

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Background

- 1972 Lewis and Clark College
 Portland, Oregon
 Bachelor of Science, History (Honors)
- 1981 University of California, Santa Barbara
 Santa Barbara, California
 Ph.D., History

Academic Employment History

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, 1980-1981

Portland, Oregon

Curriculum Developer

Served as a curriculum assistant to the Director of Outdoor Education. Activities included planning courses in environmental awareness, Native American culture, and outdoor survival and participation in instruction in these areas with other museum personnel.

Rutgers University, 1981-1984

Visiting Assistant Professor

Served as a replacement for two senior faculty members who were on sabbatical leave, one for two years (1981 -1983) and the second for one year (1983-1984). Taught a range of undergraduate courses in my fields of specialization including the first half of the U.S. history survey, a number of courses in Native American and American Western history, and two senior research seminars.

Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, 1984-1985

Resident Fellow

A one-year research fellowship at Harvard's center for studies of American civilization and history. Activities included participation in the regular seminars held throughout the year, consulting with faculty and students in the History of American Civilization Program, and presenting original research to the New England academic community. The research undertaken related to activities by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions among Native American groups during the first half of the nineteenth century.

University of Texas-Pan American

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Asst. Professor (1985-1988); Assoc. Professor (1988-2013) Professor (2014-present)

Have taught a wide variety of courses on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Professional Achievement

Books

- Christopher L. Miller. *Prophetic Worlds: Indians and Whites on the Columbia Plateau*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press 1985; 2 ed., Columbia Northwest Classics Series, Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2003.
- Carol Berkin, Christopher L. Miller, Robert Cherny, and James Gormly. *Making America: A History of the United States*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1 ed., 1995; 2 ed., 1998; 3 ed., 2003; 4 ed., 2006; 5 ed., 2008; 6 ed., 2012; 7 ed., 2015.
- Carol Berkin, Christopher L. Miller, Robert Cherny, James Gormly, and Thomas Mainwaring *Making America: A History of the United States, Brief Edition*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1 ed., 1997; 2 ed., 2000.
- Carol Berkin, Christopher L. Miller, Robert Cherny, and James Gormly. *Making The American Constitution*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
- Carol Berkin, Christopher L. Miller, Robert Cherny, James Gormly, Douglas Egerton, and Kelly Woestman, *Making America: A History of the United States, Brief Edition*. Boston: Wadsworth, 5 ed., 2011; 6 ed. 2014.
- Ali Arslan and Christopher L. Miller, eds., *Relationships of the USA and The Greater Middle East*, Special Issue, *History Studies, International Journal of History*, 2011.
- Christopher L. Miller, ed., *History by Era: The Americas to 1620*. New York: The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2011.
- Tamer Balci and Christopher L. Miller, eds, *The Gülen Hizmet Movement: Circumspect Activism in Faith Based Reform* (Newcastle [England]: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012).
- Christopher L. Miller, Roseann Bacha-Garza, Russell K. Skowronek, *Blue and Gray on the Rio Grande: The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail, 1846–1876*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2018.
- Roseann Bacha-Garza, Christopher L. Mille, Russell K. Skowronek, eds., *The Civil War on the Rio Grande, 1846–1876*. College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2019.

Journal Articles

- Christopher L. Miller and George M. Hamell. "A New Approach to Indian-white Contact: Colonial Trade and Cultural Symbolism." *Journal of American History*, 73 (1986), 311-328.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Indian Patriotism: Warriors Versus Negotiators," *American Indian Quarterly* 17 (1993), 343-349.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Dancing with Coyote: Change and Continuity in Plateau Indian Culture," *Okanogan County Heritage* 44 (2006), 21-22.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Avast! How the US built a Navy, Sent in the Marines, and Faced Down the Barbary Pirates," *History Now* 20 (June 2009) http://www.historynow.org/06_2009/historian3.html.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Change and Crisis: North America on the Eve of the European Invasion," *History Now* 25 (Fall 2010) <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-by-era/american-indians/essays/change-and-crisis-north-america-eve-european-invasion>.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Adopting the 'Other': A Peculiar U.S. Orientalism in the Response to the Circassian War, 1838-1859," *History Studies* Special Issue, 2011, 189-204.
- Christopher L. Miller, "'Marked Out by the Will of Heaven to Sway the Destinies of Half the Globe:' The Peculiar Imperialism of The United States And Russia," *History Studies* 4:3 (2012), 113-136.
- Christopher L. Miller and Russell K. Skowronek, "Creating the Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail," *Extra Studies in Rio Grande Valley History*, 14 (2016), 457-478.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Excavating American History: The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail," *History Now*, 49 (Fall 2017). <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/node/178000>
- Christopher L. Miller, "American Missionaries and the Formalization of Modern Bulgarian National Consciousness," *East European Quarterly*, 45 (2017), 163-184. politicalscience.ceu.edu/east-european-quarterly.

