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I. Education

Ph.D. American History, Indiana University, 1991. Dissertation, "Tejano Rancheros and Changes in Land Tenure, Hidalgo County, Texas, 1850-1900." Dissertation Chair: Prof. George Juergens.
M.A. History, University of Texas at Pan American, 1983. Thesis, "A History of the Mexicans in the Lower Río Grande Valley of Texas: Their Role in Land Development and Commercial Agriculture, 1900-1930."
B.A. American Government, University of Notre Dame, 1972.

II. Academic Employment

Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University, July 2005-present.
Associate Professor of History, Thomas O'Connor Chair, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, August 2004-May 2005.
Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University, September 1998 to August 2004.
Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University, September 1991-May 1995; September 1996-August, 1998.
Assistant Professor of History, University of Texas at San Antonio, September 1995-May 1996.

III. Teaching Fields

U.S. History, Spanish Borderlands, Mexican American History, Texas History, and Mexican American Civil Rights History

IV. Research Projects

I am presently working on a transnational history of Texas and Northern Mexico that examines social and economic links between 1821-1942. This book project is under contract with the University of Texas Press at Austin. I have also initiated my third book project, a study of 18th century Nuevo Santander, a colony in northern New Spain that was richer and more populous than Texas and New Mexico. The colony encompassed the lands from Tampico to present day south Texas at the Nueces River. This project is part of a trilogy of scholarly works that constitutes my research agenda at Texas A & M.

V. Other Expertise in Historical Research and Social Studies Education

I have conducted special research projects, including one on Hispanic farmers and ranchers and the social and water conservation movement in 20th century Texas and another on land grant

issues in Texas on which I have served as an expert witness. On some of these projects, I have written scholarly articles. As noted below, I have presented and written on topics that are of interest to the academy in Spain and Mexico.

Also, I have become familiar with Texas curricula standards in the social studies and periodically present workshops on various aspects of this critical contemporary issue in public education as well as on historical themes. I have assisted several grantees of American History projects.

VI. Publications

Book

Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas, 1734-1900. Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 1998.

Articles

“Origenes de una sociedad y economia binacional: El noreste de Mexico y el sur de Texas, 1848-1940,” Socorro Arzaluz, ed., **Territorio y Ciudades en el Norte de Mexico**, Colegio de la Frontera Norte Monterrey and Porrua, Monterrey and Mexico City, 2009, 59-89. (Origins of a Binational Society and Economy: Northeast Mexico and South Texas, 1848-1940).

“Religiosidad Popular en Semana Santa: Parroquia de Santa Teresa de Bryan, Texas y La Catedral de San Fernando en San Antonio, Texas,” Luis Alonso Ponga, ed., **Semana Santa: Anthropologia y Religion en Latinoamerica**, University of Valladolid, Spain, 2008, 367-375. (Popular Religiosity during Holy Week: Santa Teresa Parish of Bryan, Texas and the San Fernando Cathedral of San Antonio, Texas).

“A History of Ranching in Nuevo Santander’s Villas Del Norte, 1730s-1848,” Richmond F. Brown, ed., **Coastal Encounters: The Transformation of the Gulf South in the Eighteenth Century**, University of Nebraska Press, 2007, 187-209.

“Comunidades mexicanas en Texas: Oportunidades economicas y conflicto social, 1848-1880,” Danna A. Levin Rojo and Martha Ortega, eds., **El Territorio Disputado en la Guerra de 1846-1848**, U. A. Benito Juarez de Oaxaca, U. A. Metropolitana, and Editorial M. A. Porrua, Mexico City, 2007, 201-234. (Mexican Communities in Texas: Economic Opportunities and Social Conflict, 1848-1880).

“L’impacte dels Mexicans en el creixement economic del Texas del sud, 1848-1930,” **Recherques**, Barcelona, Spain, 2004, vol. 45-46, no. 203, 55-71 (The Impact of Mexicans in the Economic Growth of South Texas, 1848-1930). **Recherques** is a journal on history and culture based at the University of Barcelona, Spain.

“Hispanic Farmers and Ranchers in the Soil and Water Conservation Movement in South Texas, 1940s to Present,” **Agricultural History**, Spring 2004, 78:2, 201-21.

“A History of Tejano, Anglo, and Black Relations in Corpus Christi, Texas, 1750-1980s,” in

Beyond our Borders: Culture, Immigration, and Marginality in an Era of Globalization, Alonso Ponga, Jose Luis and Rice, Mitchell, F., eds., Univ. of Valladolid, Spain, 2003, 483-503.

Book Reviews

Manuel G. Gonzales, Mexicanos; A History of Mexicans in the United States. Western Historical Quarterly, 2001 32(1): 85-86.

Felix D. Almaraz, Knight Without Armor: Carlos Eduardo Castaneda, 1896-1958. Colonial Latin American Historical Review, 2000 9(3), 429-30.

VII. Professional Service

Papers presented at professional meetings

“Patterns of Migration from Mexico to Texas from the Colonial Era to 1940,” World History Association of Texas, Austin, Texas, February 17, 2008.

“Desarrollo binacional: Texas y el Noreste mexicano, 1848-1930,” (Binational Development: Texas and Northeast Mexico, 1848-1930), Symposium on, Territorio y ciudades en el noreste de Mexico al inicio del siglo XXI, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte and the Universidad de Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, November 10, 2006.

“Migrations and the Social and Economic Development of Texas and Northern Mexico, 1848-1930,” U.S., Mexico, Canada Historians, 12th Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, October 5, 2006.

“Creating a Binational Society and Economy: Mexicano Immigration to Texas, 1848-1940,” Symposium on Evolution of the U.S. Southern Border: Immigration and Settlement, 1848 – Present, Texas A & M University, College Station, April 18, 2006.

“Rancheros’ Economic Legacy: A Look at their Wills and Testaments,” Symposium, Laredo: 250 Years of History.” Laredo, Texas, October 13-15, 2005.

“Rancheros in the Periphery of New Spain: The Case of Nuevo Santander, Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries,” 70th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, November 3-5, 2005.

“Stolen Land in Texas: Myth or Reality?,” 44th Annual Western History Association Conference, Las Vegas, October 16, 2004.

“Hispanic Society in Nuevo Santander,” Gulf Coast Consortium of Latin American Colonialists Inaugural Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 7, 2004.

Other Conference Activities

Presiding Chair, History Session, Ford Fellows Conference, Washington D.C., October 21, 2006.

Director, Symposium, The Evolution of the U.S. Southern Border: Immigration and Settlement, 1848-Present, Texas A & M University, College Station, April 17-18, 2006. Budget, \$10,000. Collaborative Project, Office of the Vice-President & Associate Provost for Diversity and Dean of Faculties.

Director, Symposium, Laredo: 250 Years of History, Texas Council for the Humanities, Texas A&M International, October 13-15, 2005. Budget \$25,000. Major funding source: Texas Council for the Humanities.

Director, Symposium , La Lucha - The Struggle for Hispanic Civil Rights, 1920s-1970s, Texas A&M University, March 10-11, 2004. Budget: \$16,000.00. Major funding source: The Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University.

Director, Symposium, “Nuevo Santander: 250 Years of South Texas History,” Brownsville, Texas
September 18-19, 1998. Total budget, \$ 24,000. Major funding source: Texas Council for the Humanities.

Director, Symposium, “Celebrating South Texas History During the Columbian Quincentenary,” 1992. Total budget, \$22,300. Major funding source: Texas Committee for the Humanities.

Guest Lectures

“Hispanic Migrations and Settlement in Texas: A Brief Historical Perspective,” University students and faculty, University of Applied Sciences, Saarbruecken, West Germany, at College Station, Texas, March 20, 2007.

“Comunidades Mexicanas en Texas, 1848-1880,” (Mexican Communities in Texas), Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Mexico City, April 7, 2006.

“Borderlands History: An Approach to U.S. History,” National Council for History Education, Austin, Texas, April 1, 2006.

“Tejano-Anglo Conflict over Land,” Gateway on the Gulf: Galveston and American Immigration, 1845-1915, Texas Humanities Teachers Workshop, Galveston, June 18, 2005.

Other Public Service

Peer Reviewer, Ford Foundation Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowships, National Research Council, Washington D.C., March 2002-‘08.

Panelist, Discussion of film, Border Bandits, by Kirby Warnock, University of Texas at Pan American, May 16, 2005.

Radio and Television interviews

Discussion of Mexico’s War of Independence, with Michael Shawn Kelly, KSEV, Houston, September 16, 2006.

