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Education

Ph.D. (2005) – U.S. History, University of Oklahoma; Dissertation: “Revealing Accounts: General Stores on the South-Central Plains, 1870-1890;” Dissertation Advisor: Albert L. Hurtado

M.A. (1999) – Western History, University of Calgary; Thesis: “The Calgary Exhibition and Stampedes: Culture, Context and Controversy, 1884-1923;” Thesis Advisor: Henry C. Klassen

B.A. (1995) – Urban Studies, University of Calgary

Faculty Appointments

Professor, Department of History, (UTRGV) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Fall 2024

Associate Professor, Department of History, (UTRGV) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (Previously UTPA), Fall 2014

Assistant Professor, Department of History & Philosophy (UTPA) University of Texas - Pan American. Fall 2008

Program Director, Gender & Women’s Studies, (UTRGV) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, 2016-2019

Assistant Chair, Department of History & Philosophy (UTPA) University of Texas - Pan American. 2013-2015

Term Lecturer, Department of History, University of Northern Colorado, 2006-2008

Publications

Books:

By All Accounts: General Stores and Community Life in Texas and Indian Territory (University of Oklahoma Press, 2013; Paperback edition 2021)

Run for Your Lives! Gender and the Runaway Scrape (Texas A&M University Press, 2024)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

“Revitalizing a Gender and Women’s Studies Program in South Texas,” *Oh, the Humanities!* Issue XIX, March 2022

"The Runaway Scrape: Gendered Myths and Wartime Realities," in *In the Shadows of Eagles: Reflections on the Texas Revolution, 1820-1836*, eds. Kenneth Wayne Howell and Charles Swanlund (University of North Texas Press) [accepted, in press]

"That Very Trying Time": Guy Morrison Bryan Recalls the Runaway Scrape" *Central Texas Studies: Journal of the Central Texas Historical Association*, Vol. 3, December 2018

"Madam, You Ought to be the Man Such Times as These": Gendered Confrontations and the Runaway Scrape" *American Nineteenth Century History* 19, No.2, May 2018
<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/uuYHgK2YEB25FJUVn37V/full>

"Southern Reflections: Evolving Attitudes on Race and Region in Indian Territory" *Great Plains Quarterly* 34, No.4, Fall 2014
<http://muse.jhu.edu/article/559349>

"'That is All We Ask for—An Equal Chance:' Oscar James Dunn, Louisiana's First Black Lieutenant Governor," in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, ed. Matthew Lynch (Praeger Publishers, Winter 2012)

"Recording Race: General Stores and Race in the Late Nineteenth-Century Southwest," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 110, No.2, October 2006

"Inside the General Store, Inside the Past: A Cultural Analysis of McAlester's General Store," *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 81, No.1, Spring 2003

"Revealing Accounts: Women's Lives and General Stores," *The Historian* 64, Nos. 3 & 4, Spring and Summer 2002

Book Reviews:

James Silas Calhoun: First Governor of New Mexico Territory and First Indian Agent, in the *Western Historical Quarterly* 54, No. 1 (Spring 2023): 94-95

Women in Texas History by Angela Boswell, in the *Journal of Southern History* 86, No.1 (February 2020): 130-132

Another Year Finds Me in Texas: The Civil War Diary of Lucy Pier Stevens by Vicki Adams Tongate, in the *Journal of Southern History* 83, No.3 (August 2017): 700-701

Pesos and Dollars: Entrepreneurs in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands, 1880-1940 by Alicia M. Dewey, in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 119, No.1 (July 2015): 89-90

Oysters, Macaroni & Beer: Thurber, Texas and the Company Store by Gene Rhea Tucker, in the *Western Historical Quarterly* 45, No.2 (Summer 2014): 208-209

Pregnancy, Motherhood, and Choice in 20th Century Arizona by Mary S. Melcher, in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 117, No.4 (April 2014): 445-446

In the Shadow of Billy the Kid: Susan McSween and the Lincoln County War by Kathleen P. Chamberlain, in *Montana, The Magazine of Western History* 63, No.4 (Winter 2013): 78-80

A People, A Place: The Story of Abilene, Volume 2, The Modern City 1940-2010, by Robert W. Sledge, in the *Journal of Southern History* 79, No.4 (November 2013): 1007-1008

Pfeiffer County: The Tenant Farms and Business Activities of Paul Pfeiffer in Clay County, Arkansas: 1902-1954, in the *Journal of Southern History* 77, No. 1 (February 2011): 196-197

