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Education

Ph.D. in History

Texas Christian University—Fort Worth, Texas

May 2013 to August 2020

Dissertation: “From Victory to Validation: The Victory Study Club and Women’s Activism in San Angelo, Texas, 1942 to 1975”

Committee: Drs. Rebecca Sharpless (Chair/Advisor), Gregg Cantrell, Todd Kerstetter, and Kara Dixon Vuic
Comprehensive Fields: U.S. History Since 1877; U.S. History to 1877; American West; Modern European History; Texas History, and American Women’s History

Master of Arts in History with a specialization in Public History

Texas State University—San Marcos, Texas

August 2010 to May 2013

Defended M.A. Thesis with Distinction: “‘Making the Best Better’: Home Demonstration Work on the Llano Estacado, 1914 to 1950”

Committee: Dr. Rebecca Montgomery (Chair), Dr. Patricia Denton, and Mr. Dan Utley

Bachelor of Arts in History; Minor in Communication Studies

Southwestern University—Georgetown, Texas

August 2003 to May 2007

Paideia Scholar & Study Abroad Scholar

Professional Employment

Chair, Behavioral and Social Sciences

2023 to Present

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Sul Ross State University—Alpine, Texas

Assistant Professor of History

2020 to Present

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Sul Ross State University—Alpine, Texas

Instructor of History

2016 to 2020

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Sul Ross State University—Alpine, Texas

SRSU Courses Taught, 2016 to present:

- U.S. History to 1877—face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.
- U.S. History Since 1877—face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.

- First Year Seminar—face-to-face
- American Women’s History—face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.
- History of the American West—face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.
- The Study of History—face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.
- The Practice of Public History—undergraduate, face-to-face delivery.
- History of Native Americans—graduate and undergraduate seminars; face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.
- Texas History—graduate and undergraduate seminars; face-to-face and hybrid/web delivery.
- History of the Gilded Age—graduate and undergraduate seminars; web delivery.
- Historiography of the American West—graduate seminar; web delivery.

Certifications

Faculty Teaching and Online Course Redesign Certification <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Fall 2021
Safe Space LGBTQ & Ally Training <i>Sul Ross State University</i>	Fall 2020
Teaching Certificate in Women and Gender Studies <i>Texas Christian University</i>	Spring 2015

Selected Awards, Honors, & Grants

SRSU Faculty Research Grant	2022 & 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provided funds to complete research required for current manuscript as well as to fund presentation at the WHA. 	
Finalist, SRSU Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award	2021-2022
SRSU La Vida Lobo Service Award	2020–2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognized for outstanding community service. 	
Merited Tuition Award <i>Texas Christian University</i>	2014 to 2020
Boller-Worcester Travel Grants <i>Texas Christian University</i>	2016 to 2019
Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr., Award Best Article in <i>The Sound Historian: The Journal of the Texas Oral History Association</i>	2014
Provost Fellowship <i>Texas Christian University</i>	2013–2014
Outstanding Graduate Student in History <i>Texas State University</i>	2013

Merrick Tuition Scholarship
Texas State University

2011 to 2013

Annie Edwards Barcus Mingo Orators Achievement Award
Southwestern University

2005

Professional Service & Development

Attended, “Essential Leadership Skills for Department Chairs,” Academic Impressions Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2023

Attended, “The Fundamentals of Leadership for New or Aspiring Leaders in Higher Education, Academic Impressions Conference, Denver CO, July 2023

Grant Reviewer, *Humanities Texas*

Fall 2021

- Awarded through the CARE Act in Spring 2020, Humanities Texas offers pandemic relief grants to support public programming in the humanities, particularly at small and local non-profit organizations and institutions that promote humanities research and education.
- Selected as part of a state-wide collection of professionals to review and rank over a hundred grants from September to October to allocate relief funding.

Graduate Advisor, *Rural Women’s Studies Association*

Spring 2016 to 2020

- Serving as conference program advisor for national and international graduate students interested in researching and presenting rural women’s studies.

Research Assistant, *Texas Christian University*

Fall 2013 to 2016

- Conducted research for Drs. Gregg Cantrell, Todd Kerstetter, and Rebecca Sharpless, which assisted in the completion of manuscripts.
- Research consisted of visiting archive collections, uncovering various primary source materials through online databases, and finding/analyzing secondary source material that might be of particular use to their projects as well as proof-reading articles and manuscripts.

