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Associate Professor of History
Midwestern State University
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EDUCATION

DOCTOR of Philosophy, History
Texas Tech University, August 2008

MASTER of Arts, History
Texas Tech University, August 2004

BACHELOR of Arts, Communication
University of Tulsa, May 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, History (8/2016 – Present)
Assistant Professor, History (8/2012 – 7/2016)
Full Member, Graduate Faculty
Midwestern State University, August 2012 – Present

Assistant Professor, History & Geography
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, January 2010 – July 2012

Visiting Assistant Professor, History
Texas Tech University, August 2008 – December 2009

Fulbright Scholar, Australia
University of Queensland, Visiting Scholar, History Department, January – June, 2008
Australian National University, Visitor, History Program, July – December, 2007

Visiting Lecturer, History
Angelo State University, August 2006 – May 2007

Graduate Instructor & Teaching Assistant, History
Texas Tech University, January 2003 – July 2006

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

"The West Texas Plains," in *West Texas: A History of the Giant Side of the State*, Paul Carlson and Bruce Glasrud eds., (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014): 44-58.

REFEREED JOURNALS

"Grassland Beef Factories: Frontier Cattle Raisers in Northwest Texas and the Queensland Outback," *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review* 86 (2015): 7-30.

"Frontier Cattle Economies and Environment in the Queensland Outback and West Texas," *West Texas Historical Review* 90 (2014): 113-128.

"A New Business Plan for the Matador: Murdo Mackenzie, Modern Management, and the Operational Transformation of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, 1891-1897," *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review* 79 (2006-2007): 3-20.

"The Livestock Lobby: Murdo Mackenzie, Railroad Reform, Cattlemen's Associations, and Progressive Legislation," *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review* 77 (2004): 14-34.

REPRINTS

"The Livestock Lobby: Murdo Mackenzie, Railroad Reform, Cattlemen's Associations, and Progressive Legislation," *A Lone Star Reader*, 2nd edition, Kirk Bane, Charles Swanlund, and M. Scott Sosebee, eds. (Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2010, 2015): 215-228.

WORKS in PRESS

"Turmoil in the Trans-Pecos: Violence and Retaliation in the Big Bend Ranchlands," in *Conflict on the Border: Mexico's Revolution of 1910 and the Big Bend Country*, John Eusebio Klingemann, Troy Ainsworth, and Leland Turner, eds., forthcoming from the Center for Big Bend Studies.

Chapter: "Frederick Wilkins: Early Practitioner," in *Tracking the Texas Rangers: Historians at Work*, Weiss, J. Harold, Jr., and Bruce A. Glasrud (Forthcoming Permission to Publish papers were signed 7/27/2023) University of North Texas Press.

WORKS in PROGRESS

Book: "*Outback by Southwest: King Ranch Cattle in the Australian Grasslands.*" A book proposal was submitted to University of Oklahoma Press. Status: revising manuscript per editor's suggestions. (On hold until the Murdo Mackenzie project is complete)

Book: “*CEO on the Range: Murdo Mackenzie – International Cattleman*” Book proposal submitted to editors of the Ranching Heritage Series at Texas A&M University Press. I’ve continued my research given recommendations for series editors.

Article: “The Santa Gertrudis Down Under: How King Ranch Cattle Revolutionized the Australian Beef Cattle Economy,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.

Status: I have pulled the article and will submit it elsewhere.

PRESENTATIONS

“The New Deal in the in the Texas Grasslands: Ranchers, Political Leaders, and Policy Coercion,” Texas Lutheran University, Fort Worth Texas, June 10, 2023, (The paper was read in my stead since I was incapacitated at he time.)