Articles in Anthologies

- Christopher L. Miller and George M. Hamell. "A New Approach to Indian-white Contact: Colonial Trade and Cultural Symbolism," in *American Encounters: Natives and Newcomers from European Contacts to Indian Removal, 1500-1850* ed. Peter C. Mancall and James H. Merrell (New York: Routledge, 2000), 176-193.

- Christopher L. Miller. "Coyote's Game: Indian Casinos and the Indian Presence in Contemporary America," in *American Indians in American History, 1870-2000: A Companion Reader*, ed. Sterling Evans, (New York: Praeger, 2001).
- Christopher L. Miller, "The Gülen Hizmet Movement and Secularization Theory: Explaining the Improbable," in *The Gülen Hizmet Movement: Circumspect Activism in Faith Based Reform* ed. Tamer Balci and Christopher L. Miller (Newcastle [England]: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012), 165-187.
- Tamer Balci and Christopher L. Miller, "Introduction: The Gülen Hizmet Movement, a Cautionary Tale," in *The Gülen Hizmet Movement: Circumspect Activism in Faith Based Reform* ed. Tamer Balci and Christopher L. Miller (Newcastle [England]: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012), 1-21.
- Christopher L. Miller and Tamer Balci, "Interdisciplinary Inquiry and the Gülen Gestalt," in *The Gülen Hizmet Movement: Circumspect Activism in Faith Based Reform* ed. Tamer Balci and Christopher L. Miller (Newcastle [England]: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012), 233-250.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Prelude to Rivalry: The Frontier Foundations of Two Global Empires," in *The Soviet Union and the United States: Rivals of the Twentieth-Century: Coexistence and Competition* ed. Eva-Marie Stolberg, (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2013), 11-32.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Samsun: Withstanding the Challenge of Being the Gateway to American Anatolia," in *Geçmişten Günümüze Samsun/Canik ve Değerler*, ed. Osman Köse (Samsun [Turkey]: Canik Belediyesi Kültür Yayinlari, 2015, 143-154.
- Christopher L. Miller, "The Contested History of the Rio Grande Valley: Framing the Civil War Era," in Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, and Roseann Bacha-Garza, *Blue and Gray on the Border: The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail* (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2018), xiii-xix.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Preface: Born of Frustration: Building the Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail," in Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, and Roseann Bacha-Garza. *Blue and Gray on the Border: The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail*, (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2018), 3-30.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Introduction," in Rolando Avila, *The Civil War Era and the Lower Rio Grande Valley: A Brief History* (Edinburg, TX: Community Historical Archaeology Project with Schools, 2018), 1-4.
- Christopher L. Miller, "Prelude: From the Seno Mexicano Frontier to the Nueces Strip Borderland," in *Civil War on the Rio Grande, 1846-1877* (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2019), 1-26.

Articles in Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

- Christopher L. Miller. "Smohalla," *Encyclopedia of the American Indian* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1996), s.v.
- Christopher L. Miller. "Plateau Indian Life," *Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century* (New York: Macmillan, 1999), s.v.
- Christopher L. Miller. "Indian Life in the Pacific Northwest," *Dictionary of American History* (New York: Macmillan, 2001), s.v.

Museum Exhibits

- Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, Roseann Bacha-Garza, curators. "Fort Brown: Sentinel on the Border," April 2018.
- Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, Roseann Bacha-Garza, curators, "War and Peace on the Rio Grande," February 2019.