Head Researcher, *Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park—Stonewall, Texas*

Fall 2012

- Developed a report for the National Park Service based on original research and historical analysis that will be used to augment future programmatic considerations relative to site interpretation of the Secret Service Command Post at the LBJ Ranch.
- Oversaw and coordinated all research for the Texas State University Graduate Site Team.
- Conducted original oral histories regarding the history of the Secret Service Command Post at the LBJ Ranch.

Instructor’s Assistant & Lecturer, *Texas State University*

Fall 2011 to 2013

- Assessed undergraduates’ performance by grading exams and writing assignments.
- Contributed to students’ understanding of course material and class requirements.
- Assisted professor in day-to-day classroom management.
- Lectured regularly in-class and held study sessions for students outside of class.

Primary Researcher, *Historical Marker for Kokernot Field—Alpine, Texas*

Fall 2011

- Conducted oral histories and developed original research on the historic Kokernot Field ballpark.

- Research culminated in a ten-page application to the Historical Marker Program at the Texas Historical Commission.
- Completed and submitted a report for placement of historical marker.

Researcher, “El Paso: ‘The Chinese Mecca of the Southwest’”

Fall 2011

- Conducted oral histories with Chief Justice of the 8th Court of Appeals David Chew and El Paso District Judge Linda Chew.
- Researched local newspapers and maps to identify the Chinese community in El Paso.
- Culminated in a final paper that is currently under review by the *Western Historical Quarterly*.

Intern, *Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University*

Summer 2011

- Conducted collection management cataloging of the museum’s collection.
- Researched and assisted the museum in admission to the American Alliance of Museums.
- Conducted oral histories and deposited transcripts with residents from the Big Bend region as well as contributors and former employees of the Museum of the Big Bend.

Publications

Book, “*An Assembly of Organized Womanhood*”: *West Texas Clubwomen’s Activism in the Post-World War II Period*. (Manuscript under contract with Texas Tech University Press).

Book Chapter, “Crooked With Their Fingers—Boston Pickpockets in Fort Worth” in *Wanted In America: Posters Collected by the Fort Worth Police Department, 1898-1903*, edited by LeAnna Schooley and Thomas Kellam, Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2019.

Article, “‘A Teacher on Wheels for Farm and Ranch Women’: Home Demonstration Agents on the Llano Estacado, 1907 to 1945.” *West Texas Historical Review*. (Publication forthcoming).

Article, “El Paso’s Chinese in the Era of Exclusion,” *Western Historical Quarterly* (currently under consideration).

Article, “Jury Hung, Clay Henry Not: Scandal and Judicial Intrigue in Lajitas, Texas.” *The Sound Historian: Journal of the Texas Oral History Association* 15 (2013): 1-26.

Review of *Where the West Begins: Debating Texas Identity* by Glen Sample Ely. *The Sound Historian: Journal of the Texas Oral History Association* 14 (2012): 123–125.

Co-author, “‘Guarding an Impulsive Mover’: A Developmental History of the U.S. Secret Service Command Post.” LBJ National Historic Park: Gillespie County, Texas (2012).

Selected Presentations

“El Paso, the Chinese Mecca of the Southwest: Border Enforcement and Resistance in the Era of Exclusion,” Western History Association, Los Angeles, CA—October 2023

“Swell San Angelo: From Devil’s Playground to Booming Metropolis,” Center for Big Bend Studies Annual Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas—November 2021.

“Clay Henry III—The Mayor of Lajitas,” Adult Speaking Series, Marathon Public Library, Marathon, Texas—July 2021.

“‘No Pink Tea Side to Women’s Clubs’: The Opportunities and Limits of Post-World War II Feminism in San Angelo Texas,” in “Moving Beyond the Home: Postwar Feminism in Texas,” Texas State Historical Association Annual Conference, on Zoom—March 2020.

Chair, “Center for Big Bend Studies Session,” West Texas Historical Association Conference, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas—April 2019.

Session Participant, “Women in West Texas History: Workshop and Research Challenges,” West Texas Historical Association Annual Conference, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas—April 2019.

“Nixing the White, Sunbonneted, Helpmate: A Brief Historiography of Women in the American West,” Fort Davis Public Library’s Traveling Exhibit remembering *Lonesome Dove*, Fort Davis, Texas—May 2018.

“San Angelo’s Cold War Clubwomen,” West Texas Historical Association Annual Conference, San Angelo, Texas—April 2018.

“Deep Roots in Shallow Soils: Lyndon Johnson, the Secret Service, and Life on the Ranch,” American Association for State and Local History Annual Conference, Austin, Texas—September 2017.

“Herlinda Wong Chew: Acculturation as Resistance in the Era of Chinese Exclusion,” keynote address delivered at the Sigma Zeta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas—April 2016.

“The Saga of Clay Henry: Scandal and Judicial Intrigue in Lajitas, Texas,” Fort Worth Westerners History Association, Fort Worth, Texas—March 2016.

“El Paso’s Chinese in the Era of Exclusion: Settlement and Resistance in a Border Community, 1881–1922,” presentation at 55th Annual Conference of the Western History Association, Portland, Oregon—October 2015.

“‘For the Sake of Our Children and Our Children’s Children’: Political and Social Activism in the Home Demonstration Club Movement,” Rural Women’s Studies Association Triennial Conference, San Marcos, Texas—February 2015.

“‘We Are Now Reaching for the Home’: Home Demonstration Work and Rural Transformation, 1913 to 1945,” Century Beyond the Campus: Past, Present, and Future of Extension. A Research Symposium to Mark the 100th Anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, Morgantown, West Virginia—September 2014.

“Home Demonstration Work on the Llano Estacado, 1917–1950,” West Texas Historical Association Annual Conference, Odessa, Texas—April 2014.

“A Teacher on Wheels for Farm and Ranch Women: Home Demonstration Work on the Llano Estacado, 1917–1950,” paper presentation at the 18th Cotton and Rural History Conference, Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas—April 2014.

“‘Guarding an Impulsive Mover’: Lyndon Johnson, the Secret Service, and Life on the Ranch,” Texas State Historical Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas—March 2014.

“Let Them Progress on Their Own Stream’: Expectations & Realities of Home Demonstration Work in Twentieth-Century Texas,” Texas Oral History Association Conference, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas—April 2013.

“Help Us Help Ourselves’: Home Demonstration Work in Early-Twentieth-Century Texas,” Texas Tech University Graduate Conference, Lubbock, Texas—February 2013.

“Making the Best Better’: The Better Mattress Campaign in Texas’s Rural Communities,” poster presentation at the Texas State University Graduate History Conference, Texas State University—San Marcos, Texas.

“Jury Hung, Clay Henry Not: Scandal and Judicial Intrigue in Lajitas, Texas,” Texas Oral History Association Annual Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas—April 2012.

“Exploring the Reel Texas Cowboy: Exhibiting the Hollywood Western as History in the Bob Bullock State History Museum,” Texas State University Graduate History Student Conference, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas—November 2011.

University Service

Current Service on SRSU Committees & Councils:

- Athletic Council
- Academic Integrity Committee, Fall 2020 to Present
- Athletics Council, Fall 2021 to Present
- BASS History Scholarship Committee, Fall 2017 to Present
- BASS Representative, SRSU Graduate Council, Fall 2020 to Present
- Commencement Team Committee, Fall 2018 to Present
- SRSU Man and Woman of the Year Committee, Fall 2019 to Present

Member, SRSU Search Committee for EPISD Dual Credit

Fall 2023

- Dedicated to improving student retention, serving and hiring faculty for EPISD Dual Credit initiative within the following disciplines: History, Political Science, Philosophy, Sociology, Communication, and Psychology.

Faculty-Student Mentor Pilot Program

Spring 2023 to Present

- Working personally with first and second year students to provide resources

Program Coordinator for SRSU History BA & MA Degrees

Fall 2021 to Present

- Oversees all curriculum changes to the degrees.
- Writes reports for SACSCOC accreditation.

Faculty Navigator, Qualitative Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Fall 2021 to Spring 2023

- Under the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, design courses to improve and evaluate students’ verbal, visual, and written communication skills that will enhance academic careers and professional development.

