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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

2022- Lecturer (Professional Faculty) of History, University of North Texas (Denton, Texas)
Latina/o and Mexican American Studies Affiliate Faculty

EDUCATION

2022 PhD History, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Dissertation Title: *Our Fight is Here: The Puerto Rican Anti-War Movement, 1940-1973*

2015 M.A. History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Thesis Title: *Transnational Freedom Movements: A History of the American League for Puerto Rico Independence, 1944-1950*

2012 B.A. History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2019-2022 Team Leader/Writing Consultant, Texas A&M University Writing Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

2019-2021 Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Lone Star College System, CyFair Campus, Cypress, Texas

2019-2020 Graduate Assistant Lecturer (Instructor of Record), Department of History, Texas A&M University

2015-2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Texas A&M University

2013-2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record), Department of History, Texas A&M University Commerce

2012-2013 Graduate Assistant, Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

United States History (teaching: Survey courses for 1st and 2nd half); 20th Century U.S. Social and Cultural History; Latinx History; Puerto Rican Studies; Transnational Political/Social/Religious Movements; Comparative Civil Rights; Modern Latin America; Anti-war, Peace, and Anti-Militarism; History and Video Games

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK REVIEWS

2024 Review of *Making the Immigrant Soldier: How Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender Intersect in the US Military* by Cristina-Ioana Dragomir. New Mexico Historical Review (Forthcoming)

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

PEER REVIEWED ENCYCLOPEDIC ENTRIES

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/fmaho>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-2022** Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000 to complete dissertation on spiritual/religious life in North America)
- 2017-2022** Carlos H. Cantú Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment Graduate Fellow
Roles included: Assisted Coordinator with logistics, organization, and promotion of the Latinx Lecture Series
Coordinated with History Department Office Administration and Student organizations concerning contracts, venue, catering, and promotion of speaker events

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Peer Reviewed)

- 2022** "An Anti-War Consciousness: Black and Puerto Rican Collaboration against U.S. Wars and the Draft, 1940-1968." 2nd Latinx Creativity and Scholarship Symposium, April 2022, Texas A&M University (Virtual)
- 2021** "Faith, Anti-Draft Activism, and Nationalism: The Complexity of Draft Resistance in the US and Puerto Rico." *1st Latinx Creativity and Scholarship Symposium*, April 2021, Texas A&M University (Virtual)
- 2021** "Resistance to the Good War: The Case of Julio Pinto Gandia and Puerto Rican Anti-War Expression during World War II," *Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies*, 68th Meeting, (Virtual)
- 2017** "To Liberate our own Nation": Puerto Rican Independence Activists Debate War Effort Participation during World War II," *Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies* 64th Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2015** "Transnational Freedom Networks: The Puerto Rican Nationalist Party's Outreach to Establish Activist Networks, 1930-1950," *Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies* 62nd Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona
- 2014** "Ruth Elizabeth "Tex" Lessing and the Baseball Hall of Fame," "The Texas Women's History is U.S. Women's History Project-Adding more Women to the Handbook of Texas Online." *East Texas Historical Association* Spring 2014 Program, Emory, Texas

TEACHING

COURSES BEING PREPARED FOR 2024/2025/2026

- Latinx Civil Rights (Spring 2024, at UNT; HIST 4260, will be listed as HIST 3160)
- United States History through Video Games (Fall 2024)
- Latinoamérica Diaspora and Identity (2025 or 2026)

COURSES TAUGHT AND DESIGNED

- 20th Century United States Anti-War Movements (at UNT: HIST 4261. Will be listed as HIST 3080)
- The Historical and Cultural Development of the Mexican American Community (at UNT: HIST 3150. Redesigned course)
- United States History to 1865/1877 (at UNT: 2610; at Texas A&M-Commerce: HIST 1301)
- United States History since 1865/1877 (at UNT: 2620; at TAMUC and Lone Star College: HIST 1302; at TAMU: HIST 106)