“The Ranch in the History of Texas: Central Texas and the Edwards Plateau,” West Texas Historical Association, Abilene, TX, April 14 – 15, 2023

“The New Deal in the Texas Grasslands: Ranchers, Cattle Associations, and Depression Era Range Policy,” Texas State Historical Association, 127th Annual Meeting, El Paso, TX, March 2, 2023

“The Ranch in the History of Texas: the Southern Hearth,” East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, TX, October 13, 2022, Center for Big Bend Studies Annual Meeting, Alpine, TX, November 13-14, 2022

“Icons of Innovation: Bob Wills (Texan) and Slim Dusty (Australian), Country Music Pioneers,” 38th Annual International Country Music Conference, Nashville, TN, June 2 – 4, 2022

“The Ranch in the History of Texas: the Rolling Plains,” West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, TX, March 18-19, 2022y

“Conflict on the Border: Mexico’s Revolution and the Big Bend Country,” Panelist, John Eusebio Klingemann, Leland Turner, Heribert von Feilitzsch, Troy M. Ainsworth, The Center for Big Bend Studies, Alpine, TX, November 5-6, 2021

"A West Texas Rancher in South America: Murdo Mackenzie and the Brazil Land, Cattle, and Packing Company," Center for Big Bend Studies, Alpine, TX, November 14 – 15, 2019

“The Texas Nexus: Global Diffusion and the Cattle of the Texas Coastal Bend,” Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, TX, February 28 – March 2, 2019

“The Ranch in the History of Texas,” West Texas Historical Association,” Canyon, TX, April 12-13, 2019

- “The Texas Nexus: Global Migration and the Diffusion of Tropical Cattle Breeds,” Agricultural History Society, St. Petersburg, FL, May 23 – 26, 2018
- “Coastal Cattle: The Brahman Breed and Ranchers in Late 19th Century Texas,” Central Texas Historical Association, Round Rock, TX, April 26 – 28, 2018
- “The Politicization of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association,” West Texas Historical Association,” San Angelo, TX, April 12 – 14, 2018
- “*Taurindicus tex*: Tropical Cattle in the Coastal Texas Ranchlands,” East Texas Historical Fall Meeting, Galveston, TX, October 12 – 14, 2017
- “King Ranch Cattle in the Land Down Under: Environment, Identity, and Economy in the Australian Grasslands,” Australia New Zealand Studies Association of North America, Australian Embassy, Washington, DC, February 22-24, 2017
- “Cattle: Currency of the Villa Revolution,” Center for Big Bend Studies Annual Conference, Alpine, TX, November 11-13, 2016
- “Lizzie Crosson: Big Bend Land and Cattle Magnate,” Women Ranchers in Texas Symposium, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, June 3, 2016
- “Ballads in the Bush: Australian Country Music – an Indigenous Innovation,” International Country Music Conference, Belmont College, Nashville, TN May 26-28, 2016.
- “A Rural Beef Factory: Murdo Mackenzie and Environmental Transformation at the Matador Ranch, 1891-1900,” Rural History Conference, Greenville, TX, April 16, 2016
- “Transforming the Rural and Political Landscape: Murdo Mackenzie in Scotland, Texas, and Brazil,” MSU Celebration of Scholarship, Wichita Falls, TX, April 27, 2016
- “Country Music Cultures: An American Genre in the Australian Bush,” Australia New Zealand Studies Association of North America, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL, February 4-6, 2016.
- “An Incongruent Arrangement on the Mato Grasso: Murdo Mackenzie, a Brazilian Cattle Empire, and the Ambitions of Percival Farquhar,” World History Association, Savannah, GA, June 30 – July 2, 2015
- “The King Ranch Down Under: South Texas Cattle in the Australian Grasslands,” South Texas Historical Association, Kingsville, TX, March 21, 2015
- “The King Ranch, International,” Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, TX, March 4-6, 2015

“Texceptionalism and the Big Difference: Bigness and Cultural Mythology in Queensland and Texas,” Australia New Zealand Studies Association of North America, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, January 30-31, 2015

“Turmoil in the Trans-Pecos: Cattle Rustling, Banditry, and Retaliation in the Big Bend Borderlands,” Center for Big Bend Studies 21st Annual Conference, Alpine, TX, November 14-15, 2014

“Rangers, Rustlers, and Ranchers: Cattle Cultures of the Trans-Pecos,” MSU 5th Annual Scholarship Colloquium, Wichita Falls, TX, April 24, 2014

“Icons of Innovation: The Country Music Stylings of Bob Wills, Texan, and Slim Dusty, Australian,” West Texas Historical Association, Odessa, TX, April 4, 2014.