Documentary Films

- Christopher L. Miller, and Russell K. Skowronek, executive producers, "Cotton Times," September 2015.
- Christopher L. Miller, and Russell K. Skowronek, executive producers, "And Then the Soldiers Were Gone," (March 2017 - Present).
- Christopher L. Miller, and Russell K. Skowronek, executive producers, "Juneteenth--A Letter from Roma," March 2018.
- Christopher L. Miller, and Russell K. Skowronek, executive producers, "Just a Ferry Ride to Freedom," February 2019.

Academic Presentations (since 1988)

- "The Evangelical Response to Social Change in the Troubled Corridor': The Case of the American Board," Southeastern New England: The Region's Troubled Corridor, Center for Connecticut Studies, 1988.
- "Nativistic Religions," Annual Meeting, American Society for Ethnohistory, 1988.
- "Using 'Computer Assisted Instruction' in the History Classroom," Annual Meeting, National Social Science Association, 1989.
- "The White Man's Indian' and Imperialism Theory," University of Texas - Pan American Faculty Colloquium Series, 1989.
- "Indian Patriotism: Warriors vs. Negotiators," Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, 1989.
- "Computer Assisted Instruction and Social Science Teaching: Factual Grounding for History Students," Annual Meeting, National Social Science Association, 1990.
- "History as a Laboratory for Social Science Research," Annual Meeting, National Social Science Association, 1990.
- "The Role of Structured Writing in the American History Curriculum," Instructional Seminar, Collin County Community College District, Plainview, Texas, 1995.
- "Structured Approaches to Teaching the American Survey," History Department, University of North Texas, 1995.
- "The National Standards and Teaching American History," University of North Texas Annual Teaching Conference, 1995.
- "Coyote's Game: Casino Gambling and the Indian Presence in Contemporary America," Mid-America History Conference, 1996.
- "The Art of Persuasion: Religious Tract Illustrations and the Rise of Bourgeois Culture in Early Nineteenth-Century America," Annual Meeting, Pacific Coast Branch American Historical Association, 1997.
- "Indian Casinos and the Problems of Sovereignty and Identity in Contemporary America," Center for Indian Community Development, Humboldt State University, 1998.
- "American Indians in History Textbooks," American Indian Civics and Contemporary Textbooks: A Critical Survey. American Indian Civics in Today's Classrooms, Center for Indian Community Development, Humboldt State University, 1999.
- "Supreme Court Decisions and Indian Sovereignty Issues," American Indian Civics in Today's Classrooms. Chair, chief discussant, Center for Indian Community Development, Humboldt State University, 1999.
- "Beyond Prophetic Worlds: The Sacred and the Historical in the Experiences of Indians and Non-Indians," American Indian Civics in Today's Classrooms, Center for Indian Community Development, Humboldt State University, 1999.
- "Writing the West into U.S. History Textbooks: A Roundtable," Western History Association, Annual Conference 2000.
- "Rethinking the Survey Course for the Internet: The University of Texas Experience," American Historical Association, Annual Conference, 2001.
- "'I thought I was doing right': Censured Behavior and Gender Construction for Women in Antebellum Christian Missions," Organization of American Historians, Annual Conference, 2001.
- "Be Creative, Be Effective, Obey the Law: Pick Two; Online Teaching and the Enigma of Intellectual Property Law," Interactive Technology Distance Education Conference, 2002.
- "Prophecy on the Columbia Plateau," Okanogan Historical Society Summer Lectureship Series, 2006
- "Appropriating Identities: Transformation and Cultural Continuity in Plateau Indian Societies," presented at "The Palúus: Honoring A People and Their Land" [Nu'nim Wa'tish'wa], Plateau Center for American Indian Studies, Washington State University, Pullman, WA October 4-6 2006.
- "Material Culture and Middle-Class Formation in Antebellum America," Annual Nikolay V. Sivachev Lecture, Moscow State University, Russian Federation, March 2007.
- "The Native American Renaissance in Contemporary America: Casino Gambling and Cultural Revitalization," American Center and Library, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 2007.
- "'We will feel for those who are fighting for their lives and their freedom': Anti-imperialism and American Press Coverage of the "Circassian War", 1838-1859" Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 16-19, 2009.
- "The Gülen Movement and American Secularism," Peace Through Faith-Based Grassroots Organization? Exploring the Gülen Movement, UTPA, March 2010.
- "Framing the Arab Spring in the US: Islamophobia, Israelifilia, and the Debate over Democracy," Panel on the Arab Spring, UTPA, April 2012.
- "Secularization and Moderate Islam in Contemporary Politics: A Roundtable Discussion" UTPA, April 2013.
- "The Role of Missionaries in the Construction of American Orientalism: The Case of the Ottoman Empire," 1st Turkish-American Relations Congress, Istanbul University, Turkey, October, 2013.

