

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2018 History University of Texas at Arlington

Dissertation: "Indians in their Proper Place: Culture Areas, Linguistic Stocks, and the Genealogy of a Map"
(Supervised by Dr. Imre Josef Demhardt)

My dissertation examines the thematic maps of American Indian homelands, languages, and culture elements created in the past 200 years. Starting with a widely-used map, William C. Sturtevant's *Early Tribes, Culture Areas, and Linguistic Stocks* it utilizes a genealogical framework to trace the map's intellectual history, academic genealogy, and cartographic antecedents. I argue that social-scientific maps developed as part of a transatlantic circulation of ideas regarding natural science, philology, and the place of American Indians in the world.

M.A. 2011 Heritage Resources Northwestern State University of Louisiana

M.S. 2003 Labor Studies University of Massachusetts Amherst

B.A. 2001 History and Anthropology University of New Orleans

POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of History, *SOWELA Technical and Community College*, August 2019– Present

Digitization Specialist, UT Arlington Library, *University of Texas at Arlington*, February 2019– June 2019

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, *University of Texas at Arlington*, September 2018– January 2019

Instructor and Graduate Researcher, History Department, *University of Texas at Arlington*, Fall 2016 – May 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant, History Department, *University of Texas at Arlington*, August 2011 – May 2016

Graduate Assistant, Williamson Museum, Dr. "Pete" Gregory, *Northwestern State University*, August 2010 – May 2011

Graduate Intern, *Cane River National Heritage Area (Natchitoches, LA)*, August 2009–August 2010

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Katrin L. Lamon Fellowship, *School for Advanced Research*, 2020–2021

Jay and Deborah Last Fellowship, *American Antiquarian Society*, 2020–2021

Daythal L. Kendall Fellowship, *American Philosophical Society*, 2016

Patricia and John Klingstein Short-Term Fellowship, *New York Historical Society*, 2016

Smithsonian Native American Awards (Visiting Student), *Smithsonian Institution*, August 2016

Dean's Research Travel Award, *UT Arlington*, April 2016

Honorable Mention, Ford Doctoral Fellowship, *The National Academies*, 2016 and 2017

Jenkins Garrett Award, *UT Arlington*, March 2014

George Wolfskill Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper, *UT Arlington*, March 2013

Virginia Garrett Award in Cartographic History, *UT Arlington*, October 2012

Native American Student Scholarship, *UT Arlington*, September 2012

Ida V. Hall and George Kohfeldt Endowed Scholarship in Southwestern Studies, *UT Arlington*, 2011 and 2012

Graduate Student Award, Phi Alpha Theta, *Northwestern State University of Louisiana*, April 2011

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, *Northwestern State University of Louisiana*, November 2010

Kyser Graduate Scholarship in Heritage Resources, *Northwestern State University of Louisiana*, April 2010

Graduate Dean's Fellowship, *University of New Orleans*, August 2005

Golden Key International Honor Society, *University of New Orleans*, May 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Choctaw-Apache Foodways. Nacogdoches, TX: Stephen F. Austin State University Press, 2015.

Indians in their Proper Place: Social Sciences and the Mapping of Native America (Working Title) Under contract with University of Nebraska Press.

“Persistence on the Edge: The Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb,” *Native South*. Vol. 19, 2020.

“Lewis and Clark Expedition” and “John Wesley Powell,” entries in *History of Cartography, Vol. 5: The Cartography in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. Roger J.P. Kain. University of Chicago Press, Forthcoming.

“Choctaw Frontier: Incursions and settlement in Northwest Louisiana and East Texas, 1760-1836,” *North Louisiana History* Fall 2020.

“Filé Man: Colson’s Creole-Indigenous Continuity” *Louisiana Creole Peoplehood: Tracing Post-Contact Afro-Indigeneity and Community*. Eds. Rain Prud’homme-Cranford, Andrew Jolivéte, and Darryl Barthé. University of Washington Press, 2021.

“Native Peoples Should Tell Their Own Stories” in Denise E. Bates, ed. *We will Always Be Here: Native Peoples on Living and Thriving in the South*. University Press of Florida, 2016.

The River Bottom, (Co-producer), directed/edited by Avery Lowery. Southern Foodways Alliance, 2016.

“De-colonizing North America” (Review essay analyzing Thomas King’s *The Inconvenient Indian* and Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz’s *Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States*) *Against the Current*. 172, Sept.-Oct. 2014.

Review of Nicola Pizzolato, *Challenging Global Capitalism: Labor Migration, Radical Struggle, and Urban Change in Detroit and Turin* (Book review) *Traversea: A Journal of Transatlantic History* Vol. 4, 2014.

“Making their own freedom.” Review of Marcus Rediker’s *The Amistad Rebellion: An Atlantic Odyssey of Slavery and Freedom*. (Book review) *Against the Current*. 168. Jan.-Feb. 2014.

