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# *From the History Faculty*

This semester, the TAMU-SA History Program is looking forward to exciting events, talks, and History Club events around campus. In this issue of the *Paradigm Times*, we have updates about recent and upcoming events, forthcoming History courses, student groups and organizations, and news from our faculty about their recent activities. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or news to share.



*Left: students in Dr. Hasseler's Fall '23 course on the Vikings celebrate Halloween. Below: Dr. Lara and her students at the San Antonio Museum of Art.*



# Congratulations, Dr. Barragán-Goetz!

Dr. Barragán-Goetz is the recipient of a prestigious \$60,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will support work on her new book project, *The Borderlands of Inclusivity: Jovita González and the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement*, which is forthcoming from the University of Texas Press. Jovita González was a folklorist, writer, and educator born in Roma, Texas in 1904 and a foundational figure in Mexican American literature. Dr. Barragán-Goetz has also received a Voces Oral History Fellowship to conduct fifteen oral history interviews with graduates of El Colegio Altamirano.



## TAMU-SA History Faculty in the News!



Dr. Briscoe appeared in KSAT's segment "Who Were the People Behind San Antonio Namesakes?" on December 12, 2023.

Dr. Hasseler appeared in KSAT's segment "Why Do We Have Leap Year?" on February 7, 2024.



# History Club

The TAMU-SA History Club is a student organization open to any students interested in attending history-themed social events. Recent trips have included visits to the Briscoe Western Art Museum, the Witte Museum, and the San Antonio Missions.

Follow History Club on JagSync!

**Faculty Advisors:** Dr. Dolph Briscoe and Dr. Elizabeth Hasseler

# Feminist Advocacy & Empowerment

This student organization advocates for women's reproductive health, the availability of free menstrual products on campus, domestic violence prevention and survivor support, and equal pay. In 2022, FAE won the Jag Award for Best New Student Organization!

Follow FAE on JagSync!

**Faculty Advisor:** Dr. Philis Barragán Goetz



# Upcoming Events

February 22 | History Club General Meeting

Classroom Hall 203 | 3:30 pm

February 23 | Feminist Advocacy and Empowerment General Meeting

Online | 6:00 pm

April 12 | Phi Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony

Ceremony Room, Patriot's Casa | 2:00 pm

April 23 | 11th Annual Holocaust and Genocide Commemoration Event: Dr. Tatjana Lichtenstein (UT-Austin), "Intimacy and Persecution"

Vista Room, Central Academic Building | 12:30 pm

**TAMU-SA History  
on Social Media**



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**Facebook**

@TAMUSAHistory

# Faculty News

## Dr. Philis Barragán-Goetz

Dr. Barragán-Goetz delivered the annual Synnestvedt Lecture on Race in American History for SUNY-Brockport, an invited talk at the “History of Education” Colloquium at Teachers College, Columbia University, and a book talk to a graduate class, “History of Education,” at Texas A&M University-College Station.

## Dr. Francis Galán

Dr. Galán presented a talk entitled “All we need are settlers to cultivate the fertile lands: Imagining Haciendas, Labor, and Commerce to Guard against the English at the Mouth of the Trinity and Brazos Rivers in the Province of Tejas during the American Revolution” for the Southwest Seminar: Consortium on Colonial Latin America at UTSA’s Southwest School of Art in November 2023.

