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# EDUCATION

**University** **of** **Kansas**, Lawrence, KS

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

**University** **of** **Kansas**, Lawrence, KS

M.A., United States History, 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

**Associate Professor**, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2023-Present.

**Richardson Chair and Director**, theProfessionalism and the Humanities Leadership Program,

Austin College, Summer 2023-Present.

**Assistant Professor**, History Department, Austin College, Fall 2019-Fall 2022.

**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, paperback edition December 1, 2023.

**Book Chapters**

“Edward A. Pollard, 1832-1872” in Daniel Woolf and Marnie Hughes-Warrington, eds., *History from Loss* (Taylor & Francis, April 2023).

“Texas Trade: The International Slave Trade in the Western Hemisphere,” in *Cultural Encounters of*

*the Civil War Era,* Alison Clark Efford, Niels Eichhorn, and David Prior, eds., under advance contract July 2022.

“Same Rhetoric Different Decade: Recognizing the Times, Calculated Action, and other Sources of Empowerment” co-author with Dr. Nathan Bigelow, Dr. Lisa M. Brown, Dr. Danielle Franks, Dr. Felix Harcourt, and Dr. Sandy Philipose in *Navigating Difficult Moments in Teaching Diversity and Social Justice*, publishedthrough theSociety for the Teaching of Psychology, December 2022.

“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).

**Digital Project**

“The Confederate Diaspora,” Essential Civil War Curriculum, The Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, for release June 2024.

**Book Reviews**

*Oracle of Lost Causes: John Newman Edwards and His Never-Ending Civil War*, by Matthew C.

Hulbert for *Journal of Arizona*, December 2023.

*Country of the Cursed and the Driven: Slavery and the Texas Borderlands*, by Paul Barba for

*Agricultural History*, July 2023.

*Abandoning Their Beloved Land: The Politics of Bracero Migration in Mexico* by Alberto

García for *The Americas*, June 2023.

*Rebels in Arms: Black Resistance and the Fight for Freedom in the Anglo-Atlantic* by Justin

Iverson for *Journal of Military History*, May 2023.

*A Failed Vision of Empire: The Collapse of Manifest Destiny, 1845-1872*,by Daniel J. Burge for *Annals of Wyoming*, Wyoming State Archives, May 2022.

*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.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

**Nau Center Library Fellowship**, Nau Civil War Center, the University of Virginia, December 2023.

**Cullen and Richardson Faculty Travel Award**, Austin College, June 2022, December 2019, and October 2019.

**Faculty Seminar on the Legacies of American Slavery**, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at the MacMillan Center, Yale University, June 18-24, 2023.

**Humanities for All Times Project**, “Pathways to a Just Society,” the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, co-director with Dr. Tom Blake, Dr. Greg Kinzer, and Dr. Nate Bigelow, $1.2 million, Summer 2023-Present.

**Lawrence T. Jones III Research Fellowship in Civil War Texas History Award**, Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, June 2023.

**University of North Texas Special Collections Research Fellowship**, the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, March-June 2022.

**Warren Dean Memorial Prize**,finalist, most significant work 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.

**CIC Legacies of** **American Slavery Grant**, with Dr. Felix Harcourt and Dr. Greg Kinzer, 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-present.

**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.

**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

**Attendee**, Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Texas Colleges and Universities Studying Slavery, Prairie View, A&M University, August 11, 2023.

**Conference Organizer**, with Dr. Felix Harcourt and Dr. Greg Kinzer, “Confronting Racial Violence and Resistance,” Austin College, Sherman, TX, September 23-24, 2022.

**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, June 2-4, 2022.

**Presenter**, “Edward A. Pollard,” History from Loss, Queen’s University and the University of South Australia, ON, Canada and SA, Australia, (online due to Covid-19), February 23-25, 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.

**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.

TEACHING

**Austin College (Fall 2019-Present)**

-Lure of the Local, Fall 2023.

