

Dr. Jamie Starling is an assistant professor of history specializing in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands from the Spanish colonial period through the nineteenth century. Dr. Starling received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Texas El Paso, and his research interests include Roman Catholicism as well as the social history of the borderlands church. His dissertation, "The Bonds of a Common Faith" examined the secularization of the northern frontier of New Spain and Mexico during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, with an emphasis on the intersections of clerical authority, family and community obligations, and personal desires. These themes also informed his article "He Does Not Profess, Until Today, Any Religion"; Catholic Clergy and Intermarriage in Paso del Norte during the Nineteenth Century" in American Catholic Studies (Spring 2015) and his ongoing project on divorce in the borderlands during the nineteenth century. Dr. Starling's teaching interests include courses in Texas, Mexican American, Borderlands, U.S. Southwest history as well as U.S. history surveys. In these courses, archival research, public history, and historical memory in the borderlands comprise a central theme. Dr. Starling is also an affiliate of the Mexican American Studies program at UTRGV, and many of his courses are cross-listed with MAS.