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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2019	Ph.D. English, Creative Writing & Latinx Literature University of North Texas, Denton, TX
2011	M.A. English, Creative Writing: Fiction University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
2007	B.A. English & Spanish University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & APPOINTMENTS

University of Texas at San Antonio

2024–present Director, Creative Writing Program

2023-present Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of English

2019–2022 Assistant Professor, Department of English

University of North Texas

2018–2019	Dissertation Year Fellow, Department of English
2015-2018	Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of English
2014-2015	Graduate Writing Tutor, Toulouse Graduate School

University of Texas at Austin

2009–2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of English

AWARDS & HONORS

LITERARY

2024	Silver Award, Essay Category, "We Were Known For Our Rivers"
	International Regional Media Association
2024	Creative Writing Fellow
	National Endowment for the Arts
2024	ReadUP Selected Book, 2023
	Lone Star College-University Park, TX
2023	Finalist (Fiction), 2022 Book Awards
	Writers' League of Texas

2023	Editors' Pick, "We Were Known For Our Rivers"
	Longreads
2023	Finalist (Debut Fiction), Reading the West Book Awards
	Mountain & Plains Independent Booksellers Association
2022	"Best of the Year: Best Debuts of 2022"
	Audible
2022	Editors' Choice
	The New York Times Book Review
2022	"10 Writers to Watch"
	Apple Books
2022	Indie Next List (August)
	Independent booksellers, IndieBound, American Booksellers
	Association
2021	Sunday Short Reads, "The Seedy Corner"
	Creative Nonfiction
2020	Other Distinguished Stories of 2019, "The Queens of Santo Niño"
	Best American Short Stories 2020, ed. Curtis Sittenfeld
2018	Pushcart Prize nominee, "The Queen Signal"
	Creative Nonfiction
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TEACHING & ACADEMIC

2019	Katharine Bakeless Nason Scholarship
	Bread Loaf Environmental Writers Conference
2019	University Outstanding Teaching Fellow
	UNT
2019	Outstanding Ph.D Student in Creative Writing
	Department of English, UNT

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Last Karankawas. Henry Holt & Company: New York, NY. August 9, 2022.

Other Editions of The Last Karankawas

2024	French translation, Asphalte Editions
2023	Paperback edition, Macmillan
2022	Foreign edition: Australia, Pan Macmillan
2022	Foreign edition: United Kingdom, Henry Holt & Company
2022	Audio edition, Macmillan Audio

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED

Novel, working title: *Between You A River*. Henry Holt & Company: New York, NY. Expected publication: 2025.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED BOOKS

Contra Viento: Art & Literature from Rangelands. Anthology. Contra Viento: Wagon Mound, NM. 2022.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Fiction	
2021	"Tell Me If You've Heard This One." Hindsight. April 1 (Spring).
2020	"Not Eagle, Not Star." Contra Viento. May 6 (Spring).
2019	"The Queens of Santo Niño." Copper Nickel. September 1 (Fall).
2017	"Caballero." Huizache. September 1 (Fall).
2017	"Red Zone." TriQuarterly. June 1 (Summer/Fall).
2017	"Pisces." Sakura Review. March 1 (Spring).
2017	"Uprooting." Bennington Review. March 1 (Spring).
2017	"Galveston: A Glossary & Guide for the Uninitiated Traveler." Puerto del Sol. March 1 (Spring).
2016	"The Last Karankawas." CutBank. March 1 (Spring).
2012	"Marisol's Man." Bayou. December 1 (Winter).
2012	"Surge." Avalon Literary Review. June 1 (Summer).
Essays	
2023	"We Were Known for Our Rivers." Texas Highways. June 27 (July).
2023	"Feeling Lonely? 5 Texas Visionaries Share How to Find Connection in 2023." <i>Houston Chronicle</i> . January 1.
2022	"Day of the Dead Is Every Day." Houston Chronicle. October 30.
2022	"7 Books Featuring a Chorus of Voices of Color." <i>Electric Literature</i> . August 23.
2022	"Wildcatters and Hell-Raisers: On Being a Writer From Texas." Literary Hub. August 10.
2019	"The Seedy Corner." DIAGRAM. September 1 (Fall).
2018	"The Queen Signal." Creative Nonfiction. June 1 (Summer).
Interviews	
2017	"Pleasure, Reward, Activism': An Interview with Dagoberto Gilb." American Literary Review. March 1 (Spring).
2015	"Reality Was More Surreal Than I Could Have Imagined': An Interview with Claire Vaye Watkins." <i>American Literary Review</i> . August 1 (Fall).

SELECTED CRITICAL REVIEWS OF THE LAST KARANKAWAS

2022	The New York Times. September 7.
2022	The Wall Street Journal. August 6.
2022	Lone Star Literary Life. August issue.
2022	Booklist. July 14.
2022	Shelf Awareness. July 11.
2022	Publishers Weekly. June 3.
2022	Library Journal. March issue.

SELECTED PRESS COVERAGE OF THE LAST KARANKAWAS

2023	"A Map of 1,001 Novels to Show Us Where to Find the Real
	America." Los Angeles Times. May 28.
2023	"Setting as a Character: Travel the World with These Atmospheric Books." <i>BookRiot</i> . March 29.
2023	"A New Novel Tells the Story of Hurricane Ike." The Alcalde.
2022	January 1.
2022	"UTSA Professor's Debut Book Highlights Texas' Diverse
	Communities." MySA.com and San Antonio Express-News. November 24.
2022	"10 Books to Read in Honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month."
2022	The Week. September 22.
2022	"11 Books to Read During Hispanic Heritage Month."
	Los Angeles Times. September 9.
2022	"7 Books to Read This Fall, According to Bestselling Author Brad
	Thor." <i>Today.com</i> . September 1.
2022	"In 'The Last Karankawas,' Kimberly Garza Highlights South Texas Communities Often Overlooked." <i>Texas Highways</i> . August 15.
2022	"The Best Southern Books of August 2022." Southern Review of Books.
2022	August 12.
2022	"18 New Books to Look Out for This Week."
	Literary Hub. August 9.
2022	"Kimberly Garza Delves into Questions of Identity with Debut
	Novel 'The Last Karankawas'." Dallas Morning News. August 4.
2022	"12 Can't Miss Debut Books You Should Read This August."
	Debutiful. August 2.
2022	"Ten Reasons to Believe We're Living in the Golden Age of Texas
	Fiction." Texas Monthly. August issue.
2022	"Why Are Texas Novelists So Fascinated by Galveston?"
	Texas Monthly. August issue.
2022	"History and Home." Coast Monthly. June 24.
2022	"20 Debut Books Coming in the Second Half of 2022 That You
2022	Should Pre-Order Right Now." <i>Debutiful</i> . June 23.
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2022	"A Family Affair: Two Texas Newcomers Offer a Chorus of Voices
	in Their Fiction." Publishers Weekly. June 20.
2022	"A Dream Now in Print." The North Texan. June 15.
2022	"15 Must-Read New Books by AAPI Authors." BuzzFeed. May 22.
2022	"18 of the Best Asian American Books to Read This Year."
	BookRiot, April 6.
2022	"Most Anticipated Reads for the Rest of Us 2022." Ms. Magazine.
	February 7.

REFEREED TEXTS ABOUT MY WORK

"Reshaping Texas: Kimberly Garza's Short Fiction and the Gulf of Mexico." T. Jackie Cuevas. *The Routledge Companion to Gender and the American West*, ed. Susan Bernardin. 2022.

NON-REFEREED TEXTS ABOUT MY WORK

"A Meditation on Violence, Grief, and Healing in Uvalde, Texas." Trevor Pyle. *Nieman Storyboard*. August 25, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

RECENT INVITED TALKS & READINGS

"The Big Texas Author Talk." Gemini Ink. January, forthcoming.
Verso Frontera. Our Lady of the Lake University. San Antonio, TX,
October 18–19. Forthcoming.
"One Page Salon," Writers' League of Texas. Wimberley, TX,
April 30.
Rockport Fulton Book Festival. Fulton, TX, April 27-28.
ReadUP Author Visit & Signing, Lone Star College-University Park.
Houston, TX. February 29.
"Texas Writes." Mammen Family Public Library. Bulverde, TX,
February 24.
"Growing From Our Roots: Debut Asian Author Showcase."
Kundiman South, Kansas City, MO. February 9.
NaNoWriMo Kickoff Event, Collin College. Frisco, TX,
November 1.
South Texas Book Festival. McAllen, TX, October 26–29.
Boerne Book Festival. October 7.
"Friends of the Library." Mammen Family Public Library.
Bulverde, TX, September 15–16.
"The Family Saga: Writing the Multigenerational Novel."
Writers' League of Texas, August 17.
Patchouli Joe's Bookshop. Denton, TX, August 5.
Las Comadres & Friends Book Club. July 31.

2023	Indivisible Texas, Antiracism group. May 15.
2023	Tomás Rivera Conference, University of California–Riverside. May 2.
2023	"Books on the Green," The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival.
	The Woodlands, TX, April 16.
2023	"Obsessed with Texas." San Antonio Book Festival. April 15.
2023	Visiting Writer Series. Berry College. Rome, GA, March 23–24.
2023	This Prof Life: Women of Color in Higher Education podcast.
	January 27.
2022	Southwest Texas Junior College. Uvalde, TX, November 21.
2022	Miami Book Fair. November 19–20.
2022	Texas Book Festival. Austin, TX, November 5-6.
2022	Interabang Books. Dallas, TX, October 29.
2022	English Reading Series. Brigham Young University.
	Provo, UT, October 21.
2022	Debutiful's First Taste podcast. October 17.
2022	Indivisible Galveston. Galveston, TX, October 13.
2022	Readers & Writers podcast series. September 30.
2022	Creative Writing Alumni Reading Series. UNT, September 28.
2022	Austin Liti Limits podcast. September 19.
2022	Booktalk podcast. August 26.
2022	"WLT Summer Book Club: The Last Karankawas." Writers' League of
	Texas, August 22.
2022	BookPeople. Austin, TX, August 16.
2022	Nowhere Books. San Antonio, TX, August 11.
2022	"The Narrative Impact of a Famous Storm." 1455 Summer Literary
	Festival, July 14.
2022	"Debut Fiction: The Path to Publication." Writers' League of Texas,
	June 16.
2022	Feast of Authors Lunch at SpringCon, Mountains & Plains
	Independent Booksellers Association. San Antonio, TX, April 22.
2022	"Happy (Half) Hour: Debut Authors Edition." Macmillan Library
	Marketing, April 4.
2022	Creative Writing Reading Series. West Chester University, March 2.
2022	Cane River Reading Series. Northwestern State University of
-0-4	Louisiana, February 16.
2021	San Ysidro Ranch Writer's Residency Reading. Carrizo Springs, TX,
2024	April 28.
2021	Creative Writing Reading Series. UTSA, March 26.
2021	Latinaxe Lit Podcast. San Antonio, TX, March 21.
2021	Bandwidth Online Reading Series. January 29.
2020	"Discussing & Writing Mental Health." YALLWrite Festival,
2010	November 12.
2019	The Burning Plain Reading Series. Denton, TX, April 30.
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INVITED CLASS VISITS

2023	Creative Writing. Brigham Young University, December 4.
2023	Stories in Many Voices. University of California–Riverside. May 25.

2023	Literature of Place. Austin College. Sherman, TX, April 12.
2023	Creative Nonfiction. Berry College. Rome, GA. March 23.
2023	Intro to Creative Writing. Berry College. Rome, GA. March 23.
2022	Life & Literature of the U.SMexico Borderlands. UT-Austin,
	November 29.
2022	Intro to Fiction. Our Lady of the Lake University. San Antonio, TX,
	November 15.
2022	Creative Writing. Berry College. March 16.
2021	Creative Nonfiction. Berry College. September 29.
2021	Creative Writing. BYU, March 15.
2021	Intermediate Creative Nonfiction. UNT, February 24.
2020	Ethnic Literature. Austin College. November 9.
2020	"The One-Sentence Essay." The Form of the Flash essay workshop.
	Fine Arts Works Center. Provincetown, MA, July 21.
2019	Intermediate Creative Nonfiction. Berry College, October 1.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

2023	"Drinking Down the Whole World: Research in Creative Writing."
	Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) Conference.
	Seattle, WA, March 11.
2023	"Creative Writing: Readings." Southern Humanities Conference.
	San Antonio, TX, January 28.
2022	"Monsters Keep Us Company: Writing and Publishing Beastly
	Things." AWP Conference. Philadelphia, PA, March 25.
2021	"What Truths Are Conveyed Through Stories?" Summer Institute on
	Sustainability and Energy. University of Illinois at Chicago,
	July 15.
2020	"Out of Sight: Teaching Form and Writing Blind." AWP Conference.
	San Antonio, TX, March 7.
2020	"Representation and Responsibility: Who Are We Responsible For?"
	AWP Conference. San Antonio, TX, March 5.
2020	"Not Your Parents' Nature Walk: The Next Environmental
	Nonfiction." AWP Conference. San Antonio, TX, March 5.
2017	"Texas: Western or Myth?" Western Literature Association
	Conference. Minneapolis, MN, October 27.
2017	"Truth in Storytelling: Readings in Nonfiction." Critical Voices
	Conference. UNT, April 22.
2017	"Critical Voices Presents Critical Voices: Title as Narrative." Critical
	Voices Conference. UNT, April 22.
2016	"Flash Fiction." Critical Voices Conference. UNT, April 9.
2016	"Four Perspectives: Female Writers in the UNT Graduate Creative
	Writing Program." Critical Voices Conference. UNT, April 9.
2015	"The Thing Which Had Been His Friend': Ambrose Bierce & the
	Dehumanizing Effect of the Civil War." Critical Voices
	Conference, UNT, March 28.

Invited or Non-Refereed

2025	"Tell Me Where You're From and I'll Tell You Who You Are: Uplifting Identities and Places from the Margins." Keynote speech, GCIC Academic Symposium. College of the Mainland. January, forthcoming.
2024	"Writing Home: Telling & Uplifting Our Places on the Margins." Keynote speech, Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts Conference. January 26–28.
2023	"Many Paths to Writing." Keynote speech, NaNoWriMo Kickoff, Collin College. November 1.
2023	"So You Want to Publish Your Book?" Berry College Creative Writing, March 23.
2022	"Worldbuilding in Fiction: Crafting Worlds Readers Want to Spend Time In." Agents & Editors Conference, Writers' League of Texas. Austin, TX, June 25.
2022	"The Submissions Landscape: Getting Published in Literary Journals & Magazines." Agents & Editors Conference, June 25.
2022	"Grab Your Readers and Don't Let Them Go: Crafting Opening Pages in Fiction." Agents & Editors Conference, June 25.
2019	"Bless Me, Última." Survey of Ethnic Literature. UNT, March 21.

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

2024	Research trip to Australia and the Philippines, funded by Pearl
	Lewinn Endowment. June 2024, forthcoming.
2022	Research trip to the Philippines, funded by Brackenridge and Pearl
	Lewinn endowments. July 15–August 4.
2019	Bread Loaf Environmental Writers Conference. Middlebury, VT,
	May 31–June 6.

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

2024	Creative Writing Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts.
2023-2024	Pearl Lewinn Endowed Fellowship. UTSA.
2022	Faculty Development Leave, College of Liberal & Fine Arts, UTSA.
	Spring.
2021	San Ysidro Ranch Writer's Residency. Spring. April 2–30.

COURSES TAUGHT

UTSA

Graduate

Fiction Writing Latinx Literature Latinx Studies

Feminist Writings of Mexico, the Caribbean, and the U.S. Independent Study: 20th & 21st Century American Immigrant Literature

Undergraduate

Advanced Fiction Writing Creative Nonfiction

UNT

Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction Introduction to Creative Writing Survey of Ethnic Literature Survey of World Literature I College Writing I College Writing II

UT-Austin (as TA)

Introduction to Creative Writing American Literature

STUDENT MENTORING

Directed Theses & Dissertations as Chair

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Dreaming

2022	Susana Lopera, Stumbling. M.A. Thesis.
2021	Julian Johnson (as co-chair), The World You Built: Lessons on Colorism in
	America. M.A. Thesis.

Completed Graduate Degrees as Committee Member

2024	Danielle Lopez, Ph.D. English
2024	Victoria Ramirez Gentry, Ph.D. English
2024	Kandice Diaz, Ph.D. English
2023	Yvette Chairez, Ph.D. English
2023	John Davis, M.A. English
2022	Hosanna Caraballo-Coronado, M.A. English
2022	Jonathan Martinez, Ph.D. English

Graduate Student Publications Under Supervision

2024	"The Universe is in Her Eyes," Madelyn Lopez. Short story accepted
	to anthology Hidden Villains: Betrayed. Inkd Publishing
2022	"Queen Nopal," Carolina Hinojosa. Creative essay winner, Norma
	Elia Cantú Award in Creative Writing, Chicana/Latina Studies
	Journal, Spring 2022

Students Recommended & Accepted to Graduate Programs

2024	Paulina Hernandez-Trejo, PhD, University of Notre Dame
2023	Riley Davoren, PhD, University of South Carolina
2022	Bleah Patterson, MFA, Sam Houston State University
2021	Alexandra Parra Badillo, MA, Syracuse University
2020	Ana Martinez, MFA, Temple University
2020	Daniella Flores, MLS, University of North Texas
2019	Rudy Esparza, MFA, Stetson University

SERVICE ON GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

As Thesis/Dissertation Chair or Co-Chair

2024-present	Roxanna Rodriguez, M.A. English
2024–present	Hannah de los Santos, M.A. English
2024–present	Emily Richey, M.A. English
2023-present	Victorria Simpson, Ph.D. English
2023–present	Samantha Fisher, M.A. English

As Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

2024-present	Carolina Hinojosa, Ph.D. English
2023–present	Lilian Cano, Ph.D. English
2023-present	Gary Pair, M.A. English
2022-present	Karyn Hixson, Ph.D. English

2021-present Robin Johnson, Ph.D. English

As M.A. Exam Committee Member

2024	Rebecca Gonzalez
2024	Carolina Solis
2022	Denisse Stubblefield
2021	Cheyenne Kauha
2021	Kayla Graves
2020	Candice Merrill
2020	Paige Sherman

SERVICE

COMMITTEE SERVICE

Department

2024-present	Scholarship Committee
2024-present	Department Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee
2023	English Standards and Guidelines Committee
2022-present	Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee
2019-present	Creative Writing Committee
2019-2021	Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee

College

2023–2024	Faculty Development Leave Committee
2022–2024	Committee on Research and Creative Activities

University

2023-present	Faculty Senate Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee
2022–present	COEHD & COLFA Collaboration Task Force

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

2024–present	Chair, Award Committee for English
2024	Presenter, Department Awards Ceremony, May 2
2024	Judge, Creative Writing scholarships
2023-2024	Chair, Latinx Literature Hiring Search Committee
2023-present	Faculty Senator
2023	Event organizer & host, Kali Fajardo-Anstine. Creative Writing
	Reading Series
2023	Judge, Creative Writing scholarships
2023	Event organizer & host, Rubén Degollado. Creative Writing Reading

		Series
	2021	Organizer/co-panelist, "Brown-Bag Discussion: The Creative MA
		Thesis Option"
	2020-present	Faculty advisor, Sagebrush Review, 2020-present
	2020–2022	Secretary, Faculty Forum
SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE		
	2024	Moderator, Creative Writing reading, COLFA Spring Research Conference & Showcase

Judge, Creative Writing category, COLFA Spring Research
Conference & Showcase

2023 Judge, Creative Writing category, COLFA Spring Research
Conference & Showcase

2020 Moderator/Coordinator, Creative Writing Panel, COLFA Spring

Research Conference

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2024–present	Advisor of Record, Creative Writing Graduate
	& Undergraduate Certificates
2024	Interviewer, Fulbright Program application in Creative Writing
2022-present	Member, Cancer Moonshot Collaboration Initiative
2020	Keynote address, McNair Scholars Senior Recognition Ceremony

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2024	"Playing With Form in Prose." Writers' League of Texas, October 23.
	Forthcoming.
2024	Moderator, "Amanda Churchill & The Turtle House."
	Denton Public Library. Denton, TX. July 23.
2024	Moderator, "Jessica Goudeau & We Were Illegal: Uncovering a Texas
	Family's Mythmaking and Migration." Nowhere Bookshop.
	San Antonio, TX. July 16.
2024	Moderator, "Michelle Anderson & The Flower Sisters."
	Nowhere Bookshop. San Antonio, TX. May 6.
2024	Moderator, "Texas Tales: Past, Present, and Future, with Elizabeth
	Gonzalez James and Rae Giana Rashad." San Antonio Book
	Festival. April 13.
2024	Planning committee member, Gemini Ink Autograph Series.
2024	"Don't Sleep on Setting: Making Places Come Alive." Mammen
	Family Public Library. Bulverde, TX, February 24.
2023	"Writing Home: How to Make Settings Come Alive." Writers'
	League of Texas, December 6.
2023	"Writing Setting." Collin College, November 1.
2022	Judge, Mayhew Short Story Contest, Brigham Young University.
2022	Book blurb, A Distant Town: Stories, by Jill Talbot.
2019-2021	Mentor, English Graduate Student Job Market Forum. UNT.

2017-present Associate fiction editor, The Boiler.

Professional Affiliations

Writers' League of Texas Association of Writers and Writing Programs

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2024	Volunteer, St. Henry de Osso Annual Golf Tournament. Uvalde, TX,
	June 1.
2024	Board member, Gemini Ink Autograph Series. San Antonio, TX.
	Spring.
2023	Guest speaker, United Church of Christ Men's Book Club.
	Austin, TX, August 16.
2023	Guest speaker, Krum Public Library. Krum, TX, August 8.
2023	Guest speaker, book club. San Antonio, TX, May 10.
2023	Guest speaker, Willow Book Club. Houston, TX, February 26.
2023	Guest speaker, book club. San Antonio, TX, February 5.
2022	Guest speaker, book club. Uvalde, TX, August 27.
2019-present	Regular blood donor, South Texas Blood & Tissue Center.