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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph. D., American History, Texas Christian University 2024
Dissertation: "A Frontier of Ambition and Intrigue: The Neutral Ground Agreement and the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1803-1824."
Committee: Dr. Gene A. Smith (Chair), Dr. Alan Gallay, Dr. Todd Kerstetter, Dr. David Narrett
Examined Fields: American History to 1877, American History since 1877/Environmental History, Atlantic World
- M.A., History, Jacksonville State University 2016
B.S.E., History/Secondary Education, *summa cum laude*, Jacksonville State University. 2014
Alabama Teaching Certification.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor of History, Midwestern State University 2025-Present
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Greater Southwestern Studies 2024-2025
University of Texas at Arlington
- Graduate Assistant, Center for Texas Studies, Texas Christian University 2023-2024
Adjunct Instructor, Texas Christian University 2022-2023
Chancellor's Graduate Assistant of Texas Studies 2020-2022
Office of Chancellor/Center for Texas Studies, Co-Author Photographic History of TCU's First 100 Years
- Academic Coach/Tutor, Athletic Academic Services Office 2019-2022
Texas Christian University
- Teaching/Research Assistant, Texas Christian University 2017-2020
Adjunct Instructor, Gadsden State Community College 2017

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Co-Author with Gene Allen Smith, *Images and Stories from TCU's First Hundred Years, 1873-1973*. (Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2023). Part of TCU's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

- "'Bankrupts at the Head and Vagabonds at the Foot': Revolutionary Opportunists and Land Speculation in the James Long Expedition of 1819." In *Gulf South Rebels, Insurgents, and Revolutionaries, 1700-1865: Bonds of Rebellion*. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).
- "'The Mexican Traveler': Philip Nolan and the Southwestern Horse Trade." In *A Republic of Scoundrels: The Schemers, Intriguers, and Adventurers who Created a New American Nation*. Edited by David Head and Timothy C. Hemmis. (Pegasus Books, 2023).
- "Local Citizens, Property, and the Struggle to Remove Institutions of Federal Power in Natchitoches, 1804-1819," 289-299, in *Ingenieros para la Paz Militares para la Guerra: Del Caribe al Sudeste Asiático, 1748-1825*. Edited by Nuria Hinarejos and Pedro Luengo-Gutiérrez (Ministerio de Defensa, 2022).

“William Darby's Map of Louisiana and the Extension of American Sovereignty over the 'Neutral Ground' in the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1806-1821,” *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society* 110, no. 4 (2021): 155-175.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECTS

Postdoctoral Research Associate, “Texas in Turmoil: Mapping Interethnic Violence, 1821-1879,” 2025. <https://libraries.uta.edu/texasinturmoil/>. This project mapped interethnic violence in Texas from 1821-1879. I created data entries, data visualizations, and data files for ArcGIS components. I also completed analysis of trends in violence with analytics visualization software for the project (i.e. Comanche raiding patterns, violence against freedmen post-emancipation, and Hispano-White violence to control cattle ranges the Trans-Nueces Strip). This website launched in October 2025.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Gary Pinkerton, *Bridles and Biscuits: Contraband Culture in Spanish East Texas*. In Collaboration with Tom H. Gann. (Texas A&M University Press, 2025). Review accepted for publication in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.

Review of James Aalen Bernsen, *The Lost War for Texas: Mexican Rebels, American Burrites, and the Texas Revolution of 1811*. (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2024) in the *Western Historical Quarterly*. (2025).

Review of Joseph Stoltz, III. *A Bloodless Victory: The Battle of New Orleans in History and Memory*. (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017). ISBN 9781421423029. In *Southern Studies* 31, no. 2 (2025).

Review of Bunn, Mike, *Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South During America's Revolutionary Era*. (Montgomery: NewSouth Books, 2020). H-Early-America, H-Net Reviews. (April 2022).

Review of John T. Kuehn, *Napoleonic Warfare: The Operational Art of the Great Campaigns*. (New York: Praegar, 2015) in *Journal of Military History* 82, no. 2 (April 2018), 606-608.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Dr. John Sibley: Architect of the American Frontier Archive in the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1803-1815.” Presented at the 2026 Alliance for Texas History Conference in Fort Worth, TX.

“Dr. John Sibley and Choctaw Leaders in the Louisiana-Texas borderlands, 1803-1815.” Presented at the 2026 Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting in Lafayette, La.

