

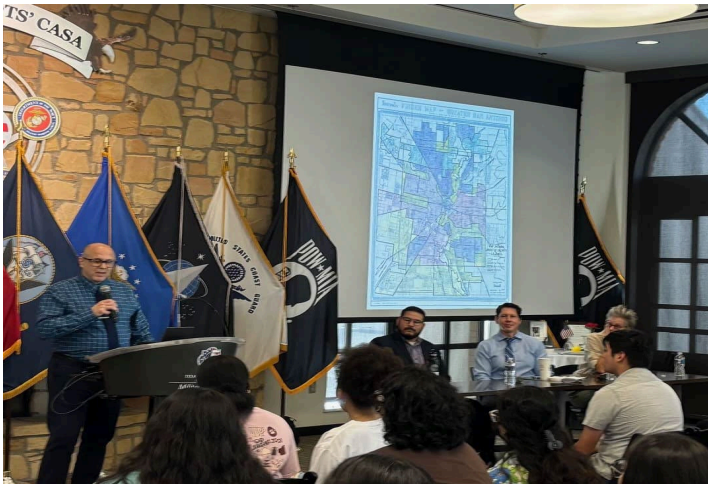
PARADIGM TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TAMU-SA HISTORY PROGRAM



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. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or news to share.



Drs. Gene Morales and Bill Bush at the panel “Separate and Unequal: The Continued Impact of Redlining in San Antonio” on October 8, 2004.

Katherine Martinez, HPG Department’s Administrative Associate, received the Rising Professional Staff Award



Western History Association Conference

Photo on Left (L-R): Drs. Francis Galan, Bill Bush, Philis M. Barragán-Goetz, and Billy Kiser with Alumni Marc Molina in Kansas City on October 26.



Photo on Right (L-R): Drs. Billy Kiser and Francis Galan, with Alumni Marc Molina, Doctoral Candidate at UTEP, in Kansas City, Missouri on October 27.



Dr. Edward Westermann with Jürgen Matthäus at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. on September 17, 2026.

Dr. Lara's HIST 1301 Fall Learning Community at Mission San José on September 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: Drs. Dolph Briscoe and Zhaojin Zeng



“Haunted History Time at the Archives” on October 29, 2024.

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!

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Faculty Advisor: Dr. Philis Barragán-Goetz



Upcoming Events

November 13: Visiting Scholar Talk
by Dr. Patricia M. Martinez,
Postdoctoral Fellow in the
Department of History, University of
Texas-San Antonio, "Shifting Tides:
Indigenismo, Nationalism, and the
Dynamics of Land and Water in the
Mexican Pacific Borderlands"

Patriots' Casa, Ceremony Room | 2:00 pm

TAMU-SA History on Social Media



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Faculty News

Dr. Dolph Briscoe

Dr. Briscoe gave a presentation titled “Reflections on My Educational Journey and History” to the LULAC Upward Bound Math and Science Program at St. Philip’s College Southwest Campus in San Antonio.

Dr. Bill Bush and Dr. Zhaojin Zeng

In September, Dr. Bush and Dr. Zeng attended the Texas Digital Humanities Symposium at Baylor University. This 2-day workshop included presentations about innovative software applications for computational history research and visual presentation of research findings. Presenters from campuses all over Texas showcased exciting work: “We hope to bring some of these ideas and opportunities to our department and our students.” Photo (L-R): Drs. Zeng & Bush, Dr. Elena Foulis (Spanish) and Lidia Flores Bandera (Honors Student)



Dr. Alexandria Castillo and Dr. Sandra Lara

In October, Dr. Castillo and Dr. Lara attended the 10th Annual American Historical Association Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. This 2-day workshop gathered educators from middle and high schools, community colleges, or four-year universities in Texas and the surrounding region. It included collaborative breakout discussions and presentations about designing introductory courses for student success, the state of History Education in Texas, and student support.

Dr. Francis Galán

Dr. Galán presented a paper, titled "Captives, Guns, Tobacco, and *chinguirito*: Spanish concerns about the English and Indians in the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands during the American Revolution," on the session panel, South by Southwest: Rethinking Borderlands Spaces in Texas, at the Annual Conference of the Western History Association in Kansas City, October 25, 2024.

Dr. Mike O'Brien

Dr. O'Brien is corresponding author of a paper, "On the multiscale dynamics of punctuated evolution," which appeared in the May 31, 2024, issue of *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, ranked 1/171 journals in ecology and 1/52 in evolutionary biology. One of his co-authors is Niles Eldredge, who in 1972, along with Stephen J. Gould, proposed the theory of "punctuated equilibrium" (PE), which solved a problem that had perplexed even Darwin: the long-term, large-scale appearance and disappearance of species in the fossil record. When recast as "punctuated evolution," PE facilitates a broader rethinking of evolution across scales, from genes to biomolecules, cells, organisms, technologies, and even cultures.

O'Brien also was invited to the 30th annual meeting of the European Archaeological Association in Rome to discuss the future of evolutionary archaeology—a field he co-founded in the late 1980s that forms the framework for a scientific approach to studying the archaeological record.