- "Samsun: The Gateway to American Anatolia," 3d International Canik/Samsun Conference, Samsun, Turkey, October, 2013.
- "Russia's Frontier Past and Putin's Cowboy Present," Nationalism and Empire: With a Specific Focus on the Current Crisis in Ukraine, UTPA, March 2014.
- "Launching a Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail," Community Organizing Meeting for the Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail Project, May 22, 2014.
- "The Ideological Origins of US Orientalism as an Antebellum Phenomenon," Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 17-20, 2014.
- "American Missionaries and the Formalization of Bulgarian Nationalism," III International Symposium on Balkan History Studies, Bucharest, Romania, April 22-26, 2015.
- "Evangelical Print Culture and the Global Projection of Developmental Idealism," NETSOL International Symposium, Milan, Italy, April 28-30, 2016.
- "The Role of Urban Spaces in the Rise of Bulgarian National Consciousness: A Theoretical Perspective," IV International Symposium on Balkan History Studies, Sarajevo, Bosnia/Herzegovina, June 1-5, 2016.
- "Pre-Colonial NGOs: American Cultural Hegemony and Protestant Missions in the Greater Middle East," International Symposium on Middle East Relations, Edinburg, Texas, September 5-7, 2016
- "The Philanthropy Machine and U.S.-Ottoman Relations in the 19th Century," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, Virginia, June 22-24, 2017.
- Roundtable on Asian Studies*, Asian Studies Conference Asian Studies Program, UTRGV, Edinburg, TX, November 8, 2017.

Grants and Fellowships (since 1988)

- "The American Board and the Industrial Order: Social Analysis of an Evangelical Community, 1810-1860," Submitted to the Pan American University Research Council, 1989 (funded).
- "Bourgeois Saints: Missionaries and the Development of Middle-Class Culture in Antebellum America," Submitted to the University of Texas - Pan American Research Council, 1990 (funded).
- "Title III Institutional Development Grant, University of Texas-Pan American," Submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, 1990 (funded).
- "Indians In American History," Submitted to the University of Texas-Pan American Research Council, 1996 (funded).
- "Indian Casinos and the Problems of Sovereignty and Identity in Contemporary America," Submitted to the Kellogg Foundation, 1999 (funded).
- "Three-Year Online History Curriculum Development and Mentoring Grant," Submitted to the University of Texas System TeleCampus, 2000 (funded).
- Nikolay V. Sivichev Distinguished Professor of American Studies, Lomonosov State University, Moscow, Russian Federation and Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, 2007.
- The Civil War and the Rio Grande Valley: A Proposal for Developing a Popular Program of Historic Engagement and Interpretation, submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities, August 15, 2012 (not funded).
- The Civil War in the Rio Grande Valley Virtual Trail, Submitted to the Summerlee Foundation, August 2013 (funded).
- The Civil War in the Rio Grande Valley Virtual Trail, Supplemental Funding, Submitted to the Summerlee Foundation, August 2014 (funded).
- The Civil War in the Rio Grande Valley Virtual Trail, Submitted to the City Council, Rio Grande City, June 2014 (funded).
- The Civil War in the Rio Grande Valley Virtual Trail, Submitted to the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation, August 2014 (funded).
- The Civil War and the Rio Grande Trail," Submitted to the City of Roma, Texas, March 2014 (funded).
- "Volcanos, Points, and People" Submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities, January 2017 (not funded)
- The Civil War and the Rio Grande Valley, Submitted to the Texas Historical Foundation, February 2017 (funded)
- The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail, Submitted to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund, Texas Historical Commission, January 2018 (funded)
- "Ancient Landscapes of South Texas," Submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities, January 2018 (not funded)

