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**Education:**

- 2002     Ph.D., Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- 1998     M.A., Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas
- 1993     B. S., The University of Texas at Austin

**Employment:**

Associate Professor, The University of North Texas, 2015-Present  
Editor, *Military History of the West*, 2013-Present

Assistant Professor, The University of North Texas, 2013-2015

Lecturer, The University of North Texas, 2010-2013

Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Tyler, 2004-2010

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, 2003-2004

**Publications/Books:**

Monographs

*Tejanos at War: Mexican Texans and American Wars*, in progress.

*Chickamauga 1863: Rebel Breakthrough*, "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War" Series, John David Smith, Series Editor, Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press, 2013.

*Confederate Struggle for Command: General James Longstreet and the First Corps in the West*, College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008.

Co/Edited Collections:

*Texans at War: New Interpretations of the State's Military History*, co-edited with Charles D. Gear, College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2012.

## Publications/Articles

### Peer-Reviewed Journals:

- “Two Roads to Chickamauga: The Impact of Local Attachments on the Civil War Careers of Richard M. Gano and Jerome B. Robertson,” co-authored with Charles D. Grear, *Military History of the West* vol. 43 (2014), 54-77.
- “‘The Vision of Littlefield Preserved’: Memorializing the Confederacy at the University of Texas at Austin,” *Journal of the West*, vol. 51, no. 2 (Spring 2013), 49-59.
- “‘I Know No Other Country’: Mexican Texans and the Wars of the Twentieth Century, 1917-1970,” *Military History of the West*, vol. 41 (2011), pgs. 31-59.
- “‘For Our Own Best Interests’: Nineteenth Century Laredo Tejanos, Military Service, and the Development of American Nationalism,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, vol. 115, no. 2 (October 2011), pgs. 125-154.
- “‘An Example for the Rest of Texas in the Way of Celebrations’: Laredo’s Border Olympics and the Move towards Modernization,” *The Journal of South Texas*, vol. 24, no. 2 (Fall 2011), pgs. 24-53.
- “A Bitter Disappointment: Gen. Braxton Bragg’s Vendetta Against James Longstreet,” *Journal of America’s Military Past*, no. 112 (March 2010), pgs. 15-30.

### **\*Finalist, Army Historical Foundation, Distinguished Writing Award**

- “The Building of an East Texas Barrio: A Brief Overview of the Creation of a Mexican American Community in Northeast Tyler, 1900-2000,” *The East Texas Historical Journal*, volume XLVIII, no. 2 (Fall 2009), pgs. 26-39.

### Chapters in Edited Collections/Special Issues:

- “The Abrupt Demise of a Maverick: D. H. Hill’s Critique of Braxton Bragg Crippled His Own Career,” *Civil War Times Illustrated* vol. 52, no. 5 (October 2013), 52-59.
- “A Perfect Storm of Ineffectiveness: The First Corps and the Loss of Lookout Mountain,” in Steven E. Woodworth, ed., *The Chattanooga Campaign*, Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2012.
- “Tejanos at War: A History of Mexican Texans in American Wars,” in *Texans at War: New Interpretations of the State’s Military History*, College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2012.

- “The Censure of D.H. Hill: Daniel Harvey Hill and the Chickamauga Campaign,” in Steven E. Woodworth, ed., *The Chickamauga Campaign*, Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2010.
- “The Harmony and Subordination Essential for Success’: Generals James Longstreet and Braxton Bragg in the Western Theater,” in Lawrence Lee Hewitt and Art Bergeron, eds., *Confederate Generals in the Western Theater*, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2010.
- “A Terrible Baptism By Fire’: Stuart’s Defense of the Union Left,” in Steven E. Woodworth, ed., *The Shiloh Campaign*, Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2009.
- “Machinations in the Confederate High Command: Gen. Braxton Bragg and His Campaign to Discredit Lt. Gen. James Longstreet,” *North and South*, volume 11, no. 5 (September 2009), pgs. 43-48, 56.
- “Causes Lost, But Not Forgotten: George Washington Littlefield, Jefferson Davis, and the Confederate Statues at The University of Texas at Austin,” in Charles Grear, ed., *The Fate of Texas: The Civil War and the Lone Star State*, Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2008.
- “Beating the Odds’: Mexican American Distance Runners in Texas, 1950-1995,” in Jorge Iber and Samuel O. Regaldo, eds., *Mexican Americans and Sports: A Reader in Athletics and Barrio Life*, College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2006.

#### Book Reviews:

- Review of *Braxton Bragg: The Confederacy’s Most Hated General* by Earl J. Hess, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016) for *Military History of the West* (2017)
- Review of *Riding for the Lone Star: Frontier Cavalry and the Texas Way of War, 1822-1865* by Nathan B. Jennings, (Denton: UNT Press, 2016) for *Civil War Book Review* (2016)
- Review of *Contested Empire: Rethinking the Texas Revolution* by Sam W. Haynes and Gerald D. Saxon, eds., (Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2016) for *Southwest Historical Quarterly* (2016)
- Review of *More Than Just Peloteros: Sport and U.S. Latino Communities* edited by Jorge Iber, (Lubbock: Texas Tech Press, 2015) for *Southwest Historical Quarterly* (2015)
- Review of *From Coveralls to Zoot Suits: The Lives of Mexican American Women on the World War II Home Front* by Elizabeth R. Escobedo, (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2013) for *Southwest Historical Quarterly* (2014).

- Review of *Tejanos in Gray: Civil War Letters of Captains Joseph Rafael de la Garza and Manuel Yturri* edited by Jerry D. Thompson, (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2011) for *The Journal of Ethnic History* (2013).
- Review of *Fighting Stock: John S. "Rip" Ford* by Richard B. McCaslin (Fort Worth: Texas Christian University Press, 2011), for *The New Mexico Historical Review* (2012).
- Review of *General Braxton Bragg, C.S.A.* by Samuel J. Martin, (Jefferson, NC: McFarland Publishers, 2011), for *The Journal of Southern History* (2012).
- Review of *Victors in Blue, How Union Generals Fought the Confederates, Battled Each Other, and Won the Civil War* by Albert Castel with Brooks Simpson. (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2011) for *The East Texas Historical Journal* (2012).
- Book Review of *Trailing Clouds of Glory: Zachary Taylor's Mexican War Campaign and His Emerging Civil War Leaders* by Felice Flanery Lewis, (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2010), for *Military History of the West* (2011).
- Review of *Bowled Over: Big-Time College Football from the Sixties to the BCS Era* by Michael Oriard, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010), for *The Florida Historical Quarterly* (April 2011).
- Review of *A Perfect Gibraltar: The Battle for Monterey, Mexico, 1846* by Christopher S. Dishman, (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2010), for *The Journal of Military History* (April 2011).
- Book Review of *Why Texans Fought in the Civil War* by Charles Grear, (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2010), for *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 2011).
- Review of *Conflict and Commerce on the Rio Grande: Laredo, 1755-1955* by John Adams, (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2006), for *The East Texas Historical Journal* (Winter 2010).
- Review of Michael L. Collins, *Texas Devils: Rangers and Regulars on the Lower Rio Grande, 1846-1861* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008), for *The East Texas Historical Journal* (Winter 2010).
- Review of *Counterthrust: From the Peninsula to Antietam* by Benjamin Franklin Cooling, (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008), for *The Journal of Southern History* (August 2009).
- Review of *Vicksburg's Long Shadow: The Civil War Legacy of Race and Remembrance* by Christopher Waldrep, for *H-Civil War Reviews* (February 2008).

Review of *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont* by Kevin J. Weddle, (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2005), for *Civil War History: A Journal of the Middle Period* (September 2007).

Review of *Fort Concho: A History and a Guide* by James T. Matthews, (Austin: Texas States Historical Association, 2005), for *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (October 2006).

Review of *From the Pilot Factory, 1942* by William P. Mitchell, (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2005), for *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (April 2006).

Review of *Almonte's Texas: Juan N. Almonte's 1834 Inspection, Secret Report & Role in the 1836 Campaign* ed. by Jack Jackson, (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2003), for *Military History of the West* (Summer 2006).

Review of *Lone Star Stalag: German Prisoners of War at Camp Hearne* by Michael R. Waters, (College Station: A & M University Press, 2004), for *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (October 2005).

Michael Fellman, *The Making of Robert E. Lee* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000) in *H-Civil War Reviews*, May 2005.

Peter Carmichael, ed., *Audacity Personified: The Generalship of Robert E. Lee* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2003), in *H-Civil War Reviews*, May 2005.

Robert E. L. Krick, *Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003), in *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2004, volume 83, no. 4.

Gary Gallagher, ed., *The Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1862* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003), posted on *H-Civil War Reviews*, January 2004.

#### Encyclopedia Entries:

“Antoine Henri Jomini,” in *Encyclopedia of Military Science*, G. Kurt Piehler, ed., Sage Press, Thousand Oaks, CA, 2013.

“Indiana Native Americans,” in *Native America: A State-by-State Historical Encyclopedia*, Daniel S. Murphree, ed., ABC-CLIO Press, Santa Barbara, CA, 2012.

