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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., History, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2011 Graduate Certificate Women Studies, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2005 M.A., History, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas
1999 B.A., Psychology, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-Present Instructional Associate Professor, History, Texas & M University, San Antonio
2021-2024 Instructional Assistant Professor, History, Texas & M University, San Antonio
2018-2021 Lecturer, History, Texas A&M University, San Antonio
2018 Adjunct, Indiana University East, Richmond, Indiana
2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

RELATED APPOINTMENTS

2005-2010 Consultant, Center of Southwest Culture, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico
2005-2010 Consultant, VOCES, L.L.C., Albuquerque, New Mexico

TEACHING

Texas A & M University, San Antonio

HIST1301 US History to 1865
HIST1302 US History from 1865
HIST 2321 World Civilization I
HIST 2352 Latin America II: Modern Era
HIST 3301 Reading & Writing Like a Historian
HIST 3356 Mexico
HIST 4364 Women and Gender in Latin America
HIST 4364 Global Perspectives in Women's & Gender History
HIST 4370 Mexican Revolution

Indiana University East

SPAN 275 Introduction to Hispanic Culture

Earlham College

ESEM 150: Racial Horizons in Latin America

ESEM 150: Women and Gender in Latin American History

HIST 282: History of Early Mexico

HIST 284: History of Mexico

HIST 354: Latin America Since 1825

HIST 454: Ford/Knight Research: Gender, Law, and Popular Culture in Coahuila

University of New Mexico

WMST 200: Social and Historical Perspectives

WMST 379: Gender and Violence

SERVICE

Committee Work

Member, Women and Gender Studies Committee, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2018-2024.

Carnegie Community Engagement Committee, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2022-23.

Branch Alliance For Educator Diversity (Branch Ed) Committee, College of Education & Human Development, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2021.

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate: The Compliance and Grievance Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University, San Antonio, TX, 2021-2022.

Faculty Senate Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2019-2022.

Student Recruitment & Advising

Future Jaguar Day. Academic Fair. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, March 2, 2024.

Future Jaguar Day. Academic Fair. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, October 28, 2023.

Future Jaguar Day. Academic Fair. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, February 25, 2023.

Faculty Adviser, First-Year Experience. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX 2022-2023.

Future Jaguar Day. Academic Fair. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, October 15, 2022.

Public Service

San Antonio Regional History Day (SARHD), Final Round: Junior Group Exhibit Category, Judge Team Captain, February 22, 2025.

San Antonio Regional History Day (SARHD), Final Round: Junior Group Documentary Category, Judge Team Captain, February 24, 2024.

San Antonio Regional History Day (SARHD), Preliminary Round: Junior Group Paper Category, Judge Team Captain, February 13, 2024.

San Antonio Regional History Day (SARHD), Final Round: Senior Group Paper Category, Judge Team Captain, February 25, 2023.

San Antonio Regional History Day (SARHD), Preliminary Round: Junior Group Paper Category, Judge Team Captain, February 20, 2023.

Service to the Department

Social Media Administrator. History, Philosophy, and Geography Program. Instagram Account. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2023-Present.

Social Media Administrator. History Program. Facebook Account. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2022-Present.

Paradigm Times. History Program Newsletter Editor. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, Fall 2024-Present.

Search Committee Member. Adjunct in U.S. History. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2024.

Peer Teaching Evaluation for Kim Nanez. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, April 1, 2024.

Search Committee Member. Adjunct/Lecturer in History. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2022.

Guest Speaker. "What Can You Do With A History Degree?" Social and Behavioral Colleges Career Talk: History. St. Phillip's College, San Antonio, TX, February 24, 2022.

HIST 1302 Core Curriculum Assessment Report for 2020-2021. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2021.

Search Committee Member. Lecturer in History. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2021.

San Antonio Regional History Day, Senior Group Websites Category, Judge Team Captain, 2021.

Member of Ad Hoc Committee for the Establishment of a Diversity Office, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX 2020-2021.

E-Courseware Development Project. History 1301 & 1302. Texas A & M University, San Antonio, Fall 2020-Spring 2021.

University Voices Choir, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX, 2019-2020.

San Antonio Regional History Day Facilitator, Papers Workshop and Orientation, Witte Museum, San Antonio, TX, September 22, 2018.

Earlham Faculty Representative, Latino Leadership Conference, Indiana University, Kokomo, IN, March 3, 2018.

Earlham Faculty Representative, Committee for Institutional Commitment to Educational Equity, Student of Color Leadership Conference, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, November 3-4, 2017.

