Christian School*, San Antonio, March 11.
- 2009 Member, Education Committee, *Admiral Nimitz Foundation Symposium: Grand Opening of George H.W. Bush Gallery*, National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, TX, December 7.
- 2009 Presenter, "The Camino Real as a Military Road," *El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association, Annual Business Meeting*, Castroville, Texas, October 16.
- 2009 Presenter, "Los Adaes: The End (or Beginning?) of the Camino Real," *El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association*, Bi-Monthly Meeting, San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio, July 9.
- 2009 Guest Column, "What's In a Name? Chireno and Its Hispanic Origins," *The Daily Sentinel*, Sunday, March 8, 2009, 3E, All Things Historical, Nacogdoches, TX.
- 2006 Guest Speaker, "Tejano Roots of East Texas: The Original Spanish Pioneers from Los Adaes," *Los Bexareños Genealogical Society*, Monthly Meeting, San Antonio, November 4.

## HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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| 2025      | Fellowship Award, Center for History & Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX |
| 2023      | Book Award. San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation  |
| 2022      | Book Award. Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association   |
| 2022      | Faculty Research Grant, College of Arts & Sciences, TAMUSA   |
| 2021      | Humanities Texas Mini-Grant for Hispanic Heritage Month Event  |
| 2021      | David C. DeBoe Memorial Award for Best Advisor, Webb Historical Society, Texas State Historical Association                |
| 2020      | Distinguished University Faculty Award for Service, TAMUSA   |
| 2017      | Faculty Summer Research Fellowship Award, Provost, TAMUSA  |
| 2016      | Best Advisor of the Year Award, History Club, Student Affairs, TAMUSA  |
| 2011-2013 | Merit Award for Teaching, UTSA   |
| 2008-2009 | Merit Award for Teaching, Our Lady of the Lake University  |
| 1999-2004 | William P. Clements Doctoral Fellowship, History, SMU, Dallas  |
| 2001      | Research Grant, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, SMU, Dallas   |
| 1997      | Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Alpha Theta Iota Chapter, UTSA  |

## OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL WORK

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| 2000-2001 | <i>Research Assistant</i> , Special Collections, DeGolyer Library, SMU, Dallas, TX.<br>Supervisor: Kay Bost. Processed orders of engine drawings and photographs from Baldwin Railroad Collection; catalogued collection acquisitions; assisted researchers. |
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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Organization of American Historians  
Southern Historical Association  
Western History Association  
Texas State Historical Association  
Alliance of Texas History  
East Texas Historical Association