GRADUATE ADVISING

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- 2023-** Member of Master's Committee for Mr. Colton Campbell, Department of History, University of North Texas, 2023-present

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023** UNT Department of History Representative, American Historical Association (AHA) Teaching Introductory Courses Conference, Baylor University, Waco Texas
- 2019** Voces Oral History Summer Research Institute, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PANEL COMMENTER/CHAIR, LOCAL (Representing UNT)

- 2023** Panel Chair, "Revolutionary Ideals and Nationalism," World History of Texas (WHAT) Conference, Texas A&M University Commerce, Commerce, Texas, February 25, 2023

INTERNSHIPS

- 2014** Archival Intern, Velma K. Waters (Formerly James G. Gee) Library Special Collections
- Assisted Head Archivist in the processing and organization of the J. Mason Brewer Archival Collection.
 - Created the Finding Aid for the Collection, including the addition of a biographical section.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (at Texas A&M University)

- 2016-2017** Co-Organizer, 8th Annual Texas A&M University History Graduate Student Organization/Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Conference, Texas A&M University
- 2016-2017** Conference Program Committee Member, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NAACS) Tejas Foco 2017 Conference, College Station, Texas

RESEARCH AFFILIATE (at Texas A&M University)

- 2019** Hired Researcher, Dr. Cynthia Orozco (Eastern New Mexico University). Cushing Library, Texas A&M University
- 2016** Summer Contract Researcher, Handbook of Texas Women Project

SELECTED CONFERENCE PANEL COMMENTER/CHAIR, LOCAL (Representing Texas A&M)

- 2022** 12th Annual Texas A&M University History Conference, Texas A&M University
Panel Chair, "Post World War II Activism in Latinx Communities"
Panel Chair, "The Impact of Immigration and Migration on Communities"
- 2020** 11th Annual Texas A&M History Conference
Panel Commenter, "Political and Social Clashes in the 20th Century"
- 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"
- 2017** National Association for Chicana and Chicano Scholars (NACCS) Tejas Foco 2017 Conference, College Station, TX
Panel Chair, "Repatriation, Expulsions, and Activism: The Cycle of US Immigration and Education"

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE (University of North Texas)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Advising

2023- Undergraduate Advisor to the History Department
2022- Faculty Advisor, Mexican American Studies Minor

Committees

2023- Department Search Committee Member for Lecturer in Department of History
2023 Ex-officio member, Undergraduate Committee
2022- Mexican American History Committee
Member (2022-current)
Chair/Co-Chair (2022-current)
2022- Native American History Committee, Member

Event Organizer at Department level

2023 (Organized by the Mexican American History Committee) Arranged visit of Dr. Anthony Ramirez (Communications Department, University of Houston-Downtown) to present on *Comics, Popular Culture, and the Texas-Mexico Borderlands*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

(also as Department Representative)

2023 American Historical Association Teaching Introductory Courses Conference
Baylor University, Waco Texas

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committees

2023 Outside Committee Member, Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures search for Lecturer in Italian Language/Studies

Advising

2023 Faculty Advisor
UNT Puerto Rican Student Association
UNT League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE (Texas A&M University)

Department

2021-2022 Graduate Member, Department Social Committee
2018-2019 Graduate Member, Department Social Committee
2017-2019 Senator (Formerly Delegate), Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional Student Government (formerly Graduate and Professional Student Council)
Member of Travel Awards Internal Committee
2016-2017 Secretary (Officer position), Texas A&M History Graduate Student Organization

Professional

2019 Panel Chair “Questions of Migration and Conflict,” *World History Association of Texas Conference: Global Civil Rights.*, Texas A&M University-Commerce
2017 Volunteer, *Living Heritage Symposium*, San Antonio, TX
2016 Blind Reviewer, *Traversea*, University of Texas-Arlington

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

Puerto Rican Studies Association

Social History Society

PAST MEMBERSHIPS

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)

World History Association

Texas State Historical Association

Latin American Studies Association

Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies