Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

Master of Arts in History 2022

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Bachelor of Arts in History 2019

Tarleton State University

**Professional Experience**

**Texas Field Representative** April 2023-Current

National Parks Conservation Association

San Antonio – West Texas

**Project Specialist** August 2022-August 2023

The University of Texas at San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas

**Librarian - Archives** July 2022-March 2023

Bexar County Clerk's Spanish Archives and Special Collections

San Antonio, Texas

**Academic Experience**

**Assistant Professor of Practice**  Spring 2025

University of Texas at San Antonio

Department of History

San Antonio, TX

**Adjunct Professor** Fall 2024

St. Mary’s University

Department of History

San Antonio, TX

**Publications**

*Books:*

Cristobal Lopez, Kirsten Gardner, *Blackwell School*, South Carolina: Arcadia Press, Forthcoming.

*Journals:*

Catarina Garza, Cristóbal López, Et Al., “Letter from the Founders,” *Beyond Boundaries: Mastering the Liberal*

*Arts* 1, no. 1, October 2021.

*Reports:*

"Reconstructing Mission San Jose: A History of Land Tenure from Secularization to National Historical Park,"

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, National Park Service, August 2022.

"Historical Overview of the Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Cemetery," San Antonio Missions

National Historical Park, National Park Service, August 2021.

*Op-Eds:*

“Struggle to tell America's history on public lands will continue under Trump,” *San Antonio Express-News*,

November 12, 2024.

Cristóbal López, Victoria Villaseñor, "Ballet Napantla's 'Valentina' tells Story of the Women of the Mexican

Revolution," *San Antonio Express-News*, March 27, 2022.

"How Hispanic American Identity Continues to Fade," *San Antonio Express-News*, October 14, 2021.

"Step Out and Visit Museums, Towns Hit Hard by the Pandemic," *San Antonio Express-News*, June 28, 2021.

*Web Articles*

“Mission San José and the Road to Secularization, Part 2: Post-1794,” San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, National Park Service, May 7, 2024, <https://home.nps.gov/articles/000/mission-san-jos%C3%A9-and-the-road-to-secularization-part-2-post-1794.htm>.

“Mission San José and the Road to Secularization, Part 2: 1824,” San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, May 7, 2024, <https://home.nps.gov/articles/000/mission-san-jos%C3%A9-and-the-road-to-secularization-part-2-post-1794.htm>.

“Mission San José and the Road to Secularization, Part 1: 1794,” San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, National Park Service, November 28, 2023, <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/mission-san-jos%C3%A9-and-the-road-to-secularization-part-1-1794.htm>.”

"The Camposanto at Mission San José," San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, National Park Service, April 20, 2022, <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/the-camposanto-at-mission-san-jose.htm>.

*Chapter Contributions:*

Deborah Liles, “Society,” in *Thurber*, South Carolina: Arcadia Press, 2021.

**Conferences**

*Conference Presentations*:

“Separate and Unequal: Preserving the Complicated History at a Segregated Texas School,” Real Places

Conference, Texas Historical Commission, April 2024.

“The Blackwell School: Preserving the History of Segregated Education in West Texas,” Center for Big Bend

Studies Conference, Sul Ross University, November 2023.

“The Blackwell School,” Public History Extravaganza, St. Mary’s University, April 2023.

"Mission San José Cemetery during the Colonial and Mexican Era, 1720-1824," Nau History Scholars

Symposium, The University of Texas at San Antonio, October 2021.

"Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Cemetery Project," Diversity in Conservation Virtual Workshop,

Latino Heritage Internship Program, Environment for the Americas & National Park Service, August 2021.

*Moderated Panels:*

“The Blackwell School: Creating and Establishing a Legacy National Park Service Site for an Aging

Generation,” National Council on Public History Conference, April 2024.

"Careers in Applied History," Applied History Speaker Series, Applied History Project, The University of

Texas at San Antonio, February 2023.