Discussion of Mexican Immigration to the U.S., KANM, College Station, April 16, 2006.

Discussion of Hispanic landholding, Latino USA, a radio journal broadcast on Public Radio, Spring 2001.

Discussion of Padre Island lawsuit, with Mr. Chadwick, National Public Radio, August 4, 2000.

Newspaper interviews

Discussion of Ignacio Zaragoza and Cinco de Mayo, Arena Welch, “Cinco de Mayo honors Mexican, Texas hero,” **The Eagle**, Bryan, Texas, May 5, 2006.

Discussion of land grants lawsuits, Sandra Dibble, “Texans Seek Compensation from Mexico for 12 million Acres Lost after 1848 Treaty,” **San Diego Union-Tribune**, April 16, 2005.

Discussion of Carmen Morrell lawsuit, **San Antonio Express** and the **New York Times**, October 2001.

Discussion of Padre Island lawsuit in Scott Baldouf, “Real Estate Hit by History,” **The Christian Science Monitor**, August 7, 2000, 2.

Discussion of Tejano Land Grant History, in “Cattle Barons of Texas Yore Accused of Epic Land Grab,” **New York Times**, July 14, 1997, A1, A10.

Consultant Service

Consultant to Tara Thomason, producer, New York, NPR project on Juana Cavazos, a captive of the Comanches and rancher in 19th century Texas, fall of 2009.

Consultant to PBS Series **Faces of America** with Henry Louis Gates on the American experience of the Eva Longoria family, May 2009. Program broadcast, Feb. 24, 2010.

Consultant to Texas State History Museum, Austin, Galveston Immigration Project, April 28, 2006.

Consultant to **Texas Ranch House**, an eight-part series on ranching in Texas in 1867, Thirteen/WNET, PBS affiliate, New York and Wall to Wall Production, London, England, 2005-2006. Program broadcast, May 2006.

Consultant to Texas State History Museum, Austin, Galveston Immigration Project, July 26-27, 2005.

Consulted on **Texas!**, 2003, for Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Inc.

Consulted on **Lone Star: The Story of Texas**, 2003, for Prentice Hall.

Consultant to USDA, Soil and Water Conservation Service, Office of the Historian, 2000-'01,

Reader for University Presses and Academic Journals

Patterns of Prejudice, London, 2004

Agricultural History, 2004

University of Colorado, Boulder, 2003

Texas A&M University, 1998, 1999.

University of New Mexico, 1998.

Memberships in Professional Associations

American Historical Association

Texas State Historical Association

Society for the Study of the Great Plains

Texas Catholic Historical Society

VIII. University Service

Department Committees

Member of Search Committee, U.S. Latino History, 2008-2009

Member of the Tenure Case of Dr. Carlos Blanton, Fall 2006.

Member of Graduate Admission Committee, History Department, Fall 2003.

Member of Search Committee, U.S. Latino History, 2000-2001.

Author, Hist. 304 Mexican-American Frontier to 1848 and Hist. 305 Mexican-American History 1848-present, approved by the Liberal Arts Council, June 10, 1992.

Other University Service

Member, Faculty Plagiarism Case, Office of Research Compliance, 2007-2008.

Member, Annual Rudder Student Leadership Award, Spring 2004.

Diversity Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2003.

Invited Faculty, History, Culture, and Education in Texas, EPSY, College of Education, Summer 2003, Distance Learning Classroom

Author, Civil Rights in the U.S. Southwest, History 489, an experiential course, supported by the Office of Multicultural Services, Summer-Spring, 2003.

IX. Honors, Grants and Fellowships

Honors

Fellow, Mexican American and Latino Research Center, Texas A & M University, 2006-2008, 2010-2011.

Thomas O'Conner Chair in Texas Colonial History, St. Mary's University, 2004.

Fellow, Center for the Study of the Great Plains, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1995.

Grants and Fellowships

Glasscock Archives Research Award, 2009

Mexican American and Latino Research Grant, Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Scholarly and Creative Research Grant, Summer 2007

NEH Summer Institute on Spanish Approaches to the History of Colonial North America, with Prof. David F. Weber, Southern Methodist University, 1993.

NEH Summer Institute on Southwestern Studies, Southwest Texas State University, 1990.