“Cattle Cultures of the Bloody Bend: Contraband and Violence in the Trans-Pecos Ranchlands,” Agricultural History Society, Provo, Utah, June 19-22, 2014

“Lizzie Crosson, Cattle Queen: Theft, Retaliation, and Community Relations in the Trans-Pecos Borderlands,” Center for Big Bend Studies 19th Annual Conference, Alpine, TX, November 9, 2013

“The King Ranch, Australia,” East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, TX, September 27, 2013

“Ranchers, Rustlers, and Revolutionaries: Trans-Pecos Texas, Beef Commissary to the Villista Insurgency,” Agricultural History Society, Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 13-15, 2013

“Big Country: Bigness and the Roots of Exceptionalism in Queensland, Australia, and Texas,” Texas State Historical Association, Fort Worth, TX, March 1, 2013

“Ballads in the Bush: American Influence & the Unique Roots of Australian Country Music,” American Studies Association of Texas, Wichita Falls, TX, November 16, 2012

“Ranchers, Rustlers, and Revolutionaries: The Illicit and Legitimate Border Cattle Trade during the Pancho Villa Insurgency,” Center for Big Bend Studies 18th Annual Conference, Alpine, TX, November 10, 2012

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION (MSU)

History 6103: Research Methods

History 4493: Cultural Crossroads (COPLACDigital)

History 6003: Graduate Seminar, Cowboys & Indians: the Worldwide American West

History 6003: Graduate Seminar, History of the North American Ranch

History 5613 & 4613: The American West, 1803-1890

History 5013 & 3003: History of Texas

History 5063 & 4063: Twentieth Century American West

History 5113 & 3113: American Indian History

History 3903: The Writing of History

History 1233: Survey of American History since 1865 (Modern)

History 1133: Survey of American History until 1865 (Early)

Geography 3003: Geography of the World

Geography 3113: North American Geography

SWOSU: The American West, Early 20th Century US History, American Southwest & Borderlands, Latin American Studies, US History Survey, World Cultural Geography

TTU: The Frontier and American West, History of Texas, Rise of Modern America, Modern US History Survey

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

SUPERVISION of RESEARCH

COPLAC Digital Distance Seminar

Cultural Crossroads: Migration and Community Transformation

The course was offered in the Fall 2017 Semester. COPLAC digital courses are multi-campus, team taught, distance mentoring in the liberal arts. Moreover student teams of two from any COPLAC institution may apply to the course – admission is competitive. The following is a list of students who participated, their university, and their research projects.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, “Irish in the Berkshires, A Retrospective,” by
Susannah Frey & Kaitlyn Vogel

University of North Carolina Asheville, “‘Mecca for Motorists’: A History of Migration on
the Blue Ridge Parkway,” by Kristen Walden & Liz Torres

Midwestern State University, “The Wichita Indians: Tracking Migration Over Time,” by
Maria Peña

Keene State University, “The Finns of Newport,” by Kerrin McTernan & Patrick Driscoll

University of Minnesota Morris, “Toward a Better Land: Migration on the Minnesota
Prairie,” by Amy Schmidgall & Joy Stephansen

Truman State University, “Moment in Migration: Congolese Community in Kirksville,
MO,” by Margaret Wilcox & Alexandra Vietor

The course website can be found at: <http://xroads.coplacdigital.org/course/project-sites/>

COPLAC Digital America Seminar, MSU Advisor

“Wichita Falls at War: The Great War on the Homefront”

Joseph Hadwal and Laura Galbraith: undergraduate investigators

Publication

Hosted on "Century America: Campus, Community and the Great War" web site.
<http://msu.centuryamerica.org/>

Presentations

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) 2015 Central-West Texas Regional History Conference, St. Edwards University, Austin, TX, March 7, 2015
National Alpha Chi (Honor Society) Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 19-22
*Won the Panel Participation Award
Symposium of History Undergraduate Research (SHUR), Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, May 1-2, 2015
Wichita Falls Westerners, International, Wichita Falls, TX, May 21, 2015

EURECA (Enhancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) Advisor
FALL 2019 to present.

Nathan Endo, "Black Diamonds in the Eye of Texas: Organized Labor and Management Tactics in the Newcastle Coal Fields." First Place in 2019 MSUTexas Celebration of Scholarship, PY College Podium Presentations.