-History of the U.S. to 1876, Fall 2023-Fall 2019.

-American Colonial History and the Revolutionary War Era, Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2020.

-Women in the United States, Fall 2022.

-Smugglers and Pirates, Fall 2021.

-Early 19th Century US, Spring 2023, Fall 2021.

-Texas History, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020.

-US Civil War and Reconstruction, Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019.

-Beginning Ballet, JanTerm, 2023, 2021

-First Year Seminar, Fall 2020.

-Mexican American History, Spring 2020.

**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

**Supervisor**, Humanities Marketing Interns, Macey Johnson and Ella Owens, the Professionalism and the Humanities Leadership Program, Austin College, Fall 2023-present.

**Director**, Summer Social Justice Internship Program, the Professionalism and the Humanities Leadership Program, Austin College, Summer 2023-present.

**Honors Thesis Committee Member**, Danya van Vuuren, Biology Department, Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

**Honors Thesis Committee Member**, Clemon White, History Department, Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

**Honors Thesis Committee Member**, Leah Ding, Biology Department, Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

**Career Study off Campus Faculty Sponsor**, Alexzandra Morgan, Business Administration Department, Fall 2023.

**Career Study Off Campus Faculty Sponsor**,Susan McLean, Political Science Department, Spring 2023.

**Student Research Director**, with Dr. Felix Harcourt, Camille Asmus, Fall 2022-Present.

**Honors Thesis Committee Member**, James Truitt, History Department, Fall 2022-Spring 2023.

**Honors Thesis Committee Member**, Avery Atencio, Economics Department, Fall 2022-Spring 2023.

**Scarbrough Summer Research Program Faculty Sponsor,** Mariagisse Morales, Austin College, Summer 2022.

**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**

**Richardson Chair and Director for the Professionalism and the Humanities Leadership Program**,

Austin College, Summer 2023-Present.

**Department Representative**, Academic Programs Fair, Austin College, October 24, 2023, and

October 19, 2021.

**Panel Member**, Resume Workshop, Center for Career & Professional Development, Austin College,

September 19, 2023.

**Search Committee Member**, Assistant Director of Center for Career & Professional Development and Internship Coordinator, Austin College, July-August 2023.

**Faculty Workshop Coordinator**, Professionalism and the Humanities Leadership Program, Austin

College, Summer 2023.

**Faculty Workshop Co-coordinator**, with Dr. Felix Harcourt, CIC Legacies of American Slavery grant, Austin College, Summer 2023, Summer 2022, and Summer 2021.

**Member**, Austin College Teacher Program Advisory Committee, Austin College, Spring 2023-present.

**Committee Member**, Library Director Search, Austin College, Fall 2022-January 2023.

**Committee Member**, French Visiting Assistant Professor Search,Department of Classical and

Modern Languages, Austin College, Spring 2022.

**Member**, Humanities Planning Group, PATH, Austin College, Spring 2022-Present.

**Committee Member**, Global Diversity and Systems of Power, Privilege, and Inequality Course Designations Committee, Spring 2022-Present.

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

**Panel Member**, Graduate School Applications Workshop, CREATE, Austin College, September 15, 2021.

**Participant**, Freshmen Class Remote Registration, Austin College, April 29, 2023, May 31, 2022, May 24, 2021, and June 4, 2020.

**Faculty Co-Advisor**, History Student Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, with Dr. Felix Harcourt, Austin College, Spring 2020-Present.

**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-Spring 2023.

**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**

**Research and Pedagogy Talk**, “Pirates, Pedagogy, and Primary Sources,” the Robert & Joyce

Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching, Austin College, Sherman, TX, October 27, 2022.

**Keynote Speaker** for the Civil War Public Lecture Seriesand **Classroom Guest Lecturer** for “Our only ‘felt’ history: New Perspectives on the U.S. Civil War,”the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, AR, March 31-April 1, 2022.

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

**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.

**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**, 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