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Education:

1995 Ph.D., University of Houston-Latin American History
1990 M.A., University of Houston-Mexican History
1986 B.S., University of Houston-Political Science

Professional Experience:

2015-present **Chair: Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

1995-present **Professor of History-Sul Ross State University:**

Courses Taught-Undergraduate and Graduate levels

The History of Pre-Columbian and Colonial Mexico;
The History of Modern Mexico: 1821- Present;
The History of Mexican Americans;
The History of the Modern Middle East;
The History of World Religions;
The History of Modern Terrorism;
American Foreign Policy and the Cold War 1945-1991.
The History of Latin America I;
The History of Latin America II;
The History of Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States;
The History of Native Americans;
The History of Texas;
The History of African Americans;
The American Revolution and Constitution: 1763-1788;
Jacksonian America: 1815-1848
America between Depression and War: 1920-1945

1993-1994 **Instructor-University of Houston-Clear Lake:**

Courses Taught-Undergraduate and Graduate levels

The History of Latin America;
The History of Mexico;
The History of Texas;
The History of the Modern Middle East;
The History of Non-western Societies.

1992-1993 Fulbright-Hays Fellow: Dissertation research
In Mexico City, San Luis Potosí, and local
archives.

1989-1995 Teaching Assistant: University of Houston.

Professional Associations:

Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars 1990-present
I served as president of the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars 2006-2008
World History Association of Texas

Honors, Awards, and Listings:

Fulbright-Hayes Fellow, Research in Mexico, 1992-1993

University of Houston Fellowships, 1990-1992

Teacher of the Year Award Sul Ross State University 1998

Publications:

Books:

Book, "For God and Revolution! Priest, Peasant and Agrarian Socialism in the Mexican Huasteca." University of New Mexico Press, 2013.

Article, "The City of San Luis Potosí," The Encyclopedia of the U.S.-Mexican War, Macmillan Press, 1997.

Article, "The State of San Luis Potosí," The Encyclopedia of the U.S.-Mexican War, Macmillan Press, 1997.

Article, "José María Bocanegra," The Encyclopedia of the U.S.-Mexican War, Macmillan Press, 1997.

Book Reviews:

Book Review, "U.S. Mexico Borderlands," by Oscar Martínez, for The West Texas Historical

Association, Fall 1997.

Book Review, "Between Two Worlds: Mexican Immigration to the United States, by David Gutiérrez, Western Historical Quarterly, Fall 1997.

Book Review, "Texas and Northeastern Mexico, 1630-1690," by Juan Bautista, for Western Historical Quarterly, January, 1998.

Book Review, "Mexicans at Arms: Puro Federalists and the Politics of War, 1845-1848," by Pedro Santoni, for The West Texas Historical Association, Winter 1999.

Book Review, "Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas, 1734-1900," by Alonzo Armando for the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, June 4, 1999.

Book Review, "Border Crossings: Mexican and Mexican American Labor," by John Hart, West Texas Historical Association, Winter 1999.

Book Review-"The Life and Times of Pancho Villa" by Friedrich Katz, for The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, February 16, 1999.

Book Review, "Undocumented in L.A.: An Immigrant's Story," Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, September 23, 1999.

Book Review, "Chicano Politics in the Late Twentieth Century," by David Montejano, for The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education," November 24, 1999.

Book Review-"Border Conflict: Villistas, Carrancistas and the Punitive Expedition, 1915-1920," Joseph Stout, West Texas Historical Association, Spring 2000.

Book Review, "Out of the Shadows: Mexican Women in the United States," by Vicki Ruiz, for The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, March 2000.

Prologue to Ruben Osorio, The Unknown Origins of José Doroteo Arango, (Alpine, Texas: Center for Big Bend Studies, 2000).

Book Review-Latin High School Graduation: Defying the Odds," by Harriet Romo and Toni Fabio for the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, February 12, 2001.

Book Review-"Latino Images in Film" for the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, April 27, 2005.

Book Review-"Opening Mexico: The Struggle for Democracy" for the Hispanic Outlook In Higher Education, May 2006.

Book Review-"Mexican Americans During World War Two" for the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, September 5, 2006

Book Review “Strangers in Our Own Land: Latino Religion in the United States” for the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, December 9, 2006.

Graduate Writing:

Dissertation: “Peasant Nationalism and Social Unrest in the Mexican Countryside, 1821-1884.”

M.A. Thesis: “Agrarian Rebellion and Clerical Insurrection in Nineteenth-Century Mexico: The Siege of Mezcala, 1810-816.”

Research and Professional Presentations :

“The United States and the Rise of Mexican Nationalism,” Presented to the Southwestern Council for Latin American Studies; Monterrey, Mexico: March 1990.

“Peasant Nationalism and the Struggle for Social and Human Rights in the Mexican Countryside,” Presented to the Southwestern Council for Latin American Studies; Fort Worth, Texas: March 1995.

“Los Origenes Economicas y Sociales de la Rebelion de la Huasteca en Los Años 1846-1848,” Presented to the V Congreso de los Historiadores Regionales; Ciudad Juárez, Mexico: November, 1995.

“The Human and Ecological Impact of the Spanish Conquest on the Mexican Huasteca: A Regional Perspective on the Columbian Exchange,” Presented to the World History Association of Texas; Austin, Texas: March, 1997.

“Peasant Nationalism in Modern World History: A Comparative Analysis of Subaltern Social Movements in India, China, Peru and Mexico,” Presented to the World History Association of Texas; Seguin, Texas: April, 1998.

“Catholic Jihad and Islamic Crusades: A Comparison Between the Cristero Movement in Mexico, 1926-1929 and the Mujahadeen Movement in Afghanistan 1979-1990,” Presented to The World History Association of Texas, San Antonio, April 1999.

“The Ecological Impact of the Spanish Conquest on the Mexican Huasteca” presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars in Veracruz, Mexico, March 8, 2005

“The Impact of NAFTA on Mexican Immigration to the United States” at the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 2, 2006.

“The African Historical Presence in the Huasteca Potosina” at the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars on March 9, 2007 in Merida Yucatan.

“For God and Revolution! Uncovering the Social Origins of Agrarian Unrest in the Mexican Huasteca” presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars, Antigua, Guatemala, March 2013.

“Transnational Agribusiness and the Restructuring of Mexican Agriculture; 1942-Present” presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars, San Diego, March 2014.

Community Service

Kiwanis Club of Alpine (President 1999-2001)

Vice president-Big Bend Youth Soccer Association 2005-2008

Secretary-Boy Scouts of the Big Bend 2008-2010