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## C U R R I C U L U M   V I T A E

### E D U C A T I O N

#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

- Ph.D. in Borderlands History anticipated 2022  
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, *cum laude*, Liberal Arts Honors 2013  
Thesis: “Guilty as Sin: Criminalizing Homosexuality in  
Texas, 1860-2003”

### P U B L I C A T I O N S

#### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- “The New Crime, the New Man: The 1943 Texas Sodomy Statute and  
the Making of an Other,” *Essays in History* (In Review)

#### ACADEMIC BLOG POSTS

- “The Truth About History,” The Humanities Collaborative at  
EPCC-UTEP Blog (<https://humanitiescollaborative.utep.edu>) February 2020

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

- “Active Learning Practices for Developing Critical Thinking  
Skills,” Border Learning Conference 2020, El Paso, TX February 20, 2020
- “Marriage Homogeneity: Inscribing Homonormativity in  
*Obergefell v. Hodges*,” (presented in absentia) 2019  
National Women’s Studies Association Annual  
Conference, San Francisco, CA. November 16, 2019
- “The Thin Red Line between Privacy and Secrecy: Criminal Sodomy,  
Homosexuality, and the Cold War in El Paso, Texas,” 132<sup>nd</sup>  
Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association,  
Washington, D.C. January 5, 2018
- “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,”  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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" 13 <sup>th</sup> 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," 95 <sup>th</sup> 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**

"Cold-war Homosexuality, Texas Law, and the 1956 'Morals Drive' in El Paso," Safe Zone Lecture Series, EPCC	October 22, 2020
"Guilty as Sin: The History of Criminalizing Homosexuality in Texas," Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces, NM.	January 18, 2020
"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 / FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS**

Frances G. Harper Dissertation Research Award History Department, UTEP	2021 – 2022
University of North Texas Libraries Special Collections Research Fellowship, Denton, TX	2021 – 2022
Frances G. Harper Dissertation Research Award History Department, UTEP	2020 – 2021
Mellon Teaching Fellowship EPCC-UTEP Humanities Collaborative	2019 – 2020
Outstanding Master's Thesis Award College of Liberal Arts, UTEP	April 2018
Travel Grant for Conference Presentation Graduate School / History Department, UTEP	January 2018
Travel Grant for Conference Presentation Graduate School / College of Liberal Arts / History Department, UTEP	March 2016
Travel Grant for Research College of Liberal Arts / History Department, UTEP	June 2015
Travel Grant for Conference Presentation Graduate School / History Department, UTEP	April 2015
Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award College of Liberal Arts, UTEP	April 2014
Best Overall Paper Award	February 2014

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

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Adjunct Instructor Fall 2019 – Spring 2021  
 U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 1301)  
 U.S. History from 1877 (HIST 1302)

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO**

Adjunct Instructor Summers 2018 – 2021  
 History of Sexuality in the Borderlands (HIST 3390)  
 U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 1301)  
 U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)

PhD Teaching Assistant Fall 2016 – Spring 2021  
 History Tutoring Center  
 Texas History (HIST 3317)  
 U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 1301)  
 U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Spring – Fall 2013  
 U.S. History to 1865 (HIST 1301)  
 U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO**

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

**ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Blackboard Learn Ultra Training May 19-June 30, 2020  
 Distance Learning Support Services, EPCC  
 Master Teacher Program Fall 2019 – Spring 2020  
 Faculty Development Office, EPCC  
 Teaching Online Academy June-July, 2019  
 Center for Instructional Design, UTEP  
 Panopto Work-Group: Overview and Lecture-Capture December 12, 2018  
 Academic Technologies, UTEP  
 2018 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses September 28-29, 2018  
 American Historical Association, University of Texas, Austin, TX  
 “Transform Teaching and Learning with Blackboard Learn May 30-June 5, 2018

Institute,” Academic Technologies, UTEP	
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	June 5-9, 2017
Graduate School, UTEP	
STARTALK 2016 Fall Conference	October 14-15, 2016
STARTALK and the National Foreign Language Center, Atlanta, GA	
“Fundamentals of Dissertation Writing”	June 18, 2016
Graduate School, UTEP	
“Growing Leaders from the Inside Out”	November 7, 2013
Callaway Leadership Institute, UTEP	
“21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Student Conference”	February 20, 2013
Office of Student Affairs and the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, UTEP	

## **S E R V I C E**

Co-Faculty Advisor, Queer Straight Alliance, EPCC	Fall 2019 – Fall 2020
Judge, Annual El Paso History Day, UTEP	2013-2020
Career Diversity Student Advisory Group Member, History Department, UTEP	Fall 2018
Volunteer, Annual Borderlands History Conference, UTEP	2015-2018
Graduate Program Committee Student Representative, History Department, UTEP	2017-2018
Volunteer, Annual Graduate Student Research Expo, UTEP	November, 10, 2017

## **M E M B E R S H I P S**

Organization of American Historians  
 American Historical Association  
 Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History  
 National Women’s Studies Association  
 Phi Alpha Theta National History Honors Society, Gamma Epsilon Chapter  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars, UTEP (2012-2013)  
 Liberal Arts Honors Program Student Organization, UTEP (2012-2013)