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## **Education:**

Master of Arts in History 2010 The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

## **Bachelor of Arts in History**

The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

- Magna Cum Laude
- History GPA 4.0: Cumulative GPA: 3.93 Institutional GPA: 3.86
- Part-time Student Dean's List Fall 2002-Fall 2005
- National Dean's List 2005-2006

### Academic Experience:

#### **Research Assistant**

The University of Texas at San Antonio UTSA History Department Assisted David Hansen, Virginia Van Cleave, Marian Aitches, Professor Laguana

Gray, Professor Nolen-Farrell, and Professor Kolleen Guy.

## **Reader/Grader/Teaching Assistant**

The University of Texas at San Antonio UTSA History Department

- Assisted Dr. Patrick Kelly and Stacey Noll with lectures, assignments, and grading.
- Created and delivered lecture on advertising for Historical Methods class.
- Created and delivered lecture on Civil Rights for Civil War to Present history class.

# **Teaching Experience:**

Assistant Professor of Practice; Lecturer (World Civilizations, Texas History, U.S History: Pre-Columbus to 1877, and U.S. History: Civil War to Present) Spring 2011-Present.

AIS (Academic Inquiry and Scholarship) Fall 2014-Spring 2019 The University of Texas at San Antonio

- Present lectures, conduct class discussions, and administer quizzes and exams to university students.
- Develop syllabi, exams, quizzes, and writings assignments.
- Extensive use of classroom and university-wide technology

### 2007-2010

2009-2010

2006

Adjunct Professor; Lecturer (World Civilizations, Texas History, U.S. History: Pre-Columbus to 1877, and U.S. History: Civil War to Present) Spring 2012-Present

Northwest Vista College (ACCD)

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### Non-Course Based (NCB) Writing Instructor/English Tutor 2003-2006

The University of Texas at San Antonio

- Worked for Tomás Rivera Center at UTSA (Karen Roth, Assistant Director)
- Prepared students to pass the writing portion of the THEA (TASP) test.
- Taught twice-weekly classes using structured writing and grammar lessons.
- Monitored and evaluated students' progress.
- Created writing syllabus and student instruction manual for NCB classes.

## **ACE Writing Workshop Instructor**

The University of Texas at San Antonio, Downtown Campus

- Developed lesson plans and taught academic writing strategies to firstgeneration college students in a series of workshops.
- Produced writing and grammar worksheets.
- Evaluated student essays.

### **Publications:**

*Living on the Edge: Texas During the Civil War and Reconstruction.* In collaboration with Dr. Patrick Kelly. Primary source supplemental text on Texas history during the Civil War era. Fall 2015 publication by Cognella Publishing Company.

## **Scholastic Organizations:**

Texas Alpha Pi: Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society Golden Key International Honour Society Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

Omicron Delta Kappa UTSA Honors Alliance

### **Education Development:**

- Coordinated and monitored an online Zoom guest lecture by representatives of the Coahuiltecan Nation for my Texas and American history students. April 7, 2022
- Along with Professor Catherine Nolan-Ferrell, I spoke to Professor Anne Hardgrove's graduate class (HIS 5093), Designing a History Lecture, about service-based learning. My focus: incorporating service projects into large classes. **March 28, 2022**

#### 2005-2006

- Created online curriculum for large (150+) online history classes. Edited and adapted lecture and assignment materials to accommodate online students. **2020 present**
- Nominated for University Excellence Award for Core Teaching. 2020
- Worked with History Department Committee to develop common curriculum for HIS 1053 core courses. 2019 2020
- Worked with UTSA adjunct professors Andria Crossen and Lesli Hicks to develop questions, maps, and lessons for UTSA's College of Education and Human Development. Contributed questions and maps for modules about Texas history and geography for the Teacher Certification Program: TEA Domains for Social Studies. **2019**
- Developed complex writing assignments for large core classes. Created discussion prompts that encouraged interaction between students. The prompts also required students to define their position on complicated issues and examine personal responsibility. **2012 to present.**
- Planned and executed a joint visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures for two core Texas History classes. Designed, along with Lesli Hicks, a scavenger hunt meant to increase students' understanding of the significant impact of immigration. 2019 and 2021
- Traveled to various cities and historic sites to conduct in-depth research into events addressed in my classes. Added dimension to numerous events by examining documents, exploring the sites, and speaking to locals about the impact on their communities.

# Volunteer Experience and Community Service:

**Mentor to student Rani Misia** HIS 1043.007 and HIS 1053.010. Monitored the development of her personal journal over two semesters to submit to the Honor's College to support her experience objective.

Fall 2021 – Spring 2002

Interviewed by Deborah Martin, *San Antonio Express-News*, "Finally Fiesta." Published June 8, 2021

## Faculty Advisor: UTSA Human Trafficking Awareness Organization 2018-2020

**San Antonio Tricentennial Celebration (2018):** Worked with James Borrego (UTSA A/V Specialist) to create a visual presentation to accompany "San Antonio Suite," a musical depiction of San Antonio history, composed by Dr. Aaron Prado. This presentation took place at the Witte Museum on November 11, 2018 and was part of San Antonio's official Tricentennial Celebration. Mayor Ron Nirenberg narrated the presentation.

**Women's History Month UTSA (2018):** Sponsored screening of documentary during Women's History Month. Screening of the documentary Las Tesoros de San Antonio: A Westside Story detailing the lives of four South Texas singers. A Q&A with the director,

Jorge Sandoval, followed the screening of the documentary. The event was hosted in the Denman room UC 2.01.28 from 6:30-9 p.m. on March 7, 2018. Co-sponsored by The Department of History.

## UTSA Diploma Dash: Second Place 2019 (Age and Gender) Fourth Place 2018 (Age and Gender) Third Place 2017 (Age and Gender)

## San Antonio Food Bank Collection: Fall 2014- Spring 2017

**UTSA Food Pantry Collection:** Oversee donations from students four time per semester. Initially in-person donations. Transitioned to online cash donations after spring 2020. **Fall 2017- Present** 

Agricultural and Heritage Museum	2010
Boerne, TX	
• Catalogued inventory of books and publications.	
• Developed a museum timeline/ conducted research on	n museum founders.
Texas History Day	2009-2014
Regional Judge	
Video/Documentary presentations	
Poster displays	
Regional Workshop	2011
Video/Documentary presentations	

### **Communities in Schools (CIS)**

- Reading/Writing Tutor and Mentor (individual)
- Mentored group of first-year girls at weekly lunch meetings at Sam Houston High School.

2006-2007

• 2007: CIS *Top Ten Volunteer* Award