

Curriculum Vitae

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Lecturer I

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Education:

M.A. History – August 2013

University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX

Thesis: San Juan and its Role in the Transformation of the Rio Grande Valley

Anthropology Graduate equivalent (UTRGV) May 2019

B.A., Fashion Merchandising, May 1986

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Art History courses: 21 undergraduate credits Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY), 3 graduate credits Hunter College (CUNY)

Academic Employment History:

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, August 2015 – Present

Lecturer I; US History I (HIST 1301), US History II (HIST 1302), and Expressive Cultures (ANTH 1354), Interdisciplinary Class *Discovering the Rio Grande Valley* Cultural Heritage Preservation Project (ANTH 4315)

Project Director, November 2009 – present

CHAPS – Community Historical Archaeology Project with Schools

University of Rio Grande Valley (formerly University of Texas-Pan American) Edinburg, TX

Books

- Roseann Bacha-Garza, Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, *The Civil War on the Rio Grande, 1846-1876*, Texas A&M University Press. January 2019. (Texas State Historical Association award nominee for the Kate Broocks Bates Award for Historical Research, February 2020, TOMFRA Runner-up, 2019 Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Book Award)
- Christopher L. Miller, Russell K. Skowronek, and Roseann Bacha-Garza, *Blue and Gray on the Rio Grande, The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail*, Texas A&M University Press, December 2018. (TOMFRA Runner-up, 2019 Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Book Award)
- Editor: Alfaro, Edna C., Roseann Bacha-Garza, Margaret Dorsey, Sonia Hernandez and Russell K. Skowronek, *From Porciones to Colonias: The Power of Place- and Community-Based Learning in K-12 education – A Case Study from the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas*, Edinburg, TX: University of Texas-Pan American, December 2014
- Editor: Lovett, Bobbie, Juan González, Roseann Bacha-Garza and Russell K. Skowronek, *The Native American Peoples of South Texas*, Edinburg, TX: University of Texas-Pan American, March 2014.

- Author: Roseann Bacha-Garza and San Juan Economic Development Corporation, *Images of America: San Juan*, Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, February 2010. (Preservation Texas Heritage Education Award)

Articles

- Bacha-Garza, Roseann, Christopher L. Miller, and Russell K. Skowronek, *Creating the Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail, Extra Studies in Rio Grande Valley History*, Edited by Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta, and Thomas Daniel Knight, The UT Rio Grande Valley Regional History Series, Vol. 14, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, 2016, pp. 457-478.

Webinars:

- Texas Historical Commission, History Programs Division, THC Museum Services, “*Bringing History to the Classroom: Outreach for Museums*”, education webinar, March 20, 2018

Public Radio/TV Interviews

- WNYC Public Radio, The Takeaway, *The Underground Railroad to Mexico* – Interview with Tanzina Vega, New York, NY, October 5, 2020
<https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/takeaway/segments/underground-railroad-helping-slaves-escape-mexico>
- BBC World Service Radio, Newsday Report, “*A Focus on American History - Slaves Escape to Freedom into Mexico Thanks to the Jackson and Webber Families,*” Interview with Bola Mosuro, London, England, September 18, 2020
- KRGV TV Channel 5 News story “UTRGV researchers highlight Rio Grande Valley's role in the Underground Railroad” television interview with Roseann Bacha-Garza, June 17, 2020 – 10pm news, <https://www.krgv.com/news/utrgv-researchers-highlight-rio-grande-valley-s-role-in-the-underground-railroad>
- Telemundo/NBC Universal, Black History in South Texas/Black History Month Story, Television Interview with Jorge Almaraz, McAllen, TX, June 25, 2020, <https://www.telemundo40.com/noticias/local/un-vistazo-a-la-historia-afroamericana-en-el-valle-de-texas/2051398/>
- NPR Radio/Houston Matters “The Bigger Picture: Why Harriet Deserves Better,” Interview of Roseann Bacha-Garza with Joshua Zinn (southern routes of Underground Railroad) aired November 22, 2019.
- BBC/The World, Global Nation-Stories of a Changing America and Its People Interview, *The Underground Railroad took Slaves to Freedom in Mexico*, March 29, 2017.
- NPR’s Latino USA, KUT Texas Standard, *This Other Underground Railroad Ran Through South Texas*, February 17, 2017.

Other Interviews:

- Humanities and Social Sciences Online: HNET author interview, Roseann Bacha-Garza, Christopher L. Miller and Russell K. Skowronek – *The Civil War on the Rio Grande 1846-1876*, Part 1, April 30, 2019 <https://networks.h-net.org/node/4113/discussions/4061604/author-interview-civil-war-rio-grande-1846-1876-roseann-bacha>

- Humanities and Social Sciences Online: HNET author interview, Roseann Bacha-Garza, Christopher L. Miller and Russell K. Skowronek – *The Civil War on the Rio Grande 1846-1876*, Part 2, May 9, 2019 <https://networks.h-net.org/node/4113/discussions/4103708/author-interview-roseann-bacha-garza-editor-christopher-l-miller>

Professional Experience – conferences, workshops and public outreach

- Old Baldy Roundtable of Greater Philadelphia - *Civil War on the Rio Grande 1846-1876: Perspective of a Scholarly Anthology*, Zoom Presentation Live, Monmouth, NJ. July 9, 2020
- California State University – Dominguez Hills, Africana Studies Department, “*Underground Railroad from South Texas into Mexico: Pathways to Freedom along a Fluid Border*,” Los Angeles, CA, February 25, 2020
- Museum of South Texas History – presentation of CHAPS Program documentary film and discussion, “*Just a Ferry Ride to Freedom*” – Edinburg, TX, February 14, 2020
- Windows to the Past Program, “*The Underground Railroad Through South Texas to Mexico*,” San Benito Historical Museum, San Benito, TX, February 4, 2020
- Texas Master Naturalists South Texas Chapter, “*And Then the Soldiers Were Gone: Fort Ringgold and Rio Grande City*,” documentary film presentation and discussion, Pharr, TX, January 20, 2020
- Webb County Heritage Foundation, “*War & Peace on the Rio Grande 1861-1867 – A Traveling Museum Exhibit*,” Villa Antigua Border Heritage Museum, Laredo, TX, January 17, 2020
- South Texas College, History Department Curriculum workshop, “*The Civil War Era and the Lower Rio Grande Valley – Lesson Plans, Test Bank and Teaching Strategies*,” Mid-Valley Campus, Weslaco, TX, November 22, 2019
- Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, “*Ancient Landscapes of South Texas: Community Engagement, Education, Research*,” Amarillo, TX, October 12, 2019
- Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, “*Blue and Gray on the Border: The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail*,” Amarillo, TX, October 12, 2019
- Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, “*The Civil War on the Rio Grande, 1846-1876*,” Amarillo, TX October 12, 2019
- Juneteenth Observation Community Event, “*Just a Ferry Ride to Freedom*” film screening and Roundtable Discussion, Cine El Rey Theater, McAllen, TX, June 19, 2019
- Region One District Leadership Team (Librarians), “*RGV Civil War Trail Traveling Trunk for K-12 Education*”, Region One ESC Headquarters, Edinburg, TX, May 2, 2019
- UTRGV College of Liberal Arts – NEXUS Conference — Community Engagement CHAPS Presentation table and “*Mixed Race Colonies Along the Antebellum Rio Grande*,” April 3, 2019
- “*The Underground Railroad Through South Texas to Mexico: Emancipated Slaves and Mixed-Race Colonies Along the Rio Grande*”, Texas Historical Commission - Texas Tropical Trails monthly tourism program, City of Pharr Economic Development Corporation/Pharr Library, April 17, 2018
- Sunday Speaker Series Lecture, *The Underground Railroad Through South Texas and into Mexico*, Museum of South Texas History, November 19, 2017.
- Daughters of the American Revolution lecture, *Mixed Race Colonies along the Rio Grande and their Role in the Underground Railroad*, McAllen, TX October 5, 2017.
- Valley Roots Series Lecture, *The Underground Railroad Through South Texas and into Mexico*, McAllen Public Library, August 24, 2017

- “*Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail*” Professional Development Workshop for K-12 Educators Coordinator and Speaker, Feb 26, 2016, Feb 24, 2017, April 6, 2018, Sept 21, 2018 & April 5, 2019.
- “*Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail*” Professional Development Workshop for K-12 Educators and Community Engagement Launch & Public Lecture Series Coordinator, February 27-28, 2015
- *Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail Heritage Tourism Awareness*, Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation sponsored project, 14 highway signs to mark sites on the trail, December 2016
- 35th Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference: Los Caminos Del Rio – McAllen, TX – *Native American Peoples of the Rio Grande Valley Region: Promoting Cultural Heritage Pride among Valley Residents through Historical Awareness and Curriculum Development* – September 26-27, 2014.
- “*The Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail*”, Texas Historical Commission – Texas Tropical Trails monthly educational program, Lyford, Willacy County, TX — July 15, 2014
- “*Native American Peoples of South Texas: A Travelling Trunk for K-12 Education*” grant-sponsored (Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation of Dallas) professional development workshop, June 6, 2014
- “*From Porciones to Colonias: Place-Based Learning in K-12 Curriculum*” NEH grant-sponsored teacher professional development conference – presentation & round table discussion: CHAPS K-12 curriculum development & classroom implementation results – UTPA Campus – March 23, 2013
- “*The CHAPS Program at UTPA*” - 33rd Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference: Los Caminos Del Rio – South Padre Island, TX — October 12, 2012
- “*From Porciones to Colonias: Curriculum Innovation in the Rio Grande Valley*” NEH-funded teacher professional development workshop June 11-22, 2012 – workshop coordinator
- San Juan Downtown Historic Trail (Texas Heritage Trails Program, Texas Historical Commission – Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant) - Project Coordinator: November 2011- September 2012
- “*Navigate your future by uncovering your past: Archaeology and History of the Lower Rio Grande Valley*” FESTIBA Lecture Series – March 29, 2011- lecture team member/presenter
- *Faces of America*, broadcast February 2010 - local research associate for documentary film maker of a PBS special. Historical research with regard to Starr County Spanish Land Grantee of *Porcion # 94* - Pedro Longoria family, La Grulla, TX. (Ark Media, Park Slope, NY)
- *Feast of Our Lady of San Juan – Patroness of Migrant Farm Workers* – Coordinator of Senator Lucio’s presentation of the Texas State Resolution # 1026 honoring Antonio Orendain and Proclamation honoring members of the Texas Farm Workers Union - October 22, 2009

Research Projects:

- Ancient Landscapes of South Texas
- Rio Grande Valley Civil War Trail
- Native American Peoples of South Texas
- Oral Histories – housed in UTRGV Special Collections Library/Border Studies Archives
 - Norma Ramirez - daughter of Claudio Ramirez, Texas Farm Workers Union 1977 Human Rights March to Washington, DC

- Lolo Baeza – retired Civilian Conservation Corps worker, Fort Davis, TX
- Glenn Housley – Vice President Hidalgo County Historical Commission, Weslaco, TX
- Eva Casas Martinez – retired elementary school principal, Pharr, TX