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EDUCATION

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Ph.D., honors, United States History, May 2016.

Advisors: Elizabeth Kuznesof and Jonathan H. Earle

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

M.A., United States History, University of Kansas, December 2012.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Graduate Certificate, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Kansas, December 2012.

Creighton University, Omaha, NE

B.A., History, Communication Studies, and Anthropology, summa cum laude, May 2010.

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2019-Present.

Assistant Professor, History Department, Angelo State University, Fall 2016-Summer 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

A Different Manifest Destiny: Southern Identity, Citizenship, and Survival in Nineteenth-Century South America, University of Nebraska Press, October 1, 2020.

Book Chapters

“Using Positive Psychology to Promote Student Self-Efficacy during Politically Challenging Times” co-author with Dr. Nathan Bigelow, Dr. Lisa Brown, Dr. Danielle Franks, Dr. Felix Harcourt, and Dr. Sandy Philipose in *Navigating Difficult Moments in Teaching Diversity and Social Justice*, published through the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Under contract, December 2021.

“Edward A. Pollard, 1832-1872” in Daniel Woolf and Marnie Hughes-Warrington, eds., *History from Loss* (Taylor & Francis, April 2022). Under contract, December 2020.

“To ‘Serve Both as a Light and as a Beacon to Our Noble Old State’: Southern Citizens in Latin America,” in Paul Quigley, ed., *The Civil War and the Transformation of Citizenship* (Louisiana State University Press, June 2018).

Book Reviews

Beacons of Liberty: International Free Soil and the Fight for Racial Justice in Antebellum America, by Elena K. Abbott for H-Net Reviews, Nationalism, December 2021.

War and Peace on the Rio Grande Frontier, 1830-1880, by Miguel Ángel González-Quiroga for *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Latin American History*, June 2021.

Secession on Trial: The Treason Prosecution of Jefferson Davis, by Cynthia Nicoletti for H-Net Reviews, Nationalism, May 2020.

The Confederate Yellow Fever Conspiracy: The Germ Warfare Plot of Luke Pryor Blackburn, 1864-1865 by H. Leon Greene for H-Net Reviews, Environmental History, February 2020.

The Second American Revolution: The Civil War-Era Struggle over Cuba and the Rebirth of the American Republic by Gregory P. Downs for *Civil War Monitor*, January 2020.

Unrequited Toil: A History of United States Slavery, by Calvin Schermerhorn, for *Journal of the Civil War Era*, September 2019.

The Limits of Liberty: Mobility and the Making of the Eastern U.S.- Mexico Border, by James David Nichols, for H-Net Reviews, Nationalism, March 2019.

American Civil Wars: The United States, Latin America, Europe, and the Crisis of the 1860s, by Don Doyle, ed., for *Civil War Monitor*, February 2017.

Theodore Titus: Antebellum Soldier of Fortune and Florida Pioneer, by Antonio Rafael de la Cova, for *New Mexico Historical Review*, January 2017.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dean Warren Memorial Prize, nominee, best book or article published on the history of Brazil in English, the Conference on Latin American History, June 2021.

The Roy F. Melugin, Jr. Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Humanities, one faculty member in the humanities division, Austin College, May 2021.

Legacies of American Slavery Project, co-author with Dr. Felix Harcourt, Dr. Greg Kinzer, and Ms. Lisa Simpson Emery, the Council of Independent Colleges, the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at the MacMillan Center, Yale University, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, January 2021.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Award, “The Making of Modern Brazil,” National Endowment for the Humanities and Behner Stiefel Center for Brazilian Studies, San Diego State University, June 2020.

Cullen and Richardson Faculty Travel Award, Austin College, December 2019 and October 2019.

Faculty Research Enhancement Program Grant, one faculty member in the College of Arts and Humanities, Office of Sponsored Projects, Angelo State University, June 2019.

Faculty Student Mentor Award, nominee, Angelo State University, October 2018.

Faculty Research Development Grant, one of four faculty members in the College of Arts and Humanities, Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Angelo State University, January 2018.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presenter and Panel Organizer, “Slavery, Safe Zones, and Ships: International Dimensions of Slave Trading and Kidnapping During the Civil War Era,” Society of Civil War Historians Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, (accepted December 2021, forthcoming June 2022).

Attendee, American Historical Association Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX, October 2021 (online due to Covid-19), September 2019.

Attendee, Society of Civil War Historians Annual Meeting, the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, (online due to Covid-19) June 2021.

Presenter and Panel Organizer, “Waterways, Wolves, and World Fairs: Nineteenth-Century Southern Entrepreneurs in Brazil, Mexico, and Central America,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN, November 2020.

Attendee, Gateway Course Experience Conference, Gardner Institute, Chicago, IL, (online due to Covid-19) March 2020.

Presenter, “Fighting Against Filibustering: John H. Reagan and the ‘Southern School,’” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, February 2020.

Presenter, “Proslavery Privilege: Confederado Constructions of Conservative Power,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, January 2020.

Panel Chair, “Economics and Politics: Civil War Era Latin American Relations with the Southern U.S.” Organization of American Historians, Sacramento, CA, April 2018.

Attendee, Evidence-Based Teaching & Learning Lilly Conference, Austin, TX, January 2018.

Presenter, “Southern Settlers and Brazilian Benefactors: Southern Emigrants in Brazil after the Civil War, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2017.