Book Reviews (since 1988)

- William G. McLoughlin, *Cherokee Renaissance in the New Republic* (Princeton: Princeton U. Pr., 1987) *New Mexico Historical Review*; 64:2 (1989), 253-254.
- Howard L. Harrod, *Renewing the World: Plains Indian Religion and Morality* (Tucson: U. of Arizona Pr., 1987) *Western Historical Quarterly* 20:3 (1989), 354-355.
- Hana Samek, *The Blackfoot Confederacy, 1880-1920: A Comparative Study of Canadian and U.S. Indian Policy* (Albuquerque: U. of New Mexico Pr., 1987) *American Historical Review* 95:2 (1990), 624-625.
- Donald B. Smith, *Sacred Feathers: The Reverend Peter Jones (Kahkewaquonqbij) and the Mississauga Indians*, (Lincoln: U. of Nebraska Pr., 1987) *New Mexico Historical Review* 65:1 (1990), 99.
- Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown, *Dreamer-Prophets of the Columbia Plateau: Smohalla and Skolaskin* (Norman: U. of Oklahoma Pr., 1989) *Pacific Historical Review* 59:4 (1990), 560-561.
- Terrence O'Donnell, *An Arrow in the Earth: General Joel Palmer and the Indians of Oregon* (Portland: Oregon Hist. Soc., 1991) *Journal of American History* 81:2 (1994), 702.
- Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown, *John Slocum and the Indian Shaker Church* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1996) and Norman J. Bender, *Sheldon Jackson and Presbyterianism on the Rocky Mountain Frontier, 1869-1880* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996) *Western Historical Quarterly* 28:3 (1997), 428.
- Howard L. Harrod, *Becoming and Remaining a People: Native American Religions on the Northern Plains* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1995) *American Indian Quarterly* 22:4 (1998), 505-507.
- Wilbur Sturtevant Nye, *Bab Medicine and Good: Tales of the Kiowas* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1997) *Journal of American History* 85:4 (1999): 1608-1609.
- David LaVere, *Life Among the Texas Indians: The WPA Narratives* (College Station: Texas A. & M. U. Pr., 1998) *New Mexico Historical Review* 74:4 (1999): 423-424.
- David Murray, *Indian Giving: Economies of Power in Early Indian-White Exchanges* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2000) *New England Quarterly* 73:4 (2000), 664-666.
- Lillian A. Ackerman, *A Necessary Balance: Gender and Power among Indians of the Columbia Plateau* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2003) *Western Historical Quarterly* 36:1 (2005), 72-73.
- Mary Jane Warde, *George Washington Grayson and the Creek Nation, 1843-1920* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1999) *American Indian Quarterly* 29:1/2 (2005), 314-316.
- Jack Jackson, *Indian Agent: Peter Ellis Bean in Mexican Texas* (College Station: Texas A & M Press, 2005) *Journal of Southern History* 74:2 (2008), 439-440.
- J. Diane Pearson, "The Nez Perces in the Indian Territory: Nimiipuu Survival," (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008) *Journal of American History* 96:1 (2009), 243-244.
- Gray H. Whaley, *Oregon and the Collapse of Illahee: U.S. Empire and the Transformation of an Indigenous World, 1792-1859* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010) and Andrew H. Fisher, *Shadow Tribe: The Making of Columbia River Indian Identity* by. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2010) *Ethnohistory* 58:3 (2011), 533-536.
- Blanca Tovias, *Colonialism on the Prairies: Blackfoot Settlement and Cultural Transformation, 1870-1920* (Portland, Or: Sussex Academic Press, 2011) *Western Historical Quarterly* 43:4 (2012), 513-514.
- Daniel J. Sharfstein, (2018). *Thunder in the Mountains: Chief Joseph, Oliver Otis Howard, and the Nez Perce War* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2017) *Journal of American History* 104:4 (2018), 1027.