“Caddoan Messengers: The Eyes and Ears of an American Intelligence Network in the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1804-1806.” Presented at the July 2025 Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

“Juan Cortes: The Pursuit of Wealth through Commercial Diplomacy in the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1803-1821.” Presented at the May 2025 Alliance for Texas History Annual Meeting in San Marcos, Texas.

“Claiming Land through the Labor of Others: Hired Labor and Slavery in the Rio Hondo Land Claims, 1806-1824.” Presented at the March 2025 Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, La.

“Settling the Neutral Ground: The Rio Hondo Land Claims and the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1812-1824.” Presented at the October 2024 Gulf South History & Humanities Conference in Pensacola, FL.

“Filibusters, Refugees, and Land Speculation in the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1812-1821.” Presented at the 2023 Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Roundtable Panelist: “Confronting Language and Meaning: Reconsidering Early America Through Keywords.” Presented at the 2023 Facing the Future of Early American Studies hosted by the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, American Philosophical Society, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and Department of History at University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

“Bayous, Bandits, and Spanish Trade Caravans: Bandit Attacks and Environmental Possibilism in the Neutral Ground, 1808-1812.” Presented at the 2023 Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting in Alexandria, LA.

“Philip Nolan, the Southwestern Horse Trade, and the Ecological Limits of Geopolitics in the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1791-1807.” Presented at the 2023 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era Meeting in Fort Worth, TX.

“‘To Protect Persons and their Property’: Slavery, Geopolitics, and the Neutral Ground Agreement in the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1804-1806.” Presented at the 2022 Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA.

“Removing an Image of Power: Local Citizens and the Struggle to Remove Fort Claiborne in Natchitoches, 1804-1819.” Presented at the September 2021 Ingenieros para la paz, militares para la Guerra. Del caribe al sudeste asiático, 1748-1825 in Sevilla, Spain. Virtual Presentation.

“Indigenous Territoriality, Squatters, and Violence: The Contest for Land in Western Orleans Territory, 1803-1812.” Presented at the 2021 Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation.

“William Darby and American Border Making in the Louisiana-Texas Borderland.” Presented at the 2020 Louisiana Historical Association. Virtual Presentation.

“William Darby’s *Map of Louisiana* and the Extension of American Sovereignty over the ‘Neutral Ground’ in the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1806-1821.” Presented at the 2019 Mapping a Nation Symposium hosted by the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, PA.

“Borders, Commerce, and Intrigue: The Neutral Ground Agreement and the Environment of the Louisiana-Texas Borderland, 1803-1821.” Presented at the 2019 Texas General Land Office: Save Texas History Symposium in Austin, TX.

INVITED TALKS

“The Legacy of Revolution in Texas, 1810-1821.” Given at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art as part of their semiquincentennial programming. April 2026.

“Horse Traders, Wichita Towns, and the Transformation of the Southwestern Economy, 1790-1821.” Given at the February 2026 Meeting of Daughters of the Republic of Texas – Wichita Falls Chapter. Wichita Falls, Texas.

“A Frontier of Ambition and Intrigue: The Neutral Ground Agreement and the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands, 1803-1824.” Given as part of the UTA History Department’s Brown Bag Speaker Series. February 2025.

“The Mexican Traveler: Philip Nolan and the Southwestern Horse Trade.” Given at Fort Worth Public Library in Fort Worth, Texas. January 2025.

“The Southwestern Horse Trade and the Revolutionary Era in Texas.” Given at University of Texas at Arlington for HIST 3346. September 2024.

“TCU’s First 100 Years.” Book Talk and signing at the TCU Sesquicentennial Pop-up on Sundance Square. Fort Worth, Texas. 2023.

“The Neutral Ground Agreement and Borderland Geopolitics after the Louisiana Purchase.” Given to the Tarrant County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. 2023.

“The Clark Family and TCU’s First Fifty Years.” Given to Clark Family Descendants as part of TCU’s Sesquicentennial Celebration. 2023.

“Philip Nolan and the Southwestern Horse Trade.” Given at the Layland Museum in Cleburne, Texas. 2023.

Images and Stories from TCU’s First 100 Years, 1873-1973. Book Talk. Given at Fort Worth Public Library in Fort Worth, Texas. 2023.

“Stories from TCU’s First 100 Years.” Given to the TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts Board of Visitors in Fort Worth, Texas. September 2023.

