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E D U C A T I O N

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Ph.D. in Borderlands History	2024
M.A. in History	2016
B.A. in History, <i>cum laude</i> , Liberal Arts Honors	2013

T E A C H I N G E X P E R I E N C E

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

Instructor	Fall 2021 – Present
U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 1301)	
U.S. History from 1877 (HIST 1302)	
Honors U.S. History to 1877 (HNRS HIST 1301)	
Honors U.S. History from 1877 (HNRS HIST 1302)	
Texas History (HIST 2301)	

EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Adjunct Instructor	Fall 2019 – Spring 2021
U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 1301)	
U.S. History from 1877 (HIST 1302)	

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Adjunct Instructor	Summers 2018 – 2021
History of Sexuality in the Borderlands (HIST 3390)	
U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 1301)	
U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)	

PhD Teaching Assistant	Fall 2016 – Spring 2021
History Tutoring Center	
Texas History (HIST 3317)	
U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 1301)	
U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)	

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant	Spring – Fall 2013
U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 1301)	
U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)	

R E L A T E D E X P E R I E N C E

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Program Director	Summer 2017
STARTALK @ UTEP High School Summer Program	
Assistant Director / Recruitment Specialist	Summer 2016
STARTALK @ UTEP High School Summer Program	
Graduate Student Assistant	Spring 2014 –
Liberal Arts Honors Program	Summer 2016

P U B L I C A T I O N S

ACADEMIC BLOG POSTS

“The Truth About History,” The Humanities Collaborative at
EPCC-UTEP Blog (<https://humanitiescollaborative.utep.edu>) February 2020

A W A R D S / F E L L O W S H I P S / G R A N T S

Les and Harriet Dodson Research Grant Graduate School, UTEP	2021 – 2022
Frances G. Harper Dissertation Research Award History Department, UTEP	2021 – 2022
University of North Texas Libraries Special Collections Research Fellowship, Denton, TX	2021 – 2022
Frances G. Harper Dissertation Research Award History Department, UTEP	2020 – 2021
EPCC-UTEP Humanities Collaborative Teaching Fellowship Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	2019 – 2020
Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award College of Liberal Arts, UTEP	April 2018
Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award College of Liberal Arts, UTEP	April 2014
Best Overall Paper Award NMSU-UTEP Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico	February 2014
1 st Place Presentation Award Frances G. Harper Undergraduate History Conference, UTEP	December 2012

C O N F E R E N C E P R E S E N T A T I O N S

Roundtable, “Fighting for Liberation Beyond the Classroom: A Conversation at the Intersection of Social Justice, Academic Freedom, and Anti-Colonial Solidarity, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Tejas Foco, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX	March 8, 2024
Moderator, “The Future is Forward: Challenging Discourse Frameworks for Palestinian Liberation,” Organized by Jewish Voice for Peace San Antonio Chapter, DREAMWEEK 2022, San Antonio, TX	January 19, 2022
“Active Learning Practices for Developing Critical Thinking Skills,” Border Learning Conference 2020, El Paso, TX	February 20, 2020
“Marriage Homogeneity: Inscribing Homonormativity in <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> ,” (presented in absentia) 2019 National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.	November 16, 2019
“The Thin Red Line between Privacy and Secrecy: Criminal Sodomy, Homosexuality, and the Cold War in El Paso, Texas,” 132 nd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.	January 5, 2018
“Keep Talking! Strategies for a More Synergistic Program Infrastructure,” 2017 Fall STARTALK Conference,	November 4, 2017

- STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center,
Portland, OR.
- Panel Chair, “(B)ordering Gender, Sexuality, and Community,” February 11, 2017
2nd Annual Borderlands History Conference, UTEP.
- “Marriage Homogeneity: Inscribing Heteronormativity in November 11, 2016
Obergefell v. Hodges,” Graduate Student Research Expo,
UTEP.
- Panel Organizer, “Borderlands,” Presented Paper, “The New April 2, 2016
Crime, the New Man: The 1943 Texas Sodomy Statute and
the Making of an Other” 13th Annual Conference in
Citizenship Studies, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.
- “‘With mankind or beast’: Sexuality, Race, and the Texas Sodomy April 9, 2015
Statute, 1860-1893,” 95th Annual Meeting of the
Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver, CO.
- “Criminalizing Homosexuality in Texas, 1973-2013: The Past, March 1, 2014
Present, and Future of the Texas Homosexual Conduct
Statute,” UTEP-NMSU Phi Alpha Theta History
Conference, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM.
- “Republican for a Day: Texas and the 1928 Presidential Election,” December 7, 2012
Frances G. Harper Undergraduate History Conference,
UTEP.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Anti-LGBTQ+ Discrimination and Texas: A Teach-In,” SAC, February 19, 2024
San Antonio, TX.
- “Criminal Bodies, Criminal Minds: Constructing the Sodomitical April 22, 2022
Other in Texas, 1943-1973,” History Seminar Series, UTEP,
El Paso, TX.
- “Criminal Bodies, Criminal Minds: Constructing the Sodomitical March 3, 2022
Other in Texas, 1943-1973,” UNT Special Collections
Fellows Lecture Series, UNT, Denton, TX
- “Cold-war Homosexuality, Texas Law, and the 1956 ‘Morals October 22, 2020
Drive’ in El Paso,” Safe Zone Lecture Series, EPCC
- “Guilty as Sin: The History of Criminalizing Homosexuality in January 18, 2020
Texas,” Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces, NM.
- “Desert Lavender: Sodomy, Surveillance, and Sexual Policing in February 10, 2018
El Paso’s 1956 ‘Morals Drive,’” El Paso County Historical
Society 2018 Lecture Series, Burges House, El Paso, TX.

ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Writing and Thinking Institute Fall 2023-Spring 2024
Teaching and Learning Center, SAC
- Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning June-August 2022
Association of College and University Educators
- Online Teaching Certification November 2021-January 2022
Teaching and Learning Center, SAC

New Faculty Institute	Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Faculty Development, Alamo Colleges District	
Blackboard Learn Ultra Training	May 19-June 30, 2020
Distance Learning Support Services, EPCC	
Master Teacher Program	Fall 2019 – Spring 2020
Faculty Development Office, EPCC	
Teaching Online Academy	June-July, 2019
Center for Instructional Design, UTEP	
Panopto Work-Group: Overview and Lecture-Capture	December 12, 2018
Academic Technologies, UTEP	
2018 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses	September 28-29, 2018
American Historical Association, University of Texas, Austin, TX	
“Transform Teaching and Learning with Blackboard Learn Institute,” Academic Technologies, UTEP	May 30-June 5, 2018
STARTALK 2017 Fall Conference	November 3-4, 2017
STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center, Portland, OR	
NEH NextGen PhD Summer Seminar for Career Diversity	June 5-9, 2017
Graduate School, UTEP	
STARTALK 2016 Fall Conference	October 14-15, 2016
STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center, Atlanta, GA	
“Fundamentals of Dissertation Writing”	June 18, 2016
Graduate School, UTEP	
“Growing Leaders from the Inside Out”	November 7, 2013
Callaway Leadership Institute, UTEP	
“21 st Century Scholars Student Conference”	February 20, 2013
Office of Student Affairs and the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, UTEP	

SERVICE

Faculty Senate, SAC	2024-present
Co-Chair, Consejeras Committee, Workplace Climate Transformation Taskforce, SAC	2023-present
Co-Chair, Centennial Committee, History Program, SAC	2022-present
SAC Gives Back Champion, President’s Office, SAC	Fall 2022
Chair, Outreach and Recruitment, History Program, SAC	2021 – 2022
Co-Faculty Advisor, Queer Straight Alliance, EPCC	2019 – 2020
Judge, Annual El Paso History Day, UTEP	2013-2020
Career Diversity Student Advisory Group Member, History Department, UTEP	Fall 2018
Volunteer, Annual Borderlands History Conference, UTEP	2015-2018
Graduate Program Committee Student Representative, History Department, UTEP	2017-2018
Volunteer, Annual Graduate Student Research Expo, UTEP	November, 10, 2017

MEMBERSHIPS

Organization of American Historians