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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in American History, Southern Methodist University, (Expected August 2020)Oral exam passed with distinction, February 2017  
Dissertation: “The Broken Edge of Empire: Making Violence, Nations, and State Power in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1821-1890”   
Advisor: Professor Neil Foley

M.A. in History, The University of Akron, August 2014Concentrations: U.S. to 1877, Colonial Latin America, British Empire, Public History

B.A. in History,The Pennsylvania State University, December 2011

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION­­**

Research: U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, War and Society, Nationalism, Gender

Teaching:United States History, Early America, Latin America, U.S.-Mexico Borderlands

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS**

Doctoral Fellowship in Southwestern History, Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, (1-year research and teaching fellowship), 2018-19

History Department Graduate Fellowship, Southern Methodist University, 2014-2018

Interdisciplinary Research Grants, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, 2015, 2016, 2017

History Department Travel Grants, Southern Methodist University, 2015, 2016, 2018

Dedman College Graduate Student Assembly Grants, Southern Methodist University, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Graduate Assistantships (various), The University of Akron, 2012-2014

Member, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2010-Present

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (selected)**

“Examining Violence in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and its Impact on Nation-Building.” Invited Talk, Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, November 28, 2018

“Spies, Seducers, and Shifting Lines: National Loyalties in the Occupied U.S.-Mexican Borderlands.” Presented at the Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Marcos, Texas, March 2018

“‘As It Is Waged by Savage Tribes Between One Another’: Rendering Violence, Race, and Nation in the U.S.-Mexican War.” Presented at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, January 2016

“‘Direful Vengeance’: A U.S.-Mexican War Massacre and the Culture of Collective Violence in Nineteenth-Century North America.” Presented at The Violence of War: Experiences and Images of Conflict, University College, London, June 2014

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Review of Peter Guardino, *The Dead March: A History of the Mexican-American War”* *The Future of the Past* (blog) October 19, 2017, http://blog.smu.edu/gradhist/2017/10/19/dead

Contributor to *The American Yawp: A Free and Online American History Textbook*, 2015, www.americanyawp.com

**TEACHING**

2018-19 Instructor, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO   
 -Hist 280: U.S. History to 1877  
 -Hist 281: U.S. History 1877-Present  
 -Second reader on undergraduate senior thesis

2018 Teaching Assistant, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX  
 - Hist 1321: Presidents at War (Survey of U.S. Foreign Policy, 1898-Present)

2013 Teaching Assistant, The University of Akron, Akron, OH  
 - Hist 251: U.S. History 1877-Present

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Manuscript Workshop for Sarah Rodriguez, Summerlee Fellow for the Study of Texas History, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, February 24, 2018

Manuscript Workshop for Thomas Richards Jr., David J. Weber Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, October 14, 2017

History Department Representative, Dedman College Graduate Student Assembly, Southern Methodist University, August 2017-Present

Graduate Student Representative, History Department Graduate Program Committee, Southern Methodist University, August 2016-May 2017

Manuscript Workshop For Anne F. Hyde, Senior Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, January 23, 2016

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Spanish:Reading proficiency and conversational speech, nineteenth-century paleography