FALL 2014

Cristopher Freeman and John Hensley, "Two Worlds, One Big Pasture: Quanah Parker and Burk Burnett – the Social, Economic, and Cultural Implications of Anglo/Indian Associations in the Oklahoma and Texas Borderlands."

Freeman: undergraduate investigator

Hensley: graduate mentor/investigator

Publication: Christopher and John Hensley, "Two Worlds, One Big Pasture: Quanah Parker and Burk Burnett – the Social, Economic, and Cultural Implications of Anglo/Indian Associations in Oklahoma and Texas Borderlands," *West Texas Historical Review*, Vol. XCII, 2016:

FALL 2015 & SPRING 2016

Kristen Johnson, "Fort Hood Free Grazers: Central Texas Cattle Ranchers and the Role of Federal Government in the Economic Development of the Post-War American West."

GRADUATE Thesis Advisor

Nathan Endo, MA

Expected December 2023

Topic: Labor History in North Texas

Josh Ysasi MA 2021

Topic: Land Lost: Anglo Dispossession of Tejano Land in West Texas

Philip Chisum, MA 2017

Thesis: "Wichita Falls Spudder's Baseball Team"

Joel Gibson, MA 2017

Thesis: "A Comparative Study of Presidents Washington's and Jefferson's Indian Policy"

Jeff Dickey, MA 2016

Thesis: "King Sugar: Revolution and Agricultural Diversification in 1950s Cuba"

Ryan McKelvy MA 2016

Thesis: "Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch: the Fall of John Wayne Mythology and New Cowboy Imagery"

GRADUATE Committee Member

Rachael Maxson, MA 2016

Sierra Trenhaille, MA Candidate

Zach Barber, MA 2015

ARTICLES & REVIEWS

Article: "Grassland Frontiers: Pastoral Settlement in the Semi-Arid Lands of the Australian Outback and American Southwest," *Forum of the Association of Arid Lands Studies* 21 (2005): 49-56.

Article: "A Most Influential Cattleman: Murdo Mackenzie and the Business of Ranching," *West Texas Historical Association Year Book* 80 (2004): 18-32.

Peer Review Referee:

Agricultural History, 2011

West Texas Historical Review, 2014 – 2016

Central Texas Historical Review, 2016

Peer Review OU Press:

Reviewer, University of Oklahoma Press, Manuscript, Miller, Michael M. "Cowboys and Capitalists: The XIT Ranch in Texas and Montana, 1885-1912"

Book Reviews

Sherow, James E. *The Chisholm Trail: Joseph McCoy's Great Gamble*. University of Oklahoma Press, 2018 (In progress for the Western Historical Association).

Stauder, Jack. *The Blue and the Green: A Cultural Ecological History of an Arizona Ranching Community*. University of Nevada Press, 2016 (in progress for *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*).

Furse, Marge Lewis. *The Hawkins Ranch in Texas: From Plantation Times to the Present*. Texas A&M University Press, 2014 (in progress for *Agricultural History*)

English, Linda. *By All Accounts: General Stores and Community Life in Texas and Indian Territory*. University of Oklahoma Press, 2013 (submitted to *West Texas Historical Review*)

Gwynne, S. C. *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*. Scribner, 2010. *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review* 83 (2011): 57-58

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2019: EURECA Grant, MSU (Nathan Endo, Fall 2019)
- 2017: Internal Faculty Research Grant, Murdo Mackenzie Project, MSU
- 2016: Piper Professor Award Nominee, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2015 & 2016: EURECA (Enhancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) Grant, MSU (Kristen Johnson, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- 2016: Internal Faculty Research Grant, Lizzie Crosson Project, MSU
- 2015: Internal Faculty Research Grant, Murdo Mackenzie Project, MSU
- 2014: EURECA (Enhancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) Grant, MSU (Christopher Freeman and John Hensley, Fall 2014)
- 2014: William Curry Holden Research Grant, West Texas Historical Association
- 2014: Internal Faculty Research Grant, "Turmoil in the Trans-Pecos," MSU
- 2009: William Curry Holden Research Grant, West Texas Historical Association
- 2009: Alternate, Excellence in West Texas History Fellowship, ASU West Texas Collection
- 2007: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship, Australian-American Fulbright Commission
- 2007: Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Scholarship, Texas Tech University
- 2006: Summer Dissertation Research Award, the Graduate School, Texas Tech University
- 2006: Dissertation Research Grant, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 2006: Earnest Wallace Graduate Research Grant, West Texas Historical Association
- 2004: Chair's Award, Graduate Student Leadership, Dept. of History, Texas Tech University
- 2004: S. S. McKay Memorial Scholarship, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 2004: Thesis Research Grant, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 2003: David & Winifred Vigness Scholarship, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 2003: Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Midwestern State University