Faculty Adviser, *Sociedad de Estudiantes Latinos (SEL)*, Latino Student Organization, Earlham College, 2017-2018.

First-Generation LIFT and McNair College Student Programming Mentorship, April 12, 2017.

Member, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Committee, Earlham College, Richmond, IN, 2016-2018.

Subcommittee Member, AHA-Mellon, Career Diversity for Historians Workshops, NM, 2015-2016.

Mentor, Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color Peer Mentoring Program, NM, 2015-2016.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). Course Facilitator. Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment: Cohort E, Spring 2024.

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). Course Co-Facilitator. Effective Online Teaching Practices: Cohort C, Fall 2023 - Spring 2024.

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). Effective Teaching Practices: Cohort A, Fall 2021 - Spring 2022.

Texas A & M-San Antonio Training Seminar. "Innovation Series (Academic Technology-Accessibility): Using Blackboard Ally to Create & Maintain Accessible Online Resources." October 29, 2021.

Texas A & M-San Antonio Training Seminar. "Unconscious Bias in the Workplace." Online. March 19, 2021.

Learning Communities Association Webinar, "Cultivating and Stewarding Faculty Engagement in Learning Communities," Fort Hays State University & Arkansas Tech University. December 2020.

SMU William P. Clements Center & Center for Presidential History Series. "The People's Revolt: Texas Populists and the Roots of American Liberalism" September 2, 2020

Mexican American Civil Rights Institute. Public Health Panel. August 27, 2020.

Catch the Next Transformative Teaching Webinar. "The Lenses We Employ in our Equity Work: Moving from Deficit to Anti-Deficit Approaches to Serving Students." July 15, 2020.

Catch the Next (CNT) Ascender Foundational Seminar. Norma Cantú, Cada Cabeza es un Mundo, July 16, 2020.

Organization of American Historians Webinar, "Introductory US History Surveys in Fall 2020: A Virtual Roundtable," July 7, 2020.

Texas A & M- San Antonio Webinar. "Developing Courses in Blackboard." Amanda Frei. July 2, 2020.

American Historical Association, Online Teaching Forum: "Engaging Students Online: Using Digital Sources and Assignments in Virtual Classrooms." June 25, 2020.

Webinar "Instructor Training for LockDown Browser & Respondus Monitor: Prevent Cheating During Online Exams," April 22, 2020.

American Historical Association, Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, September 20-21, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES/PANELS & TEACH-INS:

Panelist for "What's Next on Our Shared Agenda? Conference Lessons and the Path Forward for Our Disciplinary Community," American Historical Association, Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, October 5, 2024.

"COVID-19 Oral History Project," American Historical Association, Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, San Antonio, TX, September 16-17, 2022.

"TAMUSA's Student COVID-19 Oral History Project," Texas Oral History Association, Houston, TX, September 9-10, 2022.

“COVID-19 Oral History Project: Student Lived Experiences at Texas A & M University, San Antonio (TAMUSA),” Oral History Association, October 13, 2021.

Student Research Symposium at Texas A & M University, San Antonio. Faculty Mentor. “COVID Oral History Project.” Tyler Rhea and Rafika Islam. April 16, 2021.

Organized Teach-In: Best Practices of Local Centers for Inclusive Excellence, UTSA & San Antonio College Panel, January 27, 2021.

Organized and Facilitated Teach-In: A Day in the Life of a Diversity Office: Engaging Student Organizations, Director of Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and International Programs and Student Representatives Panel, Tarleton State University, November 18, 2020.

Organized and Facilitated Teach-In: What is a Diversity Office? Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Prairie View A&M University, and Tarleton State University Panel, October 28, 2020.

“Sexual Violence & Coahuila’s Legislative and Judiciary Apparatus: Congress, Judges, and Local Authority in Coahuila, 1871-1930,” VIII Coloquio Internacional del Noreste Mexicano y Texas: Movilidad, Conflicto y Fronteras, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, November 21-23, 2019.

Violence in the Borderlands Panel Member, Latinx Heritage Month, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, Texas, October 8, 2018.

Chair/Discussant/Member, Panel: Gender, Law, and Medicine in Coahuila, Mexico, 1867-1935, “Thou Shalt Not Kill: Infanticide in Coahuila, Mexico, 1867-1930, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, March 8, 2018.

Guest Talk, Child Immigration & Presidential Responses: Reagan, Clinton, Obama, and Trump, 1986-2018. POLS 292: FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend, Earlham College, February 28, 2018.

Member of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA): Next Steps Panel, Earlham College, Center for Social Justice, September 6, 2017.

