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**Academic Employment**

2024–2025            Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department of Wake Forest University.

**Education**

2021–2024            Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, School of Humanities, Rice University; Dissertation: “From Borderland to Southern Land: The Changing Landscape of the Sabine River Valley, 1800–1877.”

2018–2021            M.A. & Pre-Candidacy Ph.D., Department of History, School of Humanities, Rice University; Fields of Competency: U.S. South, U.S. Nineteenth Century, and Atlantic World.

2013–2017            B.A., History, & B.A., Plan II Liberal Arts Honors, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin.

**Instructor of Record**

2024–2025            The Americas and the World (Hist 108), Wake Forest University.

2021                    The American South: Regional History in a National and Hemispheric Context, 1500 to the Present (HIST 295), Rice University.

2022                    Introduction to Environmental Humanities: Environment, Culture, and Society (ENST 100/ARCH 105), Rice University.

**Publications**

2024                    “From Borderland to Southern Land: The Changing Landscape of the Sabine River Valley, 1800–1877,” Dissertation, Rice University; “Chapter 3: The Bordering of Nation-States and the Dismantling of Indigenous Nations, 1834–1839” won the Greene Prize for Environmental Writing, Rice Center for Environmental Studies; \$1,000.

2024                    “Ruben Rendón Lozano’s *Viva Tejas*: History and Activism in Interwar Texas,” *The Journal of South Texas* (Spring 2024).

- 2023 “David M. Hillis: *Armadillos to Ziziphus: A Naturalist in the Texas Hillcountry*.” H-Net Reviews, H-Net Environment (October 2023).
- 2022 “Book Review: *Texas Rangers, Ranchers, and Realtors: James Hughes Callahan and the Day Family in the Guadalupe River Basin*. Thomas O. McDonald,” *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 54:1 (2023), 87–88.
- 2020 “Shakespeare at Winedale and the Winedale Historical Center near Round Top, Texas,” in “Graduate Student Residents 2020: Humanities Moments,” collection of the National Humanities Research Center, 2020.
- 2019 “Book Notes: *Eavesdropping on Texas History*. Edited by Mary L. Scheer,” *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 85, no. 2 (May 2019), 512.
- 2019 “Book Notes: *A History of America in 100 Maps*. By Susan Schulten,” *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 85, no. 2 (May 2019), 512.
- 2018 “Religion and the Restructuring of Guatemala Under Ríos Montt: Catholicism, Costumbre, Protestantism, and the State’s War for Guatemala’s Souls,” *The University of Texas Undergraduate Research Journal*, Vol. 17, no. 1 (2018).
- 2017 “Tejanos and Anglos in Nacogdoches: Coexistence on Texas’ Eastern Frontier under the Mexican and Texan Republics, 1821–1846,” undergraduate research thesis, Plan II & University of Texas History Honors Programs.

### **Works in Preparation**

- Manuscript Title to be determined, based off my dissertation: “From Borderland to Southern Land: The Changing Landscape of the Sabine River Valley, 1800–1877.”
- Article “The Sabine River in the Confederate Ecological Project: Human and Natural Agency in Texas and Louisiana.”
- Article “La Gente del Río: Community, Identity, and Place on the Texas-Louisiana Border.”
- Article “‘A Loyal Citizen’: The Contested Allegiance, Mourning, and Memorialization of Sam Houston.”

Article “Native Language Dictionaries and Evidence for Historical Jaguarundi Populations in Texas.”

### **Fellowships & Residencies**

2023–2024 John B. Boles Editing Fellow, *Journal of Southern History*; Fellow serves as the Visiting Assistant Editor for the *Journal of Southern History*; \$32,000.

2023 Mellon Dissertation Writing Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; \$3,000.

2022–2023 Diluvial Houston Initiative Predoctoral Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; \$10,000.

2022 Mellon Dissertation Writing Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; \$3,000.

2020 National Humanities Center Graduate Student Residency, “Passionate Teaching in the Research Environment;” Unpaid Residency.

2018–2023 Barnes Fellowship in American History; History Department, Rice University; initially \$27,000 per year (adjusted for inflation and to reflect Rice’s College of Humanities’ policies as needed, reaching \$32,000 in its fifth year; over my first five years of graduate study, 2018–2023).

### **Conference Presentations**

October 2024 “East Texas Settler and Native Communities, from the Eighteenth-Century ‘Shatter Zone’ to the Present Day” (tentative title), to be presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference, “Somos Texas—We are Texas,” Hispanic organization for Genealogy and Research, Dallas, Texas.

September 2023 “Sabine Sanctuary: Indigenous Diasporas in the Texas-Louisiana Borderlands,” presented at the Texas General Land Office’s “Saving Texas History” Symposium, San Antonio, Texas.

April 2023 “El Río del Refugio: Las Diásporas Indígenas en la Cuenca del Río Sabine,” presented at “X Seminário Rice-Unicamp-Mora: Deslocamento, Poder e Identidade,” Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.

- March 2023 “The Sabine River in the Civil War: Human and Natural Agency in Texas and Louisiana,” presented at “The John Nau III Conference: Texas and the Civil War,” the University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.
- June 2022 “Raiders of the Lost Cause: Confederate Oceanic Power and the Projection of Cultural Narratives,” presented at the “Annual Conference of the Society of Civil War Historians,” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- April 2022 “La Gente del Río: la comunidad, la identidad, y el lugar en la frontera del Texas y Luisiana,” presented at “IX Rice-Unicamp-Mora Seminar: Power, Governance, and Representation in Historical Perspective,” Instituto Mora, Mexico City.
- February 2021 “Ruben Rendón Lozano’s Viva Tejas: Reclaiming Borderlands History in Interwar Texas,” presented at “The Crafting of Historical Knowledge: Revealing New Narratives through New Methodologies,” Rice University, and again after revision at the “VIII Rice-Unicamp-Mora Seminar,” Rice University, Houston, Texas.
- February 2019 “The Promise Land: Utopian Advertising of Nineteenth Century Texas and its Legacy,” presented at “With Pleasure: Reconsidering Pleasure’s Role in the Humanities,” Rice University, Houston, Texas.

**Lectures & Media Appearances**

- October 2, 2023 Radio Appearance: “Gulf Streams: Environmental and Climate News: Environmental History,” with Weston Twardowski, KPFT Houston.
- Fall 2023 Guest Lecture: “What is Environmental History?” ENST 100: Introduction to Environmental Humanities, Rice University.
- Fall 2022 Guest lecture: “The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo: Nation States, Indigenous Nations, and Colonization in the Mid-1800s,” ENGL 230: Introduction to Latinx Literature Rice University.
- Fall 2019 Lecture Series: “The Longest Days: WWII in International Cinema,” Rice University.

### **Academic Service & Academic Internships**

June 2023	Environmental and Climate Justice Summer Program, Rice University Center for Environmental Studies; Program Assistant (instructor to high school-aged students).
Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant: “The U.S. in the World, 1750–1900;” Academic Service.
Spring 2020	Conference Planning Assistant, “Sugar Land and African American History–Convict Leasing and its Legacies in Current Scholarship, Education, and Activism,” Rice University; Paid Internship.
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant: “Introduction to Medieval History;” Academic Service.
Spring 2020	Editorial Assistant: <i>Journal of Southern History</i> ; Academic Service.
Summer 2020	Editorial Assistant: <i>Journal of Southern History</i> ; Paid Internship.
Spring 2019	Editorial Assistant: <i>Journal of Southern History</i> ; Academic Service.
Summer 2019	Editorial Assistant: <i>Journal of Southern History</i> ; Paid Internship.
Fall 2018	Research Assistant; Academic Service.

### **Service to the Graduate Student Body of Rice University**

2021-2022	Graduate Student Association: Vice-President of Career Development & Professionalization.
2020-2021	Graduate Student Association: Department Representative.
2020-2021	History Department Graduate Professionalization Coordinator.
2019-2020	Humanities Graduate Student Association: Co-Vice President.

### **Other Skills**

Languages	Proficient in Spanish, particularly reading and writing; capable of reading French and Latin.
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