Core Curriculum Committee, 2014 and continuing

Quality Enhancement Program (EURECA) Assessment Team, 2013 -2018

University Assessment Committee, 2012 -2016

Team Member, Council on Undergraduate Research, Workshop, "Integrating Undergraduate Research into Faculty Workload and Tenure and Promotion Guidelines," October 3-5, 2014, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

Member, High Impact Practices and Faculty Workload Committee, 2014 and continuing
Admissions Director Search Committee, February – March 2015.

Member, Pre-Law Scholarship Committee, Fall 2014 – Spring 2017

Faculty Advisor, MSU Rugby Club, 2014-2017

Celebration of Scholarship and Undergraduate and Creative Activities Forum
2017, Podium Presentation Judge
2016, Poster Session, Judge
2015 Moderator, Poster Session
2014 Podium Presentation Judge

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Center for the Study of Reform, NEH Summer Institute Grant Proposal Team, Fall 2014
"North Texans on the Home Front: Aviation, Conflict, and the Human Experience," NEH Foundations Grant Team, Spring – Summer, 2015

History Department

Assessment Coordinator, 2013-2021

Core Curriculum Proposals, HIST 1133 & HIST 1233 (Fall 2013)

Co-Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Fall 2012-Spring 2015

2014, Nels A. Cleven and Best Chapter Award, PAT National

2013, Best Chapter Award, PAT National

Assessment Transition Committee, Department of History, 2012-2013

Faculty Advisor, Planning Committee, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Northeast Texas Regional Conference, Wichita Falls, TX, April 20, 2013

Member, History Department, Internet Instruction Committee, Fall 2012-2016

Member, History Department, New Faculty Search Committee, Spring 2013.

Speaker Engagement: Worked in concert with colleagues to bring relevant and highly respected historians to campus.

Kenneth F. Neighbours Memorial Lecture, Dr. Michael Collins, "The Loneliest Job in the World: the Day Lyndon Johnson became President," November 5, 2015

Phi Alpha Theta Speaker Series (1st Annual), Dr. Sterling Evans, “Nothing New About NAFTA: Connecting the Great Plains and Mexico in Historical Perspective,” November 21, 2013.

Speakers and Issues Series (13th Annual), Dr. James Crisp, “The Case of the Missing Mexicans: How Tejanos Appear and Disappear in the Telling of Texas History,” February 12, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Field of Study Advisory Committee, 2017-2018

Board of Directors, Member, West Texas Historical Association, 2012 – 2015, 2019-2023
Coordinator, Women Ranchers in Texas Project 2016.

The project resulted in the following publication: *Texas Women and Ranching: On the Range, at the Rodeo, and in Their Communities*,” Deborah M. Liles and Cecilia Gutierrez Venable, eds., Texas A&M University Press, 2019, Women in Texas History Series.

Symposium Host and Convener: “Women Ranchers in Texas Project, 2016,” Midwestern State University, June 3, 2016

Member, Fulbright U.S. Student Program National Screening Committee, 2017

Vice President, Australian New Zealand Studies Association of North America (2016-2017)

Symposium Host: “Texas New Deal Symposium,” 4th Annual, Midwestern State University, June 4, 2016

Chair and Coordinator: Committee to propose, fund, and manage a scholarship in honor of Paul H. Carlson. The “Paul H. and Ellen Carlson Fellowship” has been established through the Texas Tech University Department of History and funding, with a goal of 25,000, is in process.

Committee Member, *Handbook of Texas*, Texas State Historical Association 2016-Present
Peer Reviewer, *West Texas Historical Review*, 2013-2014.