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Austin College (Fall 2019-Present)

- History of the U.S. to 1876, Fall 2019-Spring 2022.
- Smugglers and Pirates, Fall 2021.
- Early 19th Century US, Fall 2021.
- Texas History, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020.
- US Civil War and Reconstruction, Spring 2021, Fall 2019.
- Beginning Ballet, JanTerm, 2021.
- American Colonial History and the Revolutionary War Era, Spring 2022, Fall 2020.

- First Year Seminar, Fall 2020.
- Mexican American History, Spring 2020.

Assistant Professor, Angelo State University (Fall 2016-Summer 2019)

- History of the United States, 1865 to the Present, Spring 2019, Spring 2018.
- The American Civil War, Fall 2018.
- History of the United States to 1865, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016.
- History of Texas, Spring 2019, Summer 2018, Spring 2018, Summer 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016.
- The Mexican American in United States History, Fall 2017.

STUDENT RESEARCH

Student Teaching/Learning Participation Director, Valery Piachonkina, History Department, Austin College, Spring 2022.

Advanced Directed Study Director, Davis Stellman, History Department, Austin College, Spring 2022.

Career Study Off Campus Faculty Sponsor, Avery Atencio, Economics Department, History Department, Austin College, January 2022.

Honors Thesis Director, Claudia Theriot, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

Student Research Director with Dr. Felix Harcourt, Mariagisse Morales and Nathan Overby, CIC Legacies of American Slavery grant, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Valery Piachonkina, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Emma Solis, Biology Department, Austin College, Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Odalys Sarabia, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2020-Spring 2021.

SERVICE

Austin College

Committee Member, Austin Teacher Program Admissions Committee, Education Department, Austin College, Fall 2021-present.

Committee Member, Diversity Requirement Committee, Austin College, Fall 2021-present.

Department Representative, Academic Programs Fair, Austin College, October 19, 2021.

Panel Member, Graduate School Applications Workshop, CREATE, Austin College, September 15,

2021.

Faculty Workshop Co-coordinator, with Dr. Felix Harcourt, CIC Legacies of American Slavery grant, Austin College, May 17, 2021, and August 19, 2021.

Participant, Freshmen Class Remote Registration, Austin College, May 24, 2021, and June 4, 2020.

Discussion Leader, with Dr. Cate Bowman, Anti-Racist Allyship Learning Community, Johnson Center, Austin College, Spring 2021.

Member, Robert and Joyce Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching Committee, Austin College, Fall 2020-present.

Member, Summer Task Force, Austin College, December 2020-March 2021.

Discussion Leader, Johnson Center Fall Reading Groups, *Radical Hope: A Teaching Manifesto* by Kevin Gannon, Fall 2020.

Participant, Academic Showcase, Virtual Fall Preview, October 12, 2020.

Library Liaison, Department of History, Austin College, Fall 2020-present.

Participant, First Year Seminar Workshop Development Week, Austin College, June 8-12, 2020.

Member, Center for Southwestern & Mexican Studies Committee, Austin College, Fall 2019-Present.

Member, Gender Studies Committee, Austin College, Spring 2020-Present.

Community Engagement

Guest Speaker for the Civil War Public Lecture Series and **Classroom Guest Lecturer** for “Civil War and Reconstruction, 1848-1876,” the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, Department of History, Fort Smith, AR, invited September 2021, scheduled for March 31-April 1, 2022.

Panelist, State Recognition of Sherman Riot of 1930 Town Hall, Sherman, TX, August 5, 2021.

Guest Lecture, “The Republic of Texas,” Junior Shakespeare Club, Sherman, TX, January 11, 2021 (invited but cancelled due to Covid-19)

Guest Lecture, “Texas Presidents,” the Sherman Museum, Sherman, TX, April 24, 2020 (invited but cancelled due to Covid-19).

Content Expert Consultant, Split Rock Studios, museum exhibit company, Arden Hills, MN, April 2020.

Guest Lecture, “Texas Slavery,” Grayson County Historical Society, Sherman, TX, February 11, 2020.

Discipline Engagement

Committee Member, Long-Term Fellowship Selection, Massachusetts Historical Society, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Boston, MA, January-February 2022.

Peer Reviewer, for *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*, the Kansas Historical Foundation, Department of History, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, May 2021.

Author Interview, *Humanities and Social Sciences Online: Civil War*, interview conducted by Dr. Niels Eichhorn, January 2021.

Author Interview, *New Books* podcast, interview conducted by Dr. Christine Lamberson, December 2020.

Guest Blog Post, “A Different Manifest Destiny,” *Behind the Book*, University of Nebraska Press, October 2020.

Angelo State University

Member, Second Year Retention Committee, Freshman College and Center for Academic Excellence, Angelo State University, Spring 2019-Summer 2019.

Chair, Student Scholarship Committee, History Department, Angelo State University, Fall 2018-Summer 2019.

Faculty Mentor, West Texas Historical Association, student essay submissions, Fall 2018-April 2019.

Member, Modern Europe and Colonial American History Professor Search Committee, History Department, Angelo State University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Member, Faculty Research Grants Committee, College of Graduate Studies and Research, Angelo State University, Fall 2018-Summer 2019.

Member, Asian History Professor Search Committee, History Department, Angelo State University, Spring 2018.

Judge, Angelo State Regional History Day, Angelo State University, Spring 2018 and Spring 2019.

Member, University Library Committee, Angelo State University, Fall 2017-Summer 2019.

Member, Gender Studies Committee, Angelo State University, Fall 2016-Summer 2019.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association
Committee on Latin American History
Society for Civil War Historians
Southern Historical Association
Texas State Historical Association