“Mass Murder at Colfax, The Bloody Death of Reconstruction” (Book reviews of LeeAnna Keith, *The Colfax Massacre* and Charles Lane, *The Day Freedom Died*) *Against the Current*. 144, Jan-Feb. 2010.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Choctaw-Apache Community of Sabine Parish, Louisiana.” Creating Community and Identity in 18th Century Louisiana. New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta: Cultural Crossroads; Society for the History of Discoveries 60th Annual Meeting, November 2020.

with Erin V. White, “Southern Gothic, A Tale of Tombstones, Tourism, and Preservation at the American Cemetery of Natchitoches Louisiana.” *The Thrill of Dark: Heritages of Fear, Fascination and Fantasy*, Birmingham U.K., April 2019.

Native Resilience and Nation-Building in the Twentieth Century: A Roundtable Discussion.” Southern Historical Association 83rd Annual Meeting, November 2017.

“Mapping Indian Country: Culture Areas, Linguistic Stocks, and the Genealogy of a Map” (Poster presentation). American Historical Association 131st Annual Meeting, January 2017.

“Metate and Log Mortar, Corn and other foods in the Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb, Louisiana” Southern Foodways Alliance Symposium, The University of Mississippi, September 2016.

“Constructing Transatlantic Spaces” (invited panelist. The 16th Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, The University of Texas at Arlington. September 2015.

“Culinary crossroads: Traditional foods of the Sabine Parish Choctaw-Apache Community.” Seventh Annual Louisiana Studies Conference, September 2015.

“Choctaw Frontier: Westward migrations prior to Indian Removal.” United Choctaw Conference, October 2014.

Persistence on the Edge: The Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb. “Beyond the Bayuk: Louisiana’s Indigenous Diasporas and Transnational Traces.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Sixth Annual Meeting, May 2014.

Lasting Imprint: An investigation into indigenous toponyms and the European and Euro-American record of population settlement and territory along the Louisiana-Texas borderlands. Spring Meeting of the Texas Map Society, April 2014.

Apaches in Louisiana? The Ebarb Community’s Lipan Connections. “Border Crossings and Boundaries: How the Apaches Defied Geographical and Cultural Borders.” The 118th Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, March 2014.

Choctaw-Apache Territoriality along the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands. “Indigeneity in the Imperial Periphery.” The 14th Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, The University of Texas at Arlington, October, 2013.

“Easter Island: Island of Enigma in the Age of “Discovery,” An Interpretation of Three Eighteenth-Century Maps.” Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Conference, University of North Texas, March, 2013.

Exploring Choctaw-Apache Territoriality. “Possessing Indigenous Places: American Indian Land, Law, and Identity in Louisiana.” American Historical Association 127th Annual Meeting, January 2013.

“Hispanic Roots of Creole Cuisine.” Hispanic Roots in Creole Culture Symposium, October 2012.

“Mapping American Indian Country: A Survey of Anthropological Cartographies” Imperial Projects: Language and Geography, Northeast and North Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference, April 2012.

“Choctaw Come to the Caddo Homeland” 54th Annual Caddo Conference, March 2012.

“Deblieux Building. 550 Front Street (Commercial Building).” Historic American Buildings Survey, Level 4 Submission, March 2011.

“People on the Camino Real Past and Present” (with Hiram F. Gregory and George Avery) at the Second Annual Louisiana Studies Conference, September 2010.

“Historic Landmark District Survey Digitization” (Poster presentation). Preservation in Your Community, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, September 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, School of Arts & Sciences, *SOWELA Tech. Community College* August 2019- Present
History of the United States, 1865 to Present; Louisiana History; Human Geography

Visiting Lecturer, History Department, *McNeese State University*, August 2020- Present
History of the United States until 1877; 1877 to Present. Online and Seven week courses; Customized U.S. History course for Nursing Majors.

Instructor, Department of History, *University of Texas at Arlington* Fall 2016- Spring 2018
Instructor of Record, History of the United States, 1865 to Present (online) History survey.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, *University of Texas at Arlington* August 2011-May 2018

- Administer and grade all exams: Administer and grade examinations for college Freshman-level American History survey courses.
- Assist with administration of the course Assist with grade entry and administration of up to 146 students.
- Occasional lecturer: Assist professors upon request for undergraduate (including upper-division) and introductory graduate-level courses.

Graduate Assistant, *Dr. Hiram F. Gregory, Northwestern State University of Louisiana*, Aug, 2010 – May 2011

- Teaching assistant: grade, test monitor, transcribe, print and distribute syllabus and tests from dictation; guest lecture, preparation to instruct undergraduate courses in anthropology in professor’s absence (when necessary)

Graduate Researcher and Intern, *Cynthia Sutton, Cane River National Heritage Area*, Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2010

- Public Education Personal On-site interpretation at *Los Adaes*, a National Historic Landmark site.

