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E D U C A T I O N

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Ph.D. in Borderlands History	anticipated 2020
Dissertation: “Criminal Bodies, Criminal Minds: Constructing the Sodomitical Other in Texas, 1943-1973”	
M.A. in History	2016
Thesis: “‘Only steers and queers come from Texas’: The Texas Sodomy Statutes and the Making of an Other, 1860-1973”	
B.A. in History, with Liberal Arts Honors, <i>cum laude</i>	2013
Thesis: “Guilty as Sin: Criminalizing Homosexuality in Texas, 1860-2003”	

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Teaching

Instructor	Summer 2018
U.S. History to 1865	
PhD Teaching Assistant	Fall 2016 – Present
U.S. History to 1865	
U.S. History from 1865	
Co-Instructor	Spring 2015
“Ethnomusicology and International Protest Music,” Liberal Arts Honors Program Theory and Methodology Course	
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant	Spring – Fall 2013
U.S. History to 1865	
U.S. History from 1865	
Instructor	Summer 2012
“ <i>Haditha</i> (Speaking): Arabic Language and Culture,” STARTALK @ UTEP High School Summer Program	

Related

Program Director	Summer 2017
STARTALK @ UTEP High School Summer Program	
Recruitment Specialist	Summer 2016
STARTALK @ UTEP High School Summer Program	
M.A. Research Assistant	Spring 2014 –
Liberal Arts Honors Program	Summer 2016

C O N F E R E N C E P R E S E N T A T I O N S

“The Thin Red Line between Privacy and Secrecy: Criminal Sodomy, Homosexuality, and the Cold War in El Paso, Texas,” 132 nd	January 5, 2018
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- Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association,
Washington, D.C.
- “Keep Talking! Strategies for a More Synergistic Program
Infrastructure,” 2017 Fall STARTALK Conference,
STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center,
Portland, OR. November 4, 2017
- Panel Chair, “(B)ordering Gender, Sexuality, and Community,”
2nd Annual Borderlands History Conference, UTEP. February 11, 2017
- “Marriage Homogeneity: Inscribing Heteronormativity in
Obergefell v. Hodges,” Graduate Student Research Expo,
UTEP. November 11, 2016
- Panel Organizer, “Borderlands,” Presented Paper, “The New
Crime, the New Man: The 1943 Texas Sodomy Statute and
the Making of an Other” 13th Annual Conference in
Citizenship Studies, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. April 2, 2016
- “‘With mankind or beast’: Sexuality, Race, and the Texas Sodomy
Statute, 1860-1893,” 95th Annual Meeting of the
Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver, CO. April 9, 2015
- “Criminalizing Homosexuality in Texas, 1973-2013: The Past,
Present, and Future of the Texas Homosexual Conduct
Statute,” UTEP-NMSU Phi Alpha Theta History
Conference, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM. March 1, 2014
- “Republican for a Day: Texas and the 1928 Presidential Election”
Frances G. Harper Undergraduate History Conference,
UTEP. December 7, 2012

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Desert Lavender: Sodomy, Surveillance, and Sexual Policing in
El Paso’s 1956 ‘Morals Drive,’” El Paso County Historical
Society 2018 Lecture Series, Burges House, El Paso, TX. February 10, 2018

AWARDS / GRANTS

- Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award April 2018
College of Liberal Arts, UTEP
- Travel Grant for Conference Presentation January 2018
Graduate School / History Department, UTEP
- Travel Grant for Conference Presentation March 2016
Graduate School / College of Liberal Arts / History
Department, UTEP
- Travel Grant for Research June 2015
College of Liberal Arts / History Department, UTEP
- Travel Grant for Conference Presentation April 2015
Graduate School / History Department, UTEP
- Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award April 2014
College of Liberal Arts, UTEP
- Best Overall Paper Award February 2014

NMSU-UTEP Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
 1st Place Presentation Award December 2012
 Frances G. Harper Undergraduate History Conference, UTEP

ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Transform Teaching and Learning with Blackboard Learn Institute,” Academic Technologies, UTEP May 30-June 5, 2018
 STARTALK 2017 Fall Conference November 3-4, 2017
 STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center, Portland, OR
 NEH NextGen PhD Summer Seminar for Career Diversity Graduate School, UTEP June 5-9, 2017
 STARTALK 2016 Fall Conference October 14-15, 2016
 STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center, Atlanta, GA
 “Fundamentals of Dissertation Writing” Graduate School, UTEP June 18, 2016
 “Growing Leaders from the Inside Out” Callaway Leadership Institute, UTEP November 7, 2013
 “21st Century Scholars Student Conference” Office of Student Affairs and the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, UTEP February 20, 2013

SERVICE

Volunteer, Annual Graduate Student Research Expo, UTEP November, 10, 2017
 Volunteer, Annual Borderlands History Conference, UTEP 2015-2018
 Judge, Annual El Paso History Day, UTEP 2013-2018

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
 Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History
 Phi Alpha Theta National History Honors Society, Gamma Epsilon Chapter
 21st Century Scholars, UTEP (2012-2013)
 Liberal Arts Honors Program Student Organization, UTEP (2012-2013)

LANGUAGES

English – Native language
 Arabic – Speak, read, and write with intermediate proficiency
 Spanish – Speak, read, and write with novice proficiency