Dr. Amy Porter

Dr. Porter published an entry in *The Handbook of Texas Online* on San Fernando de Béxar alcalde Vicente Amador: <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/amador-vicente-ferrer-enriquez-de>. She presented a paper titled “Women and Married Life in Spanish Colonial Texas” at the 44th annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference in Dallas on October 6, 2024.

Dr. Edward Westermann

Dr. Westermann gave a Keynote Address, entitled, “Drunk on Genocide: Alcohol and Mass Murder in Nazi Germany,” at the Great Lakes History Conference *Intoxicated Warfare: Psychoactive Substances, Violence, and Trauma* at Grand Valley State University on 27 September 2024. Last spring, he also gave the Opening Plenary Address, “From Kishinev to Sderot: Considering “Spectacular Violence” and Mass Murder against Jewish Communities,” at Arizona State University’s *Genocide Awareness Week* in Phoenix on April 15.

He published “‘War of Annihilation’ in the Occupied Soviet Union, 1941-1942,” in *The Cambridge History of the Holocaust*, vol. 2, ed. Mary Fulbrook and Jürgen Matthäus (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024), 348-368 as well as “Crossing the Threshold of Sexual Violence: Sexual Humiliation and the Practice of Performative Masculinity,” in *The Journal of Holocaust Research* in August 2024. Additionally, he has been invited to do US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s *2025 Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Annual Lecture* with Professor Ned Blackhawk from Yale University at Fort Hays State University in April 2025.



ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni Brianna Dzierzanowski (Class of 2020) accepted a position at the French Legation in Austin.

Alumni Christian Fox was accepted into the UTSA MA in history program.

Alumni Beverley Garcia was accepted into the UTSA MA in history program.

Alumni Derek W. Kubacki published "Democracy's Development in De Facto States: A Case Study of Kosovo," *Beyond Boundaries: Mastering the Liberal Arts 4* (2024): 45-59, <https://beyondboundariesjournal.org/volume-4-fall-2024/>.

Alumni Eva Maria Morales published "San Antonio, '36: The Texas Centennial, Historical Memory, and the Making of the Alamo City," *Beyond Boundaries: Mastering the Liberal Arts 4* (2024): 83-108, <https://beyondboundariesjournal.org/volume-4-fall-2024/>.

Alumni Frank Orta accepted a position as Director of Public Works for the City of Alamo Heights.

Alumni Katherine Pratts was accepted into the MLIS program at the University of Missouri.

Alumni Garrett Rouse travelled to Northern Ireland to visit the Corrymeela Community, a peace and reconciliation center on how to resolve conflict in our lives and communities. As a graduate student at UTSA, he was selected and funded for this activity.

Alumni Garrett Rouse published "The Lonely Ranger: The Fight Over the Legacy of the Texas Rangers," *Beyond Boundaries: Mastering the Liberal Arts 4* (2024): 72-82, <https://beyondboundariesjournal.org/volume-4-fall-2024/>.

Alumni Mark Snyder graduated from the UTSA MA in history program in May.

Alumni Katarina Tijerina was accepted into the MA program in history at UTSA.

Spring 2025 History Class Schedule

Section	Course	Mode	Day	Time	Instructor
HIST 2301	Texas History	HYB	T	15:30—16:45	Briscoe, Dolph
HIST 2301	Texas History	HYB	W	15:30—16:45	Briscoe, Dolph
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	F2F	Tu Th	11:00—12:15	Lara, Sandra
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	HYB	M	11:00—12:15	Zeng, Zhaojin
HIST 2327	History of the Spanish Borderlands	HYB	T	14:00—15:15	Galán, Francis
HIST 2381	African American History	F2F	Tu Th	11:00—12:15	Rose, Eric
HIST 3301	Read & Write Like a Historian	F2F	MW	12:30—13:45	Lara, Sandra
HIST 3301	Read & Write Like a Historian	F2F	Tu Th	12:30—13:45	Galan, Francis
HIST 3303	History of San Antonio	F2F	MW	11:00—12:15	Porter, Amy
HIST 3330	Colonial America	F2F	MW	9:30—10:45	Porter, Amy
HIST 3352	Latin America II: Modern Era	F2F	Tu Th	09:30—10:45	Galan, Francis
HIST 3358	Asian History	HYB	W	09:30—10:45	Zeng, Zhaojin
HIST 4301	Methods of Historical Research	F2F	R	12:30—13:45	Kiser, William
HIST 4301	Methods of Historical Research	F2F	MW	11:00—12:15	Zeng, Zhaojin
HIST 4319	The Holocaust	F2F	Tu Th	12:30—13:45	Westermann, Edward
HIST 4345	Native American History	F2F	T	18:00—20:45	O'Brien, Michael
HIST 4364	Global Perspectives Women's & Gender History	F2F	MW	11:00—12:15	Lara, Sandra
HIST 4370	ST: Public Health	F2F	Tu Th	14:00—15:15	Bush, William