Member, SRSU Full Faculty Search Committees

Fall 2016 to Present

- New Assistant Professor of Anthropology
- New Assistant Professor of History
- New Assistant Professor of Political Science
- New Associate Professor in Language Arts and Literature

Speaker & Planner, Fall LASS Extravaganza

Fall 2021

- In coordination with the Language, Arts, and Social Sciences Departments, helped plan and held an extravaganza, which encompassed current history students (as well as yours truly) reading a series of primary source documents leading up to and celebrating the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Member, Student Service Fees Committee

Spring 2021

- Nominated by President Pete P. Gallego, served on the SSF committee, which made recommendations to the Administration on how to best allocate fees to meet student and departmental needs.

SRSU History Website Reviewer/Content Creator

Spring 2021 to Present

- Serving as the primary contact, reviewer, and content creator for the History discipline.
- Submitted a report in coordination with RGC's History Department requirements to the Provost Office.

Member, Campus Culture and Efficiency Committee

Fall 2020

- Selected by President Pete P. Gallego, attended weekly meetings and solicited advice from faculty, staff, and students to be used to "better" the SRSU community. Completed and submitted report to the President's Office in December 2020.

Participant, SRSU Recruitment Efforts

2020 to 2023

- Attend Midland College Sully Showcase to recruit incoming students.
- Faculty Call-A-Thon: called History major/minors and Social Science major/minors to encourage enrollment.

Coordinator, E-6 Educational Exercises

Spring 2021

- Developed a HIST 1301, 1302, and 2309 Pedagogy Skills Development Exercise for the Education Department designed to improve Education majors' testing success rate.

Faculty Speaker, Honors Convocation Departmental Awards

Spring 2016 to 2019

- Every spring—barring COVID—delivered an address and presented annual awards to two deserving senior History majors at SRSU's Honors Convocation.

Faculty Speaker, Faculty Embedded CORE Assessment Dialogue Series

Spring 2017

- Selected by the director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, presented HIST 1301 CORE assessment data to SRSU Faculty.

Organized, hosted, and participated in cultural events at SRSU*Some examples include but are not limited to:*

- November 2023—"This Historical Origins of the Middle East Crisis" by Dr. Mark Saad Saka—a discussion about the historic of the current crisis, followed by discussion.
- November 2018—Native American Heritage Month: Hosted a screening of *The Natives: This Is Our America*, a film that documents the present-day experiences of the Lakota tribe and focuses on youths, the importance of education and health care, and the Pan-Indian protests at Standing Rock.
- March 2019—Women's History Month: Hosted a screening of the PBS documentary *The Pill*, followed by a discussion regarding its significance to American Women's History.
- February 2020—Black History Month: Attended and promoted Black History Month Movie Night screening of *Harriet* in the Espino Conference Center.

- February 2020—*Nat Turner in Jerusalem* Presenter: Following the SRSU performance of *Nat Turner in Jerusalem*, participated in a presentation and forum discussion addressing the significance of the play within the context of the history of American slavery.
- March 2020—Women’s History Month: In partnership with Dr. Rosemary Briseño, planned a roundtable discussion featuring local women leaders and entrepreneurs.
- November 2020—Native American Heritage Month: Organized and hosted a lecture with Dr. Lisa Barnett, Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK. Her lecture, “Peyote and the Politics of Identity: Race and Religion in the Formation of the Native American Church” was very well attended via Zoom.
- March 2021—Celebration of Cesar Chavez Day: Attended and co-hosted a screening of *Dolores*, followed by a faculty and student discussion.
- November 2021—Native American Heritage Month: Organized a symposium with undergraduate history students, which featured poster presentations about various aspects of Native American History. Included tribal leaders from the area.

Faculty Advisor, Lambda-Theta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta

Fall 2016 to Present

- Selects and submits History majors and minors for SRSU’s Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor’s Society.
- Plans and coordinates the annual BASS Spring Honors Banquet where students are inducted.

BASS Faculty Advisor

Fall 2016 to Present

- SRSU History majors/minors
- SRSU Social Science majors/minors

Community Service

Board Member, Alpine Food Pantry

2022 to Present

- Working with the Food Pantry in West Texas, distributed food as well as planned access to others through programs, which assisted food insecurity in the West Texas region.

Ghost Tour, Historic Alpine—SRSU Faculty and Students

Fall 2021 & 2020

- Played a ghost as part of SRSU’s participation in Historic Alpine’s Ghost Tour Event. All ticket proceeds went to SRSU scholarship funds as well as the Alpine Historic Preservation Society.