The Uncompromising Diary of Sallie McNeill, 1858-1867, edited with an introduction by Ginny McNeill Raska and Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill, in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 113, No.4 (April 2010): 540-542

How Cities Won the West: Four Centuries of Urban Change in Western North America, by Carl Abbott, in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 113, No. 2 (October 2009): 254-255

All Aboard for Santa Fe: Railway Promotion of the Southwest, 1890s-1930s, by Victoria E. Dye, in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 110, No.1 (July 2006): 147-148

Encyclopedia Articles, Other Scholarly Contributions:

Co-authored with Cynthia Jones, Sandra Hansmann, and Anne Stachura, "Boys Will Be Boys," in *Justified and Philosophy: Shoot First, Think Later*, eds. Rod Carveth and Robert Arp (Open Court Publishing Co., 2015): 145-156

The following selections in *Encyclopedia of Populism* (ABC-Clio, February 2014):
"Populism in the Midwest and Plains;" "Tenant Farming"

The following selections in *Encyclopedia of American History: Revolution and New Nation, 1761-1812*, Volume III, ed. Paul A. Gilje (New York: Facts on File, 2002):
"Martha Washington," "Mercy Otis Warren," "Judith Sargent Murray,"
"Mother Ann Lee," "Charles Cotesworth Pinckney," and "The Shakers."

Conference Activity

Chair: "Perceptions of Gender Across Western Lines," 64th Annual Conference Western History Association (October 2024)

Chair: "And Now for the Rest of the Story, Braving the World of Financial Records," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting (June 2021)

"'A Sanguinary War, Even Upon Women and Children:' Race, Gender, and Runaway Scrape," 125th Annual Meeting, Texas State Historical Assoc. (March 2021)

Chair: "Unfree Labor Regimes in Texas," 60th Annual Conference Western History Association (October 2020)

Chair: "Freebooters All? Reassessing Civil War Era Filibustering," Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting (February 2020)

"Gendered Rhetoric and the Runaway Scrape," South Texas Historical Association Fall Conference (November 2019)

"Deserters, Masculinity, and the Runaway Scrape," Central Texas Historical Association, 2019 Annual Conference (April 2019)

"'Every Manly Feeling': Deserters, Manhood, and the Texas Revolution," 57th Annual Conference Western History Association (November 2017)

"Gendered Contestations During the Runaway Scrape," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities 2017 (June 2017)

"Rural Women, War, and the Runaway Scrape," Rural Women's Studies Association Conference (February 2015)

Plenary Session: Oklahoma History Scholars, "Community Accounting: General Stores and Rural Life," 2014 Oklahoma History Conference (April 2014)

"The German Imprint: German Agricultural Settlements in the Texas Hill Country" Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting (June 2013)

Chair: "Emerging Scholarship in the History of Women and Gender in the American West," Roundtable, 52nd Annual Conference Western History Association (October 2012)

"Teaching the State and Provincial History Courses in the North American West," Roundtable, 51st Annual Conference Western History Association (October 2011)

"The Limits of Racial Uplift: White Women and African Americans in Indian Territory" 50th Annual Conference, Western History Association (October 2010)

"General Store Merchants on the Southern Plains: Agents of Change or Continuity?" 114th Annual Meeting, Texas State Historical Assoc. (March 2010)

Chair/Comment: "Living in the Material World: Food, Clothing, and Space in the American West," Mid-America Conference (October 2009)

"Who's Minding the Store? Rural Merchants and Class Dynamics on the South Central Plains" Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting (June 2009)

"Buying and Borrowing: General Stores and the New Consumer on the South Central Plains" 47th Annual Conference, Western History Association (October 2007)

Panel Discussant: "Rethinking Race, Gender and Regionalism," 47th Annual Western Social Science Association (Spring 2005)

"Revealing Accounts: Women and the General Store in Early Texas and Oklahoma" 43rd Annual Conference, Western History Association (October 2003)

"Women and the General Store in Early Texas and Oklahoma, 1850-1890," 45th Annual Western Social Science Association, (Spring 2003)

"McAlester's General Store," Mid-America Conference, University of Kansas (Fall 2000)

"Cherokees, Black Slaves, and the Question of Benevolence," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Oklahoma Christian University, (Spring 2000), 1st Place Paper Prize

Scholarly Talks, Teaching Workshops, Public Presentations

Texas Historical Commission, San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Site, History Under the Star Lecture Series, Invited Presentation, "Gender and the Runaway Scrape," (June 2024)

