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Education

Ph.D., History: Southern Methodist University: In progress – Expected fall of 2015

Dissertation: *The Politics of Curanderismo: Santa Teresa Urrea, Don Pedrito Jaramillo, and Faith Healing in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

Chair: Neil Foley. Readers: Sherry L. Smith, Crista J. DeLuzio, Alexis McCrossen, and Luis A. Urrea (University of Illinois at Chicago)

M.A., History: Southern Methodist University, 2012

B.A., History: University of North Texas, August 2009 (Graduated Magna Cum Laude)

Oral Exam Fields

Passed with Distinction, January 2012

Women in U.S., 1865 to the Present: Crista J. DeLuzio, Director

U.S-Mexico Borderlands: Benjamin H. Johnson, Director

Mexican American and the U.S. Southwest: John R. Chávez, Director

Global/Comparative: James K. Hopkins, Director

University Teaching Experience

Brookhaven College, Dallas TX Fall 2015
Instructor: U.S. History 1302

SMU-in-Taos Summer 2014, 2015
Instructor: “Defining the Southwest: Intimacy, Culture, and Spirituality”
Conceived and taught interdisciplinary course to undergraduate students at SMU’s New Mexico campus

Southern Methodist University Spring 2013
“Women in American History: From 1865 to the Present”
Co-taught with Professor Crista DeLuzio

Southern Methodist University Spring 2013
Guest Lecturer: “Women and the Intersection of Gender, Race, and Class in the 1970’s”
For Professor Neil Foley, “Problems in American History: U.S. Since 1941”

Public History Positions Held

SMU Coordinator for Inaugural Conference: "New History at Old Red"

Summer 2015

Publications

"How do I know...prayers don't do more good than...pills': Don Pedrito Jaramillo, Curanderismo, and the Rise of Professional Medicine in the Rio Grande Valley, 1881-1900," *Journal of the West*, vol. 54, no.1: (Winter 2015), 15-28.

"Laying-on Hands: Santa Teresa's Curanderismo as Medicine and Refuge at the Turn of the Twentieth Century." Essay accepted for Kelly Bezio and Ashley Reed, eds., *Religion and Medicine in America's Secular Age* (proposal in progress).

Book review of Bruce A. Glasrud, Light Townsend Cummins, and Cary D.Wintz, *Discovering Texas History. West Texas Historical Review* (Forthcoming, 2015).

Book review of Jane Dunn Sibley, *Jane's Window: My Spirited Life in West Texas and Austin. West Texas Historical Review*, vol.90: (2014), 53-54.

"Doing Research in Local Archives." Borderlands History Blog, www.borderlandshistory.org (April 2014).

Book review of Nicole Guidotti-Hernández, *Unspeakable Violence: Remapping U.S. and Mexican National Imaginaries*. Borderlands History Blog, www.borderlandshistory.org (April 2013).

Book review of Luis Alberto Urrea, *Queen of America*. "A Saint Losing Her Sainthood?" Borderlands History Blog, www.borderlandshistory.org (March 2012).

Awards and Fellowships

Summerfield G. Roberts Dissertation Writing Fellowship 2014-2015
William P. Clements Department of History, Southern Methodist University

The Jim Watson Research Grant for research travel 2012
William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University

Advisory Panel Grant for research travel 2011
William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University

Graduate Dean Award for research travel 2011
Dedman College of the Humanities and Sciences, Southern Methodist University

Levine/Advisory Panel Fellowship Recipient 2010
William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University
(Honors graduate students working in the American Southwest or borderlands)

Ph.D. Fellowship for tuition and living expenses 2010-2014
William P. Clements Department of History, Southern Methodist University

Conference Presentations

“Santa Teresa Urrea, Don Pedrito Jaramillo, and the Politics of *Curanderismo*” March 2015
Clements Center for Southwest Studies Monthly Brown Bag Lecture Series
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Conference Presentations (Continued)

“Teresa Urrea, the Mexican Joan of Arc” October 2013
Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference
Tucson, Arizona

“Faith Healing in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands” October 2013
Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference
Tucson, Arizona

“The Politics of *Curanderismo*” April 2013
Presented paper at the Newberry Seminar in Borderlands and Latino Studies
Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

Public Presentations

“Rape Culture and Sexual Misconduct on Campus” April 2013
Led discussion for SMU’s Feminist and Gender Studies Reading Group
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

“The Dust Bowl” March 2013
Presented guest lecture before VIP fundraising performance of *The Grapes of Wrath*
Water Tower Theatre, Addison, TX

“Kool Thing: Women and Power in Rock and Roll” March 2011
Co-organized and participated in 35 Denton Music Festival panel session
University of North Texas on the Square, Denton, TX

Service

Contributing Writer, Borderlands History Blog 2012 – Current
www.borderlandshistory.org

Graduate Student Assembly, Dedman College 2012 – 2013
Southern Methodist University

Women’s and Gender Studies Council 2011 – 2013
Southern Methodist University

Areas of Interest

The history of women, gender, and race in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and the West; the history of spirituality; the history of medicine; the history of popular culture

Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association
Coalition of Western Women's Historians
Czech Heritage Partnership
Western History Association