Marathon Public Library—Oral History Workshops with Students

October 2021

- After receiving a grant from the American Library Association, the Marathon Public Library is dedicated to collecting and preserving oral histories from residents.
- Library Executive Director, Katie Hector, requested a series of workshops for 6th and 7th grade students where I presented techniques and gave advice.

Member, Historic Alpine

2021 to Present

- A non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of the Alpine area.
- Events and programs vary.

Board Member, Brewster County Historical Commission—Alpine, Texas

2018 to Present

- Attend quarterly meetings to assess and engage in ongoing projects dedicated to preserving the history of the Big Bend region.

Big Bend Chapter, Girl Scouts of America

August 2019

- Hosted a program and presentation on Women in American History to the local chapter of Girl Scouts.

Big Bend Regional History Fair Judge

2019, 2021, 2022, 2023

- Fair encourages local 6th to 12th grade students to create a variety of historical projects on a given theme in U.S. History.
- Judged students' projects from Alpine High School, Big Bend High School, Fort Davis High School, and Marathon High School, where the winners go on to compete at the state level.

Alpine Public Library—Dancing with the Alpine Stars Participant

February 2019

- A fundraiser that encouraged residents to dance for donations; nerve-wracking, but very successful for the Library.

Member, Paisano Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

2003 to Present

- Outside of attending meetings and giving programs, oversaw the Good Citizens Award that provided scholarships to local students from Alpine High School, Fort Davis High School, Big Bend High School, Marathon High School, and Alpine Christian School.
- Received the "Outstanding Junior Member 2020–2021" from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Texas State Society.

Member, Hally Bryan Perry Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas

2013 to Present

- Held regular presentations and engaged in DRT's regular student essay contests for 4th and 7th Grade Students in the region. Students receive stipends and other gifts as part of their effort to preserve and pass along Texas History.

Professional Associations

- American Historical Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Texas State Historical Association
- Texas Oral History Association
- Western History Association
- Southern Women's Historical Association
- West Texas Historical Association
- Rural Women's Studies Association
- Triota, National Women's Honor Society
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
- Dallas Area Society of Historians
- Alpha Chi Honor Society
- Southwestern University Paieda Honor Society

Selected Student Accomplishments & Projects

"This is Native Land": Poster Presentations by SRSU History Students

Fall 2021

- Directed undergraduate history students' presentations at the Center for Big Bend Studies Conference in Alpine, Texas. Presentations entitled, "Ways, Means, and Beans: Native American Material Culture, Food Stuffs, and Its Evolution Through the Ages," "Passing Through and Leaving

History: The First Nomadic Nations of the Big Bend,” “Indigenous America v. The United States: Cases for Tribal Sovereignty,” and “We Never Left: The Regeneration, Perseverance, & Endless Influence of Native Americans in the 20th and 21st Centuries,” delighted all attending.

- Students also hosted a Native American Heritage Month celebration open to the campus where they shared their research.

“Texas Women for Texas Suffrage”—M.A. Final Project

Spring 2020

Christy Sanchez, *Sul Ross State University*

- Directed Christy Sanchez’s final M.A. project on the evolution and battle for women’s suffrage in Texas in the early twentieth century.
- After submitting a final paper, Christy held two educational presentations at the Museum of the Big Bend underscoring her research. Both were well attended.

“Women of the Mexican Revolution in the Archives of the Big Bend”

Fall 2019

HIST 3310—History of the American West, *Sul Ross State University*

- Students engaged in a public history assignment researching women in the Mexican Revolution to assist in the reinterpretation of the Mexican Revolution Exhibit in the Museum of the Big Bend.
- Through collaboration with the SRSU Library, Archives of the Big Bend, and the Museum of the Big Bend, students submitted a lengthy final report filed with the Archives and the Museum.
- Students also gave a formal presentation of their findings to Library, Museum, and Archive staff.

“Sidelines to Frontlines”—Senior Capstone Project

Spring 2018

AnnDee Alvidrez & Andrea Bode, *Sul Ross State University*

- A one-act play written and produced by Andrea Bode and directed by AnnDee Alvidrez that discussed Andrea’s evolution as an activist through her coursework as a History major, particularly in her experiences in the American Women’s History course.
 - The play debuted in the Studio Theatre to an enthusiastic crowd, and I was honored to play a role in the production.
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References

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