“Bandits, Spanish Trade Caravans, and the Disruption of Spanish Authority in Texas 1808-1813.” Given at Allen Public Library in Allen, Texas. June 2022.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Shinko and Thomas MacDonald Research Award in Texas History, TCU	2022
Amos Simpson Travel Award, Louisiana Historical Association	2020
William and Madeline Welder Smith Research Travel Grant, Briscoe Center	2020
Boller-Worcester Travel Award, TCU	2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023
Office of Graduate Studies Travel Award, Texas Christian University	2019, 2023

SERVICE

Membership Committee, Alliance for Texas History	2026-Present
Volunteer, Humanities Texas: “Digital Humanities Teaching Tools.” Fort Worth, TX.	2026
Organized and Coordinated the Undergraduate Research Poster Showcase for the Alliance for Texas History Annual Conference, May 2026.	2026
Local Arrangements Committee, Alliance for Texas History	2026
Job Search Committee, History Department, Midwestern State University	2025-2026
Volunteer, Trivia Night, Midwestern State History Department	2025
Master of Ceremonies, Center for Texas Studies Trivia Night	2024
TCU Sesquicentennial Executive Committee	2022-2023
Saints and Sinners Tour, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas	2023
Master of Ceremonies, Center for Texas Studies Trivia Night	2023
Sesquicentennial Social Media Content Creator, Center for Texas Studies	2023
Student Panelist, TCU Library Dean Search	2023
Invited Guest, Larry Collins, NBC 5, “TCU Students, Fort Worth Residents Excited for National Championship after Historic Season.” Discussed TCU Football History	2023
TCU Graduate Student Senate, Executive Board, VP of Elections and Logistics	2022-2023
Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, “Saints and Sinners Tour,” Speaker	2022
Contributor, Local Drinks and Eats Blurbs, Society of Military Historians Brochure	2022
Master of Ceremonies, Center for Texas Studies Trivia Night	2022
Panel Judge, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Creativity Festival	2022
History Fair Judge, Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center, Fort Worth, Texas	2022
History Fair Judge, McLean 6 th Grade School, Fort Worth, Texas	2022
Graduate Student Representative, TCU Board of Trustees, Student Relations Committee	2021

Graduate Student Representative, TCU Board of Trustees, Academic Affairs Committee	2021
Volunteer, Benjamin Schmidt 10 th Memorial Symposium, TCU	2021
Panelist, Greater DFW Graduate Student Leadership Forum	2021
TCU Graduate Student Senate, Executive Board, VP of Elections and Logistics	2021-2022
TCU Graduate Student Panel, Forum for Graduate Students	2021
TCU Graduate Student Senate, Executive Board, Chair of Policy and Advocacy	2020-2021
History Fair Judge, Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center, Fort Worth, Texas	2020
History Fair Judge, McLean Middle School, Fort Worth, Texas	2019
National History Day Judge, TCC South Collegiate High School, Fort Worth, Texas	2019
Graduate Student Representative, Job Search Committee, Texas Christian University	2019
Assistant Organizer, Midwest Victorian Studies Conference at Texas Christian University	2019
Webpage Editor, History Department, Texas Christian University	2018-2019

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Teaching Award, TCU History Department	2023
Senator of the Month, TCU Graduate Student Senate	February 2023
Graduate Student Senate, Community Impact Service Award	2022
Winnie Henry Cannon Scholarship Award, TCU History Department	2022
Best Graduate Student Research Paper, History Department, Texas Christian University	2019
“Bandits, Spanish Trade Caravans, and the Environment: The Neutral Ground in Flux, 1806-1813”	

COURSES TAUGHT

Survey of American History to 1865/1877 – (HIST 1133) (both in-person and online)
 Survey of American History Since 1865/1877 – (HIST 1133)
 Survey of Texas History – (HIST 3003/5003)
 History of Texas to 1850 – (HIST 3345)
 The Writing of History – (HIST 3903)
 The Early American Frontier – (HIST 40723)
 Special Topics: North American Borderlands to 1890 (HIST 4933/5933)
 First Year Mustangs Adventures – (MWSU 1230)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

Faculty Sponsor and Advisor – Melody Delamarter, “Old Empire, Young Nation: A Semi-quincentennial Analysis of Ten Spanish and Spanish-American Perspectives on the Emergent United States.” EURECA sponsored project at Midwestern State University. Spring 2026.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance for Texas History
 East Texas Historical Association
 Louisiana Historical Association
 Organization of American Historians
 Society of Historians of the Early American Republic