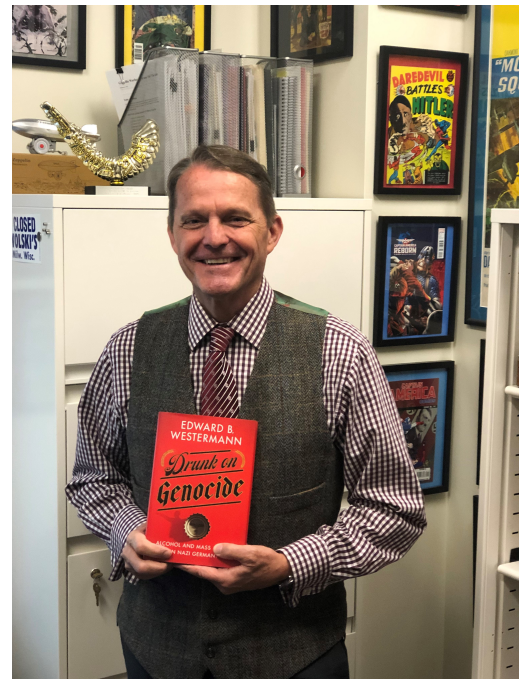


## Dr. Mike O’Brien

Dr. O’Brien was selected as the 2023 Dorothy Garrod Distinguished Lecturer in Archaeology at Cambridge University, where he worked for a week with faculty and postdoctoral studies, culminating in a lecture, “Culture and Evolvability: A Brief Archaeological Perspective.”

## Dr. Edward Westermann

Dr. Westermann received the 2023 Yad Vashem International Book Prize in Holocaust Research for his book *Drunk on Genocide: Alcohol and Mass Murder in Nazi Germany*. The award jury wrote: “Westermann shows that alcohol consumption and drinking rituals were integral to the murder of the Jews. Moreover, the murderers were intoxicated with the act of murder itself.” *Drunk on Genocide* is “a stellar contribution to Holocaust and perpetrator studies.”



## Dr. Zhaojin Zeng

Dr. Zeng attended the American Historical Association annual meeting in San Francisco in January 2024, where he presented a paper entitled “The People’s Republic of China and its Working Class Masters: Shifting Bonds Between Industrial Labor and the Socialist State, 1949-2000,” chaired a panel, and served as a discussant. He delivered an invited lecture entitled “China’s Energy Industry: Past, Present, and Future” for the Asian Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh in February 2024. Dr. Zeng was also elected to be the Vice President of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (SWCAS).



# Fall 2024 Course Schedule

Section	Course	Mode	Day	Time	Instructor
HIST 2301	Texas History	HYB	T	12:30—13:45	Galán, Francis
HIST 2301	Texas History	HYB	W	9:30—10:45	Briscoe, Dolph
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	HYB	Th	11:00—12:15	Zeng, Zhaojin
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	HYB	T	11:00—12:15	Zeng, Zhaojin
HIST 2328	Mexican American Hist 1848-Present	F2F	TTh	9:30—10:45	Galán, Francis
HIST 2381	African American History	F2F	TTh	14:00—15:15	TBD
HIST 3301	Read & Write Like a Historian	F2F	TTh	14:00—15:15	Galán, Francis
HIST 3301	Read & Write Like a Historian	F2F	MW	11:00—12:15	Lara, Sandra
HIST 3315	Early Modern Europe to 1815	OLC-A			TBD
HIST 3331	Amer Rev Early Repub 1763-1850	F2F	MW	9:30—10:45	Porter, Amy
HIST 3334	Civil War and Reconstruction	F2F	TTh	11:00—12:15	Westermann, Edward
HIST 3338	US Since 1945	F2F	MW	14:00—15:15	Bush, William
HIST 3351	Latin America I	F2F	MW	12:30—13:45	Castillo, Alexandria
HIST 4301	Methods of Historical Research	F2F	MW	11:00—12:15	Porter, Amy
HIST 4301	Methods of Historical Research	F2F	T	18:00—20:45	O'Brien, Michael
HIST 4317	Nazi Germany	HYB	T	12:30—13:45	Westermann, Edward
HIST 4347	American West	F2F	TTh	11:00—12:15	Kiser, William
HIST 4360	US Women's & Gender History	F2F	MW	12:30—13:45	Porter, Amy
HIST 4370	ST: Digital Humanities	F2F	TTh	12:30—13:45	Zeng, Zhaojin
HIST 4398	Internship	OLC	—	—	TBD