Organized Panel, “Revolutionizing Gender Norms: Women’s Roles as Peacemakers in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Argentina,” EPIC Student Research Expo, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, April 18, 2017.

“A Man on His Own Cannot Rape a Woman”: Assessing Consent, Violence, and Resistance in Rape Narratives Involving Disabled Plaintiffs,” Century of Conflict: Dialogues on Women, Gender, Intersectionality, and Militarism Symposium, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, March 24, 2017.

“Courtship, Sex, and Seduction in Coahuila,” History Club, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, February 10, 2017.

“I’ve Come to Give You Proof of Love”: The Language of Seduction in Estupro Criminal Cases,” Feminist Student Scholars Symposium, Shared Knowledge Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 13, 2016.

“Protecting our Families and Communities: Child Sexual Violence,” Feminist Research Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 4, 2016.

“Children, Sexual Violence and the Law in Coahuila, México, 1871-1931,” Transnational Research Collective, Southwest Hispanic Research Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 16, 2015.

Feminist Student Scholars Symposium, Moderator: Boundary of Contemporary Women’s Agency in High Risk Environments, Shared Knowledge Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 23, 2015.

“Defining Rape: Sexual Violence and Jurisprudence in Coahuila, México, 1871-1931,” Feminist Research Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 15, 2014.

Organized Panel, Camino Real Lecture, Albuquerque Tricentennial, Albuquerque Museum, October 2005.

“Violence Against Women in Northern Mexico: The Ciudad Juarez Murders,” Grassroots Justice and Injustice Panel, Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-19, 2006.

“Motherhood in Latin America: Breaking Traditional Roles in Mexico, Argentina, and El Salvador,” Southwestern Gender and Women's Studies Panel: Cross Cultural Women's Issues Group, Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, March 24-26, 2005.

PUBLICATION:

Book Review of *Syria Crucified: Stories of Modern Martyrdom in an Ancient Christian Land*, by Zachary Wingerd and Brad Hoff. *Sound Historian : Journal of the Texas Oral History Association*, Vol.23, 2023.

Lara, Sandra Elizabeth. “El amor (y el desamor) en tiempos de la Revolución.” *Gazeta del Saltillo Archivo Municipal de Saltillo* 5, 1 (January – April 2018): 9.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Crimes Against the Order of the Family, Public Morality and Decency: Sexual Violence, Masculinity & Jurisprudence in Coahuila, Mexico 1871-1931 *Book project*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Joe Straus Middle School. Career Day Speaker. San Antonio, TX, February 28, 2025.

Food Pantry Volunteer, San Antonio, TX, 2019-2023.

Fisher Elementary School. Career Day Speaker. San Antonio, TX, November 19, 2021.

Mentor for Girls, Inc. 2nd Annual Speed Mentoring Event. #Next-Gen Mentoring: Shaping Lives, Growing Leaders, Online, May 1, 2021.

Board Member, Amigos Latino Center, Richmond, IN, 2016-2018.

Corazón Latino Youth Volunteer, Test Middle School, Amigos, Richmond, IN, 2016-2017.

Volunteer, Support for César Chávez Day March, Albuquerque, NM, 2009-2010.

Volunteer, La Acequia de La Sierra Service Project, Chacon, NM, 2009.

Archivist Volunteer, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM, 2008.

Site Organizer, Environmental Grantmakers Association, Albuquerque, NM, September 2007.

Bexar County Rape Crisis Center, Hospital Advocate, San Antonio, TX, 2000.

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Historical Association; Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies; Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies.

AWARDS:

2019 Summer Professional Development Grant, Texas A & M University, San Antonio, TX
2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of New Mexico (UNM)/Earlham College
2017 Professional Development Fund, Summer Research Grant, Earlham College
2015-2016 Andrew Mellon Doctoral Completion Fellowship (UNM)
2013-2015 Hispanic Women's Council Scholarship
2013 Graduate Professional Student Association, Travel Grant (UNM)
2013 Office of Graduate Studies, Graduate Research Project and Travel Grant (UNM)
2013; 2015 Feminist Research Institute, Graduate Student Research Grant (UNM)
2011-2012 Latina /o Graduate & Professional Student Fellowship, El Center de la Raza & Graduate Resource Center (UNM)
2005-2006; 2008-2009; 2011-2014 Center for Regional Studies Fellowship (UNM)

HONORS:

2007 Espacio USA / Vanguardia Latina, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C., May 1-4, 2007
2005 Best Essay in World History, Southwestern Social Science Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Native fluency in Spanish; working knowledge reading, writing, and speaking Portuguese.