"Oh, How They Roar!" Women in the Humanities, A Roundtable Discussion, Women's History Month, Panel Participant (March 21, 2023)

Texas General Land Office, Save Texas History Symposium, Invited Presentation, "A Sanctity No More: The Trauma of the Runaway Scrape (June 17, 2021)

Texas Historical Commission, San Felipe de Austin State Historical Site, Invited Presentation, "Stoic Women and Manly Rebels: Gender and the Texas Revolution," (March 25, 2021)

Humanities Texas, *Teaching Texas History Series*, Invited Presentation, "The Road to Rebellion, 1830-1835," (November 30, 2020)

UTRGV Student Union, Native American History Month, Invited Presentation, "Land Disputes and the Implications of Current Supreme Court Rulings," (November 9, 2020)

Organization of Women Executives (Rio Grande Valley), Invited Presentation, "Valiant Women of the Vote," (June 18, 2020)

UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence, "Challenging Mainstream Narratives: Teaching Women and Gender in Intro Classes, Presenter (February 6, 2020)

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library (Edinburg), Scholars for Life Series, Invited Presentation, "Gender and the Texas Revolution" (March 7, 2019)

Nexus: The CLA's Research, Teaching, and Service Symposium, "Teaching Gender: Incorporating a Gendered Lens into the Classroom," Panelist (Spring 2018)

South Texas College, Women's History Month Speaker Series, Invited Panelist "Time's Up: A Post #MeToo Conversation About Women in American Society" (March 27, 2018)

UTRGV History Dept. Faculty Research Colloquium, "'Every Manly Feeling': Deserters, Manhood, and the Texas Revolution" (November 2017)

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library (Edinburg), Scholars for Life Series, Invited Presentation, "Causes and Consequences of the Texas Revolution" (May 11, 2017)

UTRGV History Dept. Faculty Research Colloquium, "'Madam, You Ought to be the Man Such Times as These'": Gendered Confrontations and the Runaway Scrape" (November 2015)

Festiba Roundtable Panel, "The Challenges of Uniting Communities: Lessons from History" (UTPA, March 2015)

Region One Invited Presentation, "The Texas Economy in the Late Nineteenth Century" (Consecutive Talks: September 14, 15, 2009)

Region One Invited Presentation, "Texas Independence, the Republic, and the Mexican War," (Talk: January 23, 2009)

Academic Awards and Research Grants

Nominated, UTRGV Excellence Award in Student Mentoring, 2017-2018

NEH Humanities Initiatives Grant for Hispanic-Serving Institutions: "Revising the Women's Studies Program" for UTRGV (Awarded \$68,000; January 2017)

UTRGV Faculty Research Council Grant (Awarded \$2,500; July 2016)

Frederick C. Luebke Award 2015, Best Article in the *Great Plains Quarterly*

Recipient, UTPA Faculty Excellence Award for Research 2014-2015 (Nominated 2014, 2015)

University of Northern Colorado: History Department Research Grant – Summer 2007

E. E. Dale – A. M. Gibson Award in Western History (2004) – Outstanding Dissertation Research

Anne Hodges Morgan and H. Wayne Morgan Dissertation Fellowship (2002)

Hudson Fellowship, University of Oklahoma (2002-2004)

National Society of the Colonial Dames of American – American History Award (2002)

*Dr. George P. Hammond Paper Prize – Phi Alpha Theta's National Paper Competition – Best Graduate Student Paper (2001)

A.K. and Ethel T. Christian Award – Outstanding Graduate Work in History (2000), Best Graduate Paper (2002)

Southern Methodist University, Clements-DeGolyer Research Grant (2002)

University of Oklahoma, Graduate College Research Grant (2002)

University of Oklahoma, Graduate Student Senate Research Grant (2002)

Bea Mantooth Estep Graduate Travel Fellowship – (2000)

George Self Department of History Award, University of Calgary (1998)

Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Calgary (Winter 1999)

Teaching: Courses Offered

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (Previously UTPA) –

Courses: Texas History, U.S. History II (U.S. History Since Civil War), History of the American West, Gender in the American West, History of Modern American Women, Senior Research Seminar, Major Problems in Texas History (Graduate), The American West (Graduate), Research Seminar in Texas and the Southwest (Graduate); Special Topics: Gender & Sexuality in U.S. History (Graduate)

University of Northern Colorado - Term Lecturer, Fall 2006 – Summer 2008

Courses: The Early American West. American West Since 1848, Race, Class, & Gender on the Frontier, History of Colorado, Post-1877 U.S. History, Pre-1877 U.S. History