“Michigan Native Americans,” in *Native America: A State-by-State Historical Encyclopedia*, Daniel S. Murphree, ed., ABC-CLIO Press, Santa Barbara, CA, 2012.

“Jerome B. Robertson,” in Bruce S. Allardice and Lawrence Lee Hewitt, *Kentuckians in Gray: Confederate Generals and Field Officers from the Bluegrass State*, Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2008.

“Simon B. Buckner”; “Civil War, causes of”; “Civil War, naval overview”; “Gustavus Fox”; “Josiah Gorgas”; “Stephen R. Mallory”; “John Singleton Mosby”; “Monitor”; “The Battle of Perryville, 1862”; “The Battle of Williamsburg, 1862”; “Gideon Welles,” in *U.S. Military History Encyclopedia*, Spencer Tucker, ed., New York: Facts on File Publishing, 2003.

### **Literary readings, Performances, Productions, and Professional Activities:**

“Tejanos and the First World War,” Panel Discussion, Sponsored by the Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, April 9, 2017.

“Myths and Realities of the Alamo,” Public Lecture for The Ladies of the Court of Honor, Dallas, Texas, September 24, 2016.

Lead Discussant and Film Moderator, *McFarland, USA*, Irving Public Library, National Endowment for the Humanities, *Latinos: 500 Years of History*, January 16, 2016.

Lead Discussant and Film Moderator, *Latino Americans*, Ep. 1, “Foreigners in their Own Land” and *Latino Americans*, Ep. 3, “The War Years,” University of North Texas Libraries, National Endowment for the Humanities, *Latinos: 500 Years of History*, September 2015 and October 2015.

“Tejanos and the Great War: The Watershed Moment for Mexican Texans,” Public Lecture, Allen Public Library, Allen, Texas, July 16, 2015.

“Between Two Worlds: Tejanos and the Civil War,” University of North Texas Libraries, National Endowment for the Humanities Civil War Sesquicentennial Program, April 22, 2014.

“Tejanos and the Civil War,” Panel Discussion, Sponsored by the Texas General Land Office, Saving Texas History Symposium, The Civil War in Texas, Austin, Texas, September 15, 2012.

“Border Tejanos and the Civil War,” The Festival of International Books and Arts (FESTIBA), Sponsored by The University of Texas, Pan American, Edinburg, Texas, March 26, 2012.

“The Tejano Experience During the Civil War,” Sesquicentennial of the Civil War Lecture Series, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, March 18, 2012.

“A Perfect Storm: The First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia in Tennessee,” Dallas Civil War Round Table, Dallas, Texas, June 9, 2010.

“Longstreet in the West,” Austin Civil War Round Table, Austin, Texas, April 15, 2010.

“A Warrior Tradition: Tejanos and American Warfare,” The University of Texas at Tyler Faculty Research Day, December 10, 2009

“‘Depression Knows No Bounds’: James Longstreet and the Knoxville Campaign,” The Longstreet Society Seminar, The Knoxville Campaign, Knoxville, Tennessee, Fall 2008.

“‘The Spirit Which Animates Countrymen’: The Concept of Courage and Manifest Destiny,” The Walter M. and Evalynn Burress Distinguished Lecturer in American History, Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas, Fall 2007.

“A Bitter Disappointment: James Longstreet and the Army of Tennessee, 1863-1864,” The Longstreet Society Seminar, The Chickamauga and Chattanooga Campaigns, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Fall 2006.

“‘The Serious Business of Cartoons’: The Rise of Political Cartoons in America,” The Robert Muntz Library, “Cartooning Texas: An Exhibit from Humanities Texas,” UT Tyler Friends of the Arts, Fall 2006.

### **Grant Activity:**

The University of North Texas, Junior Faculty Summer Research Support Award, 2014 (funded, \$5,000/invited)

The Catarino and Evangelina Hernandez Research Fellowship in Latino History in Texas, 2012 (funded, \$500.00/submitted)

The University of Texas at Tyler, Internal Summer Research Grant, 2009 (funded, \$2,500/submitted)

### **Inter/national Awards, Honors, and Recognitions:**

Finalist, Army Historical Foundation, Distinguished Writing Award, for “A Bitter Disappointment: Gen. Braxton Bragg’s Vendetta Against James Longstreet,” *Journal of America’s Military Past*, no. 112 (March 2010), pgs. 15-30. (national/submitted)

East Tennessee Historical Society Award of Distinction, for *Confederate Struggle for Command: General James Longstreet and the First Corps in the West*, 2009 (regional/submitted)