Editorial Board, *East Texas Historical Review*, 2015 – 2018

Member, Fellowship Awards Committee, Texas State Historical Association, 2014

Co-Coordinator, Local Arrangements Committee, West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Wichita Falls, TX, April 5-6, 2013

Member, 2012-2014 West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting Program Committee

Referee, West Texas Historical Association, Student Essay Competition, Fall 2009

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Museum of North Texas History Board of Directors

Board President, 2019-2020

Board Member, 2018 -2020

Board Member, Downtown Wichita Falls Development, 2015 – 2017.

Coordinator with Charles Campbell, Texas Lakes Trails Traveling Exhibit, "The Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker Exhibit: A Woman OF Two Worlds and a Man IN Two Worlds," March 12 – May 2, 2015.

Coordinator and Moderator, Exhibit Opening, March 27, 2015, Speakers, Paul Carlson and Tom Crum, "An Evening with the Parkers: a Historian, a Judge, and Tales of the Recapture of Cynthia Ann Parker"

Westerner's International: A public group incorporated to stimulate the authentic interest in and publishing related to the American West.

Committee Member: The Wichita Falls Westerners Buffalo Soldiers project. The project will sponsor an exhibit at the Museum of North Texas History in the Fall of 2021 and fund-raise for a memorial to the 9th and 10th Calvary (Buffalo Soldiers) who were vital in the settlement of the Texhoma region.

Invited Speaker, Westerner's International, South Canadian Cross-Timbers Corral, "King Ranch, Australia," Charles M. Russell Center, Norman, OK, January 26, 2015

Wichita Falls Westerners (local chapter): Approximately 25 members

Founding Committee Member (Dec. 2013)

Program Committee Chair (2013-Present)

Editor (2013-Present)

Program Presenter: "*Una historia del Cinco de Mayo: How a Tejano/Texan became a Mexican Hero,*" May 8, 2018

Program Presenter: "The Livestock Lobby: a Rancher, a Judge, and Teddy Himself," March 13, 2018

Program Presenter, "Lizzie Crosson: Cattle Queen of the Big Bend," Sept 12, 2017

Program Presenter, "Cowboy Up, Down Under: The Wild West in Australian Popular Entertainment," January 14, 2016

Program Presenter, "Rooted in Country: Roy Orbison – Country Music Artist?," June 17, 2015

Program Presenter, "King Ranch, Australia," January 15, 2015

Program Presenter, "Murdo Mackenzie: CEO on the Range," February 13, 2014. Wichita Falls, Texas

Organizer: Field trip to Fort Belknap, Jim N. Hammond (MA in History, MSU) Director, August 18, 2018

Featured Speaker, Red River Boundary Marking Ceremony, "Boundaries and the Republic of Texas," Burkburnett, TX, April 29, 2017

Invited Speaker, Rebecca Jane Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, "Lizzie Crosson: Cattle and Land Baron of the Big Bend," Wichita Falls, Texas, September 12, 2015

Invited Speaker, Presbyterian Manor Men's Breakfast, "Mackenzie of the Matador," Wichita Falls, Texas, August 7, 2014