University of Oklahoma – Instructor, May 2002 – Summer 2006

Courses: United States History, Post-1865 (Spring 2006, May 2005, Fall 2004, May 2004, Spring 2003, May 2003), Women in the American West (Summer 2006, Spring 2006, Spring 2005, Summer 2005), History of Modern American Women (Fall 2005), History of the American West (Summer 2004), U.S. History Pre-1865 (May 2002) ***Honors College Courses:** Perspectives in American History—American West, Spring 2006, Fall 2005; Graduate Teaching Assistant: 1999-2004

University of Calgary - Graduate Teaching Assistant: Imperial Russia, Fall 1998

Graduate Research Assistant: Summer 1998

Professional Affiliations

Member, Alliance for Texas History
Member, Texas State Historical Association
Member, Western History Association
Member, Coalition for Western Women's History
Previous Member, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
Previous Member, Agricultural History Society
Previous Member, American Historical Association
Previous Member, Phi Alpha Theta—National History Honors Society
(Local Chapter: Treasurer, 2001-2002, Vice-President, 2000-2001, Faculty Advisor 2010-2015)

Professional Engagement

Program Committee Member (2025, inaugural conference), Alliance for Texas History
Professional Development & Mentoring Committee, Coalition for Western Women's History (CWWH), May 2018-present
Attendee, San Jacinto Symposium, Texas State Historical Association (April 2021)
Branded Session Committee (2015-2018), CWWH
Frederick C. Luebke Award Committee 2015-2016 (best article in the *Great Plains Quarterly*)
Jensen-Miller Prize Committee 2012-2014 (best article in the field of women and gender in the North American West), Western History Association
Chair, Steering Committee (2011-2014), CWWH; *ex officio* (2014-present);
Fundraising Outreach 30 for 30 (Sept. 2019)
Program Committee Member (2015) & Women in Texas History Luncheon Committee, Texas State Historical Association 2015, 2016
External Tenure Reviewer, Candidate from Biola University
Manuscript Reviewer, University of Colorado Press
Manuscript Reviewer, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*
Manuscript Reviewer *Western Historical Quarterly*
Manuscript Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of History*
Manuscript Reviewer, University of Nebraska Press
Judge, National History Day

University/Department Service

UTRGV External Awards Committee Member (2023-present)
Search Committee Chair, 3Y Lecturer Search, European Specialty (2023-2024)
Search Committee Member, Texas/Borderlands Search, Department of History (2022-2023)
Department Ad Hoc Committees: Executive Committee (May 2022-2023); Long Term Goals Working Group (Fall 2021); Summer Enhancement Monies Committee (Spring 2022)
Department Policies Committee (2020-present, Chair 2021-2023)

CLA Undergraduate Enhancement & Growth Committee (May 2022-present)
Search Committee Member, (2) 3Y Lecturers Search (2020-2021)
Search Committee Member, Chair Search, Department of History (2019-2020)
Program Director, Gender & Women's Studies (2016-2019)
Dept. Outreach Committee (2018-2020)
Dept. Policy Committee (2017-2018)
Dept. Undergraduate Program Committee (2016-2017)
Dept. Faculty Evaluation Committee, formerly T&P Committee (2016-2017, Chair: 2017-2018, 2019-2020, 2022-2023, 2023-2024)
Faculty Mentor: Mentors Support Program (2016-2017)
Dept. Policies and Procedures Committee, Chair (2015-2016)
Chair, Search Committee, Borderlands Tenure-Track Position (2015-2016)
Dept. Tenure & Promotion Committee (2014-2015)
Asst. Chair History & Philosophy/History Program Coordinator (2013-2015)
Faculty Development Council (2013-2015)
Member/Past Secretary, University Library Committee, UTPA (2009-1012)
Chair, Undergraduate History Committee, Department of History & Philosophy UTPA (2011-2015)
Past Member/Chair, Personnel Committee, Department of History & Philosophy, UTPA (2008-2011)
Executive Committee, Department of History & Philosophy, UTPA
Member/Chair, Search Committee, U.S. Lecturer Search, UTPA (2009, 2010, 2013)
Member (Full Graduate Status), Graduate Committee, Department of History & Philosophy, UTPA (2009-present)
Gender and Women's Studies Committee, UTPA, 2011-2015
Phi Alpha Theta – Faculty Advisor, Department of History & Philosophy, UTPA (2010-2015)