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### **EDUCATION**

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN  
Doctor of Philosophy, 2023  
Major field: U.S. history; specializations in American Indian history and Chicana/o/x history  
Comparative field: Latin American history  
Dissertation: "Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters: The Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation"  
Advisors: Dr. David Chang and Dr. Jimmy Patiño

University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX  
Master of Education, 2011  
Action research thesis: "To What Extent Do Cooperative Learning Activities Affect Student Achievement in History?"  
Advisor: Dr. Emiliano Gonzalez

University of Houston, Houston, TX  
Bachelor of Arts, 2005  
History, Digital Media Production (double major)

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University, Spring 2025 to present  
ACES Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University, 2023-2025  
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Graduate Instructor of Record, Department of History; Department of Chicano & Latino Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2016-2023

### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters: The Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation," Ph.D. diss. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2023.

"Patricio Flores," *Handbook of Texas Online*, Texas State Historical Association,  
<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/flores-patricio-fernandez-patrick>, 2021.

"Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters: The Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation." In *Proceedings of the Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Annual Conference*, San José, CA: San José State University ScholarWorks, 2019.

Review of *Fighting Over Fidel: The New York Intellectuals and the Cuban Revolution*, by Rafael Rojas, translated by Carl Good, *The Middle Ground Journal*, no. 19 (2019-2020 school year).

## **DIGITAL PROJECTS**

“San Antonio Mission Indian Survivance: 1793 to 1940,” The Seed of Texas: An Interactive Exploration of Bexar County History, [San Antonio Mission Indian Survivance: 1793-1940](#), 2025.

## **CONFERENCES**

“Becoming *Gente de Razón*: Indigenous Sovereignty in the San Antonio Missions, 1770-1824,” Alliance for Texas History Inaugural Annual Meeting, May 15-17, 2025, San Marcos, TX

“Indigenous Sovereignty in the San Antonio Missions, 1750-1823,” American Historical Association 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, session co-sponsored by The Conference on Latin American History, January 3-6, 2025, New York City, NY (panel organizer and Chair)

Save Texas History Symposium, “Cartographic Frontiers: Putting Texas on the Map,” September 6-7, Austin, TX (attended)

Texas State Historical Association 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, February 28-March 2, 2024, College Station, TX (attended)

American Historical Association 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, January 4-7, 2024, San Francisco, CA (attended)

Save Texas History Symposium, “From San Fernando de Béxar to ‘The Alamo City’: San Antonio and its History,” September 22-23, 2023, San Antonio, TX (attended)

“Sanctuary and Refuge: Indigenous Relations of Mobility, Refuge, and Sanctuary,” Indigenous Borderlands in North America Inaugural Symposium, November 2-5, 2022, Albuquerque, NM (invited panel Chair)

“Reflections on a Dissertation: Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters,” Western History Association 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting—Protocols and Poetics of Place, October 12-15, 2022, San Antonio, TX (roundtable discussion organizer and participant)

“50th Anniversary of the National Raza Unida Party,” El Partido Nacional de la Raza Unida—¡Pasando la antorcha!, September 15-17, 2022, San Antonio, TX (attended)

“Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters: The Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation,” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting—Indigenous Knowledge for Resistance, Love, and Land, April 3-7, 2019, Albuquerque, NM (paper published in conference proceedings)

The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Group at the University of Minnesota—Seditious Acts: Graduate Students of Color Interrogating the Neoliberal University, April 21-22, 2017, Minneapolis, MN (attended)

Western History Association 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting—Expanding Western Horizons, October 20-23, 2016, St. Paul, MN (attended)

### **INVITED TALKS / PRESENTATIONS**

“Becoming *Gente de Razón*: Indigenous Negotiation of the San Antonio Missions, 1770-1823” (invited speaker)-Race & Ethnic Studies Institute, Faculty Research Colloquium Series, Texas A&M University, Fall 2024

“Disciplinary Dialogue: Perspectives on Environmental Justice” (invited panelist)-The Working Group on Environmental Justice, Environmental Justice Workshop, Texas A&M University, Fall 2024

“Indian Negotiation of the Casta System in Colonial San Antonio, *Mestizaje*, and Tejano Ethnogenesis” (invited speaker)-Lone Star College-Tomball, Hispanic Heritage Month, Fall 2024

“How Native Americans Helped Shape Aggieland” (invited co-speaker)-Student Government Association, Maroon Table Talk (Native American Heritage Month), Texas A&M University, Fall 2023

“Navigating the Academic Job Market” (invited panelist)-Department of History, Graduate Student In-service, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2023

“Things I Wish I Would Have Known About Graduate School” (invited panelist)-Department of History Graduate Student In-service, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2023

“Indian Negotiation of the Casta System in Colonial San Antonio, *Mestizaje*, and Tejano Ethnogenesis” (guest TA lecture)- Prof. Jimmy Patiño, Latinos in the United States: Culture and Citizenship, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2022

“Coahuiltecan Survivance Through the *Longue Durée*” (invited guest lecturer)- Prof. Jimmy Patiño, Chicana/o History I: Indigenous Americas to WWII, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2021

“Usos y significados del fuego en la iglesia nativa americana” (invited panelist)-Reflexxiones 500 años: El fuego—prácticas rituales, Virtual panel on 500 years of Indigenous resistance, Fall 2021

“Coahuiltecan Survivance Through the *Longue Durée*” (invited guest lecturer)- Prof. Jimmy Patiño, Chicana/o History I: Indigenous Americas to WWII, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Spring 2021

“Graduate School Success Tips” (invited panelist)- American Indian College Fund Virtual Graduate School Fair, Spring 2021

“How to ABD” (invited panelist)- Department of History Graduate Student In-service, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2020

“Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters: The Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation” (invited guest lecturer)-Prof. Jimmy Patiño, Chicana/o History I: Indigenous Americas to WWII, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2019

“Historian’s Voices: Thinking and Writing About Diversity and Equity” (invited panelist)- Department of History Department Graduate Student In-service, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2019

“How to Do Research About Us, For Us, While Keeping Our Whole Selves” (invited panelist)- Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Spring 2019

“Advice for First Time Teaching” (invited panelist)- Department of History Graduate Student In-service, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2018

“Assessment and Grading Strategies” (invited panelist)- College in the Schools Professional Development Workshop, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2018

“Reclaiming Tribal Identity in the Land of the Spirit Waters: The Tāp Pīlam Coahuiltecan Nation” (invited guest lecturer)-Prof. Jimmy Patiño, Chicana/o History I: Indigenous Americas to WWII, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2018

“A Brief History of the Native American Church” (guest TA lecture)- Prof. David Hacker, U.S. History to 1865, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2017

### **FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS**

Bill and Rita Clements Fellow at the SMU Clements Center for Southwest Studies, 2025-26  
Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Short-Term Visiting Fellowship, Dr. Maurice Crandall (Yavapai-Apache Nation), Arizona State University—awarded Fall 2024, visit scheduled Fall 2026

Erickson Graduate Fellowship in Law and History, Summer 2022

Western History Association Walter Rundell Jr. Graduate Student Award, Fall 2021

Western History Association Sara Jackson Graduate Student Award, Fall 2021

Paul Murphy Fellowship in American Constitutional and Legal History, Summer 2021

UMN College of Liberal Arts Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2021

Mellon Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2019

Newberry Library Graduate Workshop in Indigenous Borderlands Research Methodologies, Spring 2019

Mellon Fellowship, Spring 2019

Laura Platt History Fellowship, Fall 2018

Mellon Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2018

Albert and Virginia Wimmer Fellowship in History, 2016

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

History of American Indians in the U.S. South, Department of History, Texas A&M University, Fall 2024

The Sixties: History and Memory, Department of History, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2021

Chicana/o History I (Indigenous Americas to WW II), Department of Chicano & Latino Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2020—Designed course from scratch as an asynchronous course during Covid-19 crisis using best practices for online course design

Chicana/o History II: WW II, El Movimiento, and the New Millenium, Department of Chicano & Latino Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Spring 2020—Emergency transition from in-person teaching and learning to online teaching and learning during Covid-19 crisis

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT / RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jimmy Patiño, Department of Chicano & Latino Studies, Latinos in the United States: Culture and Citizenship, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2022

Research Assistant for Dr. Erika Lee, Department of History, Immigrants in Covid America Project, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Summer 2020

Research Assistant for Dr. David Chang, Department of History, Hawaiian diaspora research, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2019

Research Assistant for Dr. Lisa Norling, Department of History, College in the Schools program, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2018-2019

Teaching Assistant for Dr. William Jones and Dr. Barbara Welke, Department of History, U.S. History survey since 1865, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant for Dr. David Hacker, Department of History, U.S. History survey to 1865, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Fall 2007

## **SENIOR HONORS THESIS ADVISOR-TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Cameron Smelser, Department of History, Co-advisor, 2023-24

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (INTRAMURAL-TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY)**

Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Symposium and Small Conference Grant reviewer, Spring 2025

MSC CAMAC Student Conference on Latinx Affairs workshop presenter, Spring 2025

RESI Graduate Student Affiliate Works-In-Progress Workshop, Fall 2024

MSC CAMAC Mi Casa Es Su Casa faculty host, Fall 2024

Latino/a & Mexican American Studies Mentorship Program, mentor to Daniel Beltran, Fall 2024

Undergraduate Research Scholars Symposium, faculty advisor active listener, Spring 2024

History Graduate Student Organization 14th annual conference, commentator, Spring 2024

Department of History Climate Committee, member, 2023-present

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (INTRAMURAL-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA)**

Met one-on-one with prospective Department of History graduate students and provided campus tours during recruitment weekend, 2017-2019

Invited panelist at yearly Department of History graduate student in-service, 2017-2020

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (EXTRAMURAL)**

UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures, consultant on Indigenous Peoples Gallery, Fall 2024

Alamo Museum Planning Subcommittee (Indigenous Peoples Gallery), member, 2022-present

Western History Association, land acknowledgement author-62<sup>nd</sup> annual conference, 2022

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

TAMU Faculty Conversation Café, “The First-Year Aggie Experience: Reflecting on the Student Experience Study,” Fall 2024

TAMU Center for Teaching Excellence, “Have You Flipped Your Classroom Yet?- An Introduction to the Flipped Classroom,” Spring 2024

TAMU Center for Teaching Excellence, “Rubrics and Speed Grader for History Assignments,” Spring 2024

TAMU Faculty Development Series, “Mental Health and Well-Being: We are in This Together,” Spring 2024

TAMU Transformational Teaching and Learning, “Canvas Refresher,” Fall 2023

TAMU Indigenous Studies Working Group, faculty convener, Fall 2024-Spring 2025; member, Fall 2023-present

TAMU ACES mentorship (internal: Dr. Sonia Hernandez, Dr. Carlos Blanton, Dr. Evan Haefeli; external: Dr. Omar Valerio-Jimenez), Fall 2023-present

TAMU ACES monthly professional development series, 2023-24

UMN Legal History workshop member, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

UMN College of Liberal Arts online course design best practices training, Summer 2020

Newberry Institute Graduate Workshop-Indigenous Borderlands Research Methods, Spring 2019

UMN American Indian and Indigenous Studies Workshop, member, 2016-2023; co-chair 2019-2020

UMN Modern History Workshop member, 2016-2023

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Alliance for Texas History

American Historical Association

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

Western History Association

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish (fluency in reading, writing, and speaking)

Spanish paleography (self-taught)