History Book Club Alternate Selection for *Confederate Struggle for Command: General James Longstreet and the First Corps in the West*, 2008 (national/invited)

Fellow, The West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, The United States Military Academy, Department of History, West Point, New York, May 30-June 20, 2006 (national/submitted)

## **Conference Presentations:**

- “San Antonio Tejanos during the Civil War.” Conference Sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association, March 6-9, 2019 (regional/invited).
- “Military History in Texas—The Publisher’s Perspective.” Conference Sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association, March 8-10, 2018. (regional/invited)
- “*Libres Fronterizos*’: Laredo Tejanos and the Civil War.” The Civil War in Texas: Changing Interpretations after 150 Years. Conference Sponsored by Victoria College and the University of Houston, Victoria, Texas, October 20-22, 2011. (regional/invited)
- “‘We’re Going to Fight for Those People who Defended our Rights’: Mexican Texans and Changing Notions of Patriotism, 1835-1975.” Conference Sponsored by the Society of Military History, Lisle, Illinois, June 9-12, 2011. (national/submitted)
- “Remembering a Southern Past in Texas: George Washington Littlefield and Confederate Memories at The University of Texas at Austin.” Conference Sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association, March 4-6, 2010. (regional/invited)
- “The Mexican American Community and the Building of a Barrio in North Tyler.”  
“Roundtable on East Texas Tejano History: Retrospect and Prospect.” Conference Sponsored by the East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, September, 25-27, 2008. (regional/invited)
- “Texas, Mexico, and the Confederacy: The Civil War on the Border.” Conference Sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association, March 9, 2007. (regional/submitted)
- “The Censure of D. H. Hill: The Ramifications of the October 4, 1863 Petition to Jefferson Davis.” Conference Sponsored by the Southwest Social Sciences Association, Galveston, Texas, March 10-14, 2000. (regional/submitted)
- “Fighting to Command: General James Longstreet and the Army of Tennessee.” Conference Sponsored by the Southwest Social Sciences Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 20-24, 1999. (regional/submitted)

## **UNT Awards, Honors, and Recognitions:**

Fellow, Military History Center, University of North Texas (2011-Present)

## **Teaching:**

Graduate:

HIST 5900: Special Problems, Readings on the Civil War  
HIST 5900: Special Problems, Readings in Tejano/a History  
HIST 5900: Special Problems, Readings in World Military History  
HIST 5900: Special Problems, Readings in Modern American Military History  
HIST 5900: Special Problems, Readings in War and American Society



Undergraduate:

HIST 4860: Civil War and Reconstruction  
HIST 4660: Evolution of Warfare since Napoleon  
HIST 4261: 19th Century American Military History  
HIST 4261: 20th Century American Military History  
HIST 4260: History of Tejanos/as (Mexican Texans)  
HIST 2685: Honors United States History since 1865  
HIST 2620: History of the United States since 1865  
HIST 2610: History of the United States to 1865

**Service:**

To the Profession:

Editor, *Military History of the West* journal, 2013-2019  
Presider, Webb Historical Society Presentation, Texas State Historical Association  
Annual Meeting, 2013  
Program Committee Member, Texas State Historical Association, 2011-2012  
Manuscript Reader, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, 2011  
Manuscript Reader, Texas State House Press, 2010  
Manuscript Reader, University of Tennessee Press, 2009  
Manuscript Reader, Oxford University Press, 2009  
Manuscript Reader, *New Mexico Historical Review*, 2007  
Manuscript Referee, Houghton-Mifflin Press, 2005-2006  
Manuscript Reader, *East Texas Historical Journal*, 2005  
Reviewer, A.P. U.S. History Exams, Educational Testing Service, 2005

To the College/University:

Faculty, Latino/a and Mexican American Studies Program (LMAS), 2014-  
Member, National Digital Newspaper Program Advisory Committee, 2015-2016  
Coordinator, Texas Northern Region National History Day Competition, The  
University of North Texas, 2012-2014  
Faculty Advisor, Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society, John B. Denton Chapter,  
2011-2014

To the Department:

Chair, Mexican American History Committee, 2016-Present  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2013-2015, 2016-2018  
Member, Modern American Military Search Committee, 2016-2017  
Department Affairs Committee, 2015-2016; 2017-2018  
American History Textbook Committee, 2013-2015  
Co-Chair, Faculty Research Colloquium, 2013-Present  
Presided "The Lewis and Clark Expedition and Indian Relations," *The Teaching of  
History Conference*, University of North Texas History Department,  
September 25, 2010