"Careers in Public History," Applied History Speaker Series, Applied History Project, The University of Texas

at San Antonio, October 2022.

"What is Public History?," Applied History Speaker Series, Applied History Project, The University of Texas at

San Antonio, September 2022.

"Endurance and Equality," COLFA Spring Research Conference, The University of Texas at San Antonio,

March 2022.

**Invited Talks & Workshops**

“From Grassroots Museum to National Park Site: An Update on Progress at Blackwell School,” hosted by The

University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, March 2024.

“History and Relevance: Blackwell School as a Cast Study,” hosted by The University of Texas at San

Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, February 2024.

“Documenting Mission San Jose after Secularization,” hosted by San Antonio Missions Indian Descendants,

San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Texas, January 2024.

“America’s Newest National Parks-What Does it Take to Create a New Park Site?” hosted by Osher Lifelong

Learning Institute, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, October 2023.

"Accessing the Bexar County Spanish Archives," hosted by Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Texas Historical

Commission, Virtual, February 2023.

"Mission San José Cemetery Workshop: Accessing Mission Burial Records," hosted by San Antonio Mission

Indian Descendants, San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Texas, February 2023.

"History of Mission San Jose," hosted by Mission Heritage Partners, San Antonio, Texas, November 2022.

"Reconstructing Mission San José: From Secularization to National Park Site," hosted by San Antonio Public

Library, San Antonio, Texas, November 2022.

"Reconstructing Mission San José: From Secularization to National Park Site," hosted by San Antonio

Missions National Historical Park, San Antonio, Texas, July 2022.

"El Camposanto de Misión San José y San Miguel de Aguayo," hosted by San Antonio Public Library, San

Antonio, Texas, July 2022.

"Historical Overview of the Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Cemetery," hosted by Mission San José

Neighborhood Association, San Antonio, Texas, October 2021.

"Historical Overview of the Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Cemetery," hosted by San Antonio

Missions National Historical Park, National Park Service, San Antonio, Texas, August 2021.

"American Heritage," hosted by Tarleton State Merit Badge Seminar, Boy Scouts of America & Tarleton State

University, Stephenville, Texas, February 2020.

**Courses Taught**

HIST 4973, History of National Parks Spring 2025

HIST 7300, Topics in Public History Fall 2024

**Public History**

Project Lead, *Blackwell School Oral History Project*¸ National Parks Conservation Association in collaboration with the Blackwell Alliance and National Park Service, May 2023-Summer 2024.

Exhibition Curator, *The* *Road to Independence*, Bexar County Courthouse, San Antonio, Texas, February 6, 2023-May 12, 2023.

Exhibition Curator, *Slavery and Emancipation in Bexar County*, Bexar County Courthouse, San Antonio, Texas, January 13, 2023-January 23, 29, 2023.

Exhibition Curator, *A World at War*, Presidio Galley, Bexar County Clerk's Spanish Archives & Special Collections, San Antonio, Texas, January 9, 2023-April 3, 2023.

Exhibition Curator, *Preserving Bexar County History: Bexar County Clerk's Preservation Project Exhibit*, Presidio Galley, Bexar County Clerk's Spanish Archives & Special Collections, San Antonio, Texas, November 7, 2022-December 23, 2022.

Exhibition Curator, *Herencia! An Exhibit on Hispanic History and Culture*, Presidio Galley, Bexar County Clerk's Spanish Archives & Special Collections, San Antonio, Texas, August 29, 2022-October 24, 2022.

Contributing Oral Historian, *Women's Voices of Military City U.S.A. an Oral History Project*

*Dedicated to Women and War*, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, Spring 2022.

Exhibition Curator, *Ben Hogan World War II Career Exhibit*, Ben Hogan Museum of Dublin, Dublin, Texas,

2020-2023.

**Academic Service and Committees**

Contributing Historian, *Blackwell School National Historic Site Foundation Document Planning*, Fall 2024-Ongoing.

Contributing Historian, *Historic Structure Report for Mission San Jose Indigenous Quarters*, The University

of Texas at San Antonio Center for Cultural Sustainability & San Antonio Missions National Historical Park,

Fall 2023-Ongoing.

Contributing Historian, *San Antonio Missions National Historical Park* *Network to Freedom Application*, National Park Service, Fall 2023-Spring 2024, Designated April 22, 2024, <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-announces-19-additions-to-the-underground-railroad-network-to-freedom-in-10-states.htm>.

Co-Founder, *Beyond Boundaries: Mastering the Liberal Arts*, Academic Journal at The University of Texas at

San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2021.

**Project Grants**

"Applied History: Career Paths for Alternative-Academic Historians," **Graduate Student Professional**

**Development Mini-Grant Program,** The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2022, $7,000.

**Research & Travel Grants**

*COLFA Center for Student Excellence Experiential Learning Scholarship*, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2022, $500.

**Fellowships**

*Nau Graduate Research Assistantship in History*, Department of History, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, The

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2021-2022.

*Nau Graduate Research Award in History*, Department of History, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-2021.

**Awards & Recognitions**

*Outstanding and Informative Presentation*, San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Texas, 2022.

*College of Liberal and Fine Arts Outstanding Graduate 2022*, University Life Awards, The University of

Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.

*Excellence in Research,* Diversity in Conservation Virtual Workshop, Latino Heritage Internship Program,

Environment for the Americas & National Park Service, 2021.

*President’s List*, Tarleton State University, 2020.

*Dean’s List*, Tarleton State University, 2019.

*Dean’s List*, Ranger College, 2017.

**Interviews & Press**

“Alumni of once-segregated Texas school mark its national park status,” *USA TODAY*, Sept. 18, 2024, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2024/09/18/national-parks-diversity-culture/75189914007/>.

“Marfa ISD receives $530,000 in finalized Blackwell School property transfer,” Big Bend Sentinel, June 26, 2024, <https://bigbendsentinel.com/2024/06/26/marfa-isd-receives-530000-in-finalized-blackwell-school-property-transfer/>.

“Lawmakers urge action to protect San Antonio's missions amid recent vandalism,” KENS5, October 19, 2023, <https://www.kens5.com/article/news/community/san-antonio-missions-vandalism-cuellar-castro-casar-texas-crime-police/273-034d5686-8d35-44e4-a50c-f9b7a5c1fa61>.

“Lawmakers ask for better security at San Antonio Missions,” San Antonio Report, October 19, 2023,

<https://sanantonioreport.org/san-antonio-missions-vandalism-national-park-service/>.

“U.S. Congressmen call for action plan to protect San Antonio Missions from vandalism in a letter to the National Park Services, the congressmen expressed concern for the missions’ future,” *KSAT*, October 17, 2023, <https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2023/10/18/us-congressmen-call-for-action-plan-to-protect-san-antonio-missions-from-vandalism/>.

“UTSA graduate documents school’s past, raises awareness of segregation’s impact in Texas,” *UTSA Today*, October 11, 2023, https://www.utsa.edu/today/2023/10/story/utsa-grad-student-documents-schools-history.html.

“Community Members, Alumni Gather to Exchange Views over the Blackwell School’s Pending National Historic Site Designation,” *The Big Bend Sentinel*, July 20, 2022, <https://bigbendsentinel.com/2022/07/20/community-members-alumni-gather-to-exchange-views-over-the-blackwell-schools-pending-national-historic-site-designation/>.

"Q&A With Cultural Resource Management Intern Cristóbal López: San Antonio Missions National Historical Park," *National Park Service*, <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/cristobal-lopez-lhip.htm>.

"Conservation Diaries: Cristóbal López, Cultural Resources Intern," Conservation Diaries Podcast Series,

National Park Service, <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/cristobal-lopez-conservation-diaries.htm>