Teaching Fields

- American Indian History; Cartographic History; History of Geography; History of Exploration and “Discovery”; U.S. History to 1865 and 1865 to Present; Atlantic History; Labor and Working-Class History; Social Movements; Public History; Cultural Preservation; History of Food and Drink

ACADEMIC/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Katrin H. Lamon Residential Fellow, *School for Advanced Research* August 2020-May 2021
Dissertation to Manuscript Research and Revision

Graduate Researcher, Department of History, *University of Texas at Arlington* August 2016-May 2018

- Historical and Geographical Research directed by Imre J. Demhardt.

Graduate Assistant, *Dr. Hiram F. Gregory, Northwestern State University of Louisiana*, Aug, 2010 – May 2011

- American Indian tribal and Creole community events: Attended and assisted events such as the Creole Heritage Celebration, National Park Service’s Delta Initiative symposium, Caddo Conference, Williamson Museum’s annual Basket Day.
- Museum tasks: Tours of museum; collections curation; museum functions
- Teaching assistant: grade, test monitor, transcribe, print and distribute syllabus and tests from dictation; guest lecture, preparation to instruct undergraduate courses in anthropology in professor’s absence (when necessary)

Graduate Researcher and Intern, *Cynthia Sutton, Cane River National Heritage Area*, Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2010

- Archival research: Background research of Natchitoches’ transportation history as part of interpretive themes for the planned African American/ Civil Rights museum at the Natchitoches Texas & Pacific Railway Depot.
- Interpretation: Personal on-site interpretation at *Los Adaes*, a National Historic Landmark site.
- Digitization: Historic Landmark District Survey Digitization Project with the City of Natchitoches planning office.

Graduate Researcher, *Dr. Frank Borgers, University of Massachusetts (Amherst, MA)*, August 2001-May 2002

- Database research: Research of NAFTA and its impact on trade and labor markets; utilized online databases for initial data collection. Developed systems to facilitate information analysis. Created and organized files and databases to manage information.

Laboratory assistant, *Dr. Christopher N. Matthews, University of New Orleans*, May 1999- July 1999

- Artifact curation: Processed historic artifacts previously excavated in the Greater New Orleans area. Identified and recorded artifacts. Prepared artifacts for storage.

ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Secretary, HoMinti Society, a cultural heritage nonprofit. *Zwolle, Louisiana*. September 2013- Present

President, Native American Student Association, *University of Texas at Arlington*, May 2012 – May 2013

President, Society for Heritage Resources, *Northwestern State University of Louisiana*, May 2010 – June 2011

President, Anthropology Student Organization, *University of New Orleans*, September 1998 – May 2001

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Society for Ethnohistory

American Studies Association

Critical Ethnic Studies Association

Louisiana Historical Association

Northwest Louisiana Historical Association

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

Fellow, *Royal Geographical Society*, Inducted September 2018.

Society for the History of Discoveries

Southern Foodways Alliance

Southern Historical Association

Texas State Historical Association

World History Association

SEMINAR & WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Digital Native American and Indigenous Studies NEH Workshop at IUPUI May 2017

Material Maps in the Digital Age: A 2019 NEH Summer Seminar at the Newberry Library June and July 2019

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Panel Moderator, “Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women,” Sixth Annual American Indian Heritage Day in Texas, 2018

Judge, National History Day at U.T. Arlington, 2012, 2013, 2014

Secretary and founding member, Ho Minti Society, 2014-Present

Powwow Committee, U.T. Arlington, 2012-2015

Council member, Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb, 2011-2014

Delegate, National Congress of American Indians, 2012-2014

Digitization of the Ebarb Community Collection for CGHRC and Choctaw-Apache Community of Ebarb

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Workshop Planning Committee, *Indians at the Center: Rethinking U.S. History and Geography*, The University of Texas at Arlington, February 2017.

Section Editor, *Traversea a journal of Transatlantic History*, 2013-2017

Conference Planning Committee, Transatlantic History Conference, 2014, 2016

Symposium Planning Committee, Frontier Odyssey: the Lives and Legacy of Cynthia and Quanah Parker, The University of Texas at Arlington, April 16-17, 2014

SERVICE TO COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY

Moderator, Language, Learning and Technology panel, College of Liberal Arts Student Spotlight Forum, April 4, 2019

Co-Moderator, Intertribal Discussion: Belonging and Identity, Native American Student Association, September 10, 2018

(Under direction of Linguistics Professor Colleen Fitzgerald) Local Organizing Committee, CoLang 2014: Institute on Collaborative Language Research, a National Science Foundation supported conference, Arlington Texas.

Judge, ACES (Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students) Conference, University of Texas at Arlington, 2013; 2016 (both undergraduate poster presentations and graduate papers)

Graduate Student Senate, University of Texas at Arlington, 2013-2015

Delegate, World Social Forum, 2003, Porto Alegre Brazil

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: enrolled, Choctaw-Apache Tribe of Ebarb