SESSIONS CHAIRED & CONVENED

- Moderator, "War, Land, and Memory" American Studies Association of Texas, Wichita Falls, TX, November 11 – 13, 2021
- Moderator, "Bones of Texas— A Combined Effort to Document What Is and What Might Have been in Small Town Texas" Morgan Page, Midwestern State University • Dustin Rice, Independent Scholar, Wichita Falls, West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, TX, 2022,
- Session Chair, "Digital Humanities, Education and Race, and Teaching Research Techniques," Teaching History in the 21st Century, WFMA at MSU, Wichita Falls, TX, February 17, 2018.
- Chair, "West Texas Historical Association Symposium," Center for Big Bend Studies Annual Meeting, Alpine, TX, November 11, 2017
- Convener and Chair, "Researching Texas History at Midwestern State University," West Texas Historical Association, 93rd Annual Meeting, Abilene, TX, April 8-9, 2016
- Convener and Chair, "Wichita Falls Chapter of Westerner's international" West Texas Historical Association 92nd Annual Meeting, April 10-11, 2015, Amarillo, Texas
- Chair, "Hardships, Medicine, and Occupations in West Texas," West Texas Historical Association 91st Annual Meeting, April 4-5, 2014, Odessa, Texas
- Chair, Phi Alpha Theta, and 2014 Biennial Conference, Albuquerque, NM, January 2-5, 2014.
Panel 2-02: Western History
Panel 4-07: 20th Century America
Panel 10-09: U. S. 19th Century
- Convener and Chair, West Texas Historical Association, 90th Annual Meeting, Wichita Falls, TX, April 6, 2013.
"Legal Questions and the Conflict of Two Worlds in Texas," Phi Alpha Theta – Tau Gamma Chapter Sponsored Session
"Promoting Texas through Agriculture, Journalism, and Boosterism"
- Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Northeast Texas Regional Conference, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 20, 2013
"The Emergence of Modern Texas," "Cow Country: Method, Myth, and Experiment," "Environmental Policies"
- Chair, West Texas Historical Association, "Texas Songbird, Honking Tenor Sax, and Geronimo's Cadillac," Alpine, TX, March 30, 2012
- Chair, Organization of American Historians, "Transnational Connections: The United States, Australia, and the 1960s," Houston, TX, March 19, 2011
- Convener, West Texas Historical Association, "The Future of West Texas History," Discussion Panel, Lubbock, TX, April 3, 2009 (The book, *West Texas: a History of the Giant Side of the State*, originated in this session)
- Chair, West Texas Historical Association, "Movers and Shakers in West Texas History" Lubbock, TX, March 30, 2006

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- East Texas Historical Association
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

Texas State Historical Association
West Texas Historical Association

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

PRESENTATIONS

- “Earth, Wind, and Water: Natural Energy and the Transformation of the Southern Plains Agricultural Economy,” Agricultural History Society, Manhattan, Kansas, June 9, 2012
- “People of the Wind: Wind Energy and the Transformation of the Southern Plains Agricultural Economy,” Oklahoma Historical Society, Enid, OK, April 27, 2011
- “Ballads in the Bush: the Unique History of Australian Country Music,” PCA/ACA Southwest/Texas Joint Conference, San Antonio, TX, April 23, 2011
- “Country Roots: Roy Orbison, the Wink Westerners, and his Career as a Country and Western Artist,” West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, TX, April 1, 2011
- “Rooted in Country: The Music Career and Global Influence of Wink’s Own – Roy Orbison,” Center for Big Bend Studies Annual Conference, Alpine, TX, Nov 12, 2010
- “Australian Roots, American Boots: American Country Music and the Evolution of a Unique Australian Genre,” Australian Country Music Foundation, Invited Speaker, Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia, August 5, 2010
- “Outback Beef Factories: Australian Cattle Producers and Late Nineteenth Century British Markets,” Agricultural History Society, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL, June 11, 2010
- “‘Cowboy Up’ Down Under: Representations of American Wild West Imagery in Australian Popular Entertainment,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, April 9, 2010
- “People of the Wind: the Transformative Effect of Wind Energy Technology on the Southern Plains,” West Texas Historical Association, Fort Worth, TX, February 5, 2010
- “From Cattle to Cotton and Beyond: Hydraulic Technology and the Retransformation of the Southern Plains Agricultural Economy,” The Center for Big Bend Studies, Alpine, TX, November 7, 2009
- “The Future of West Texas History,” East Texas Historical Association, Panelist, Nacogdoches, TX, September 25, 2009

“Cowboy Up’ Down Under: Representations of American Wild West Mythology in Australian Popular Entertainment” American Historical Association, (Poster Session), New York City, NY, January 6-9, 2009

“The Bushman and the Cowboy: Australian and American Frontier Mythology, Transnational Popular Culture, and National Identity,” American Studies Association, Albuquerque, NM, October 16, 2008

“Taurindicus tex in the Land Down Under: Texas Cattle Breeds, Environmental Challenges, and Identity Constructs in the Australian Outback,” Agricultural History Society, University of Nevada – Reno, Reno, NV, June 19, 2008

“Cowboy Up’ Down Under: Representations of American Wild West Imagery in Australian Popular Entertainment,” Cultural History Project Seminar Series, School of English, Media Studies and Art History, The University of Queensland, May 22, 2008

“Outback by Southwest: Beef Cattle Agriculture in Queensland and Texas,” History Program Seminar Series, School of History, Philosophy, Religion, and the Classics, the University of Queensland, April 17, 2008

“Hollywood’s Cowboy’s: Wild West Mythology in Australian Cinema and Popular Culture,” Mythology in History and Literature Symposium,” Fenner Hall, Australian National University, October 28, 2007

“Outback and Out West: Pastoral Settlers and Cattle Frontiers of West Texas and Outback Queensland,” Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, TX, March 9, 2007

“Frontier Legacies of the Outback and Texas West,” East Texas Historical Association (WTHA Session), Nacogdoches, TX, September 22, 2006

“Cattle Culture Frontiers of the Outback and Southwest: 19th Century Pastoral Economies, Environment, and Enduring Myth,” Australian Historical Association, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia, July 4, 2006

“Grassland Frontiers of the American Southwest and Australian Outback: A Comparative Study of Cattle Economies, Environment, and Enduring Myth,” Agricultural History Society, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, June 23, 2006

“The Mesta Model: Hispanic Pastoral Traditions and Early Southwestern Live Stock Associations” Southwestern Social Sciences Association (PAT Session), San Antonio, TX, April 15, 2006

“Arid Frontiers: Pastoral Settlement in the Outback and Southwest,” Australia New Zealand Studies Assn. of North America, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 29, 2005

“Enduring Aridity: A Comparative Study of Pastoral Frontiers a World Apart” Western Social Sciences Association (Assn. for Arid Lands Studies), Albuquerque, NM, April 14, 2005

“Theodore Roosevelt and Murdo Mackenzie: Progressive Leaders on the Cattle Frontier” West Texas Historical Association, Alpine, TX, April 1, 2005

“The Live Stock Lobby: Murdo Mackenzie, Cattlemen’s Associations, and Legislative Reform,” The Center for Big Bend Studies Annual Conference, Alpine, TX, November 11, 2005

“Murdo Mackenzie: Scottish Ranch Manager in the American West, 1885-1939” Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, March 6, 2004

PROFESSIONAL & SCHOLARLY RECOGNITION

“The Livestock Lobby”(reprint) *A Lone Star Reader*, 2nd edition, Kirk Bane, Charles Swanlund, and M. Scott Sosebee, eds. (Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2010, 2015): 215-228.

Invited Participant, Panel Discussion: “Texas Women Ranchers,” in “The Challenges of Writing and Publishing Women’s History,” West Texas Historical Association, 93rd Annual Meeting, Abilene, TX, April 8-9, 2016

Invited Participant, Panel Discussion: “Why Rural History Matters,” East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, TX, October, 2015

Invited Speaker, University of Oklahoma History Department, Special Brown Bag Event, “The Transnational and Comparative Story of the Cattle Ranching Frontiers in Texas and Australia,” (Sponsored by the Louise Welsh Chair on Southern Plains and Borderland History) Norman, OK, January 26, 2015

Invited Speaker, Plenary Session: A Timely Tribute to Paul Howard Carlson and His Versatile Body of Work, “Paul Carlson: Ranching Historian,” West Texas Historical Association, 92nd Meeting, Amarillo, TX, April 10-11, 2015.

Invited Speaker, Biology Seminar Series, SWOSU, “Science and the Saddle: Scientific Investigations and the Transformation of the Queensland, Australia Beef Cattle Economy,” Weatherford, OK, September 7, 2011

Discussant and Interviewee, *BookGrowl*, Al Harris Library Interview Program and Podcast, Host, Frederic Murray, October 2011, Book: *Sleuthing the Alamo: Davy Crockett’s Last Stand and Other Mysteries of the Texas Revolution*, by James Crisp

Invited Participant, The Graduate Research Workshop 2008, Breaking the Research Barrier: Comparative, Transnational, and Qualitative Methods, The National Europe Centre, Australian National University, April 4, 2008

Invited Participant, "Changing Times, Changing Students: Peer to Peer Strategies for Engaging Today's Learners," Technology Workshop, Oklahoma City Community College, February 25, 2011

Invited Participant, "Technology and Assessment in History Survey Courses," American History Focus Group, Houston, Texas, March 18, 2011

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Studies Association

Australian History Association

Agricultural History Society

Australia New Zealand Studies Assn of North America

Southwestern Social Sciences Association

Organization of American Historians

Popular Culture Association

Western History Association

World History Association