

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2010-Present **Ph.D. Candidate in Borderland History, University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)**
Expected Completion: Summer 2016
Major: Doctoral Degree in History
- Masters in Arts in History, University of Texas at El Paso**
May 2013
Major: History
- 2007-2010 **Bachelors in Arts, California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)**
May 2010
Major: History
Minor: Communication
- 2003-2007 **Associates of Arts, Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC)**
June 2007
Major: General Education

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad: Immigration; Gender; Labor; Latin America; Asian and Mexican Migration; International Law; 20th Century United States; Chicano History, US-Mexico Border, 20th Century Borderlands

Specific: Border Patrol and Militarization of the border; Immigrant labor and its effect on Immigration Law; Mexican-American identity in the United States; American Civil Rights Movement, United States international policy in the 20th century; Women in Mexico during the Bracero Program (1942-1964); Women in labor and its impact in the home.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015 –Present **University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)**
History Lecturer

2010 –2015

University of Texas, El Paso
Instructor/ Assistant Instructor

COURSES INSTRUCTED

History 1302 - History of the United States Since 1865

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the social, intellectual, economic, and political developments that have molded the history of America from the end of the Civil War to the attacks of 9/11 and its present impact on the United States.

History 2301 - World History to 1500

This course is designed to present a global approach to the history of civilization to 1500. The course will present the history of an integrated, or at least interconnected, world. Students will study cultural, social, economic, and political development in the societies of Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Particular emphasis will be given to social history and the history of ideas.

History 2302 - World History Since 1500

This course is designed to present a global approach to the history of civilization from 1500 through the twentieth century. The course will present the history of an integrated, or at least interconnected, world. Particular emphasis is placed on the interaction of diverse civilizations and cultures.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014

Archival/Researcher
Dodson Research Grant
Archivos General de la Nación

Conducted research on the Bracero Program at the Archivo General de la Nación in Mexico City. In the city of Guadalajara and surrounding areas I consulted La Oficina Municipal de San Martin de Hidalgo and El Municipal de Zapotlán del Rey for primary sources regarding the program and the people of Mexico. In La Noria (a village outside Guadalajara) I conducted oral histories that will be used in my dissertation.

2009-2010

Archival/Education Volunteer
Practicum in Applied History
Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum
Supervisor: Allison Brusohaff

Assess artifact conditions for display. Aid in creating and maintain exhibits. Generate an educational program for all grade levels. Receive, review, and process all items and artifacts in order to establish an archive. Additionally aid in all special events.

2009

Research Assistant

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
University of California, Irvine (UCI)
Supervisor: Dr. Gilbert G. González
La Historia de Braceros: Las Voces Mexicanas
Mujeres y Braceros: Voces Mexicanas

Actively research using qualitative and quantitative methodology, analyze data, and report writing. Plan, develop, and engage in research projects such as journal articles, reports, grants, and other projects as necessary. Collect and compile information. Receive, review, and revise documents and research in order to formulate a statistical analysis and interpret findings. Present findings in public forums such as conferences and/or town meetings.

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

2014-2015	\$4,000	UTEP Graduates Grant
2013	\$3,000	Dodson Research Grant
2011	\$1,968	Chancellor's Doctoral Mini-grant
2010	\$30,000	Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program
2010	\$500	California State University Student Research Competition
2010	\$250	Jack Kilfoil Memorial Scholarship in History

FELLOWSHIPS

2010	Smithsonian Minority Awards Program
2009	Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at UCI
2009	Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar

HONORS

2010	Who's Who Award among Undergraduate College Students (CSUDH)
2009	Jack Kilfoil Memorial Scholarship in History - Honorable Mention (CSUDH)
2007	LAHC Part time Dean's Honor List
2005	LAHC Part time Dean's Honor List

PRESENTATIONS

"The Oral History of Women in La Noria, Jalisco: La Pena Negra" Presented at Texas Oral History Association. Waco: Texas, April 21, 2012

"The Women of Mexico and Their Stories: La Pena Negra." Presented at Southwestern Social Science Association. San Diego: California, April 6, 2012

"La Pena Negra." Presented at University of Texas at El Paso Graduate Research Day. El Paso: Texas, November 11, 2011

"Mujeres en Mexico during the Bracero Program." Presented at California State University Statewide Competition. San Jose: California, May 1, 2010

“Las Voces Mexicana: Oral Histories of the Bracero Program.” Presented at Phi Alpha Theta 2010 Biennial Convention, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. San Diego: California, January 6, 2010

“La Historia de Braceros: Immigrant Labor.” Presented at Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research, University of California, Dominguez Hills. Carson: California, November 21, 2009

“La Historia de Braceros: Las Voces Mexicanas.” Presented at the University of California, Irvine 2009 Summer Research Symposium. University of California, Irvine. Irvine: California, August 13, 2009.

“Bracero: The Oral Histories of Mexican Men.” Presented at the University of Puerto Rico, Humacao-Mc Nair Symposium, University of Puerto Rico Humacao. San Juan: Puerto Rico, May 20, 2009

“Offers of Strong Arms: The Personal Experiences of Braceros.” Presented at the Seventh Annual Crossing Border, University of Southern California. Los Angeles: California, March 21, 2009

“Offers of Strong Arms.” Presented at the Fourth Annual Student Research Day, California State University Dominguez Hills. Carson: California, February 19, 2009

DOCUMENTARY

Avila, Mayra. “Las Historias de Braceros: Historias Mexicanas.” (DVD)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2011-2015	Texas History Day Judge (UTEP)
2011-2015	Orange and Blue Day- History Department Recruiter (UTEP)
2012-2014	Muscular Dystrophy Disorder Lock Up Event Volunteer
2012-2013	Muscular Dystrophy Disorder Volunteer Camp Counselor
2006-2010	Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) Softball Coach
2008-2009	Senior Seminar Director-Wilmington Recreation Center
2007-2008	Wilmington Recreation Center Boys Baseball Coach

CONFERENCES ATTENDED/WILL BE ATTENDING

04/2012	Texas Oral History Association
04/2012	Central Michigan Graduate Student Historical Studies Conference
04/2012	The Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting
11/2011	University of Texas at El Paso Student Research Day
05/2010	California State University Statewide Competition
02/2010	California State University, Dominguez Hills Student Research Day
01/2010	Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention
11/2009	Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research
08/2009	University of California, Irvine 2009 Summer Research Symposium
05/2009	University Puerto Rico Hamacoa McNair Symposium
02/2009	University of California Edge Graduate Recruitment Day

02/2009 California State University, Dominguez Hills Student Research Day

MEMBERSHIPS

04/2012-Present *Texas Oral History Association*—Student Affiliate
10/2011-Present *Berkshire Conference on Women's History*—Student Affiliate
09/2009-Present *Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society*—Student Affiliate
03/2009-Present *Organization of American Historians*—Student Affiliate
12/2008-08/2010 Wilmington Recreation Center Public Advisory Board (PAB)

GRADUATE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2009-2010 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
The McNair Scholars Program prepares first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students to pursue a Ph.D. Scholars undergo a full Scholars Graduate school preparation program.

2009 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF)
SURF program offers undergraduate diversity students an opportunity to work closely with faculty mentors on research projects. The program provides the tools needed to facilitate the application, admission, and enrollment process for graduate school.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

- IRB Certified
- Knowledgeable in the operation of software (Microsoft Word, Power Point, Publisher, and Excel)
- Proficient in Chicago writing style
- Proficient in literary search engines
- Effective communication skills
- Spanish- proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing