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Research Interests

20th c. U.S. History, Borderlands, Latina/o history, Puerto Rican history, War & Society, Gender & Labor, Race & Ethnic Theory, Intersectionality, Chicana/Latina Feminisms

Education

Texas A&M University- College Station, TX

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Degree Awarded: In Progress, August 2014 to the present

Dissertation: “The Militarization of Mexican and Puerto Rican Women’s Lives during World War II and the Politics of Race, Class, Gender, and Citizenship. ”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Felipe Hinojosa

The University of Texas- Pan American, Edinburg, TX

Masters of Arts in History

Certification in Mexican American Studies

Degree Awarded: May 2014

M.A. Thesis: “Yes, We are Latino Women But Very Proud to Have Served Our Country: Ethnic Mexican Women’s Contributions to World War II”

Thesis Chair: Dr. Sonia Hernandez

The University of Texas- Pan American, Edinburg, TX
McAllen, TX

**Bachelor of Arts in History
Studies**

Degree Awarded: May 2012
2012

South Texas College,

Associates in Interdisciplinary

Degree Awarded: May

Work Experience - Academic

The University of Texas- Pan American _____ Edinburg,
TX

Department of History/Philosophy

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2012 to May 2014

Dr. Rolando Avila, U.S. History II, Fall 2012

Mr. Rene Rios, U.S. History I, Spring 2013

Dr. Amy Hay, U.S. History II, Fall 2013

Dr. Juan Coronado, U.S. History II, Spring 2014

Fellowships

Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, Diversity Fellowship, Texas A&M University,
(2014-2017)

College of Liberal Arts, Vision 2020 Fellowship, Texas A&M University (2014-2017)

Leland T. and Jessie W. Jordan Institute for International Awareness, L.T Jordan Fellowship,
Texas A&M University (2015-2016)

Research Grants and Travel Awards:

National Women's Study Association Travel Award, Montreal, Canada (2016)

Graduate Student Presentation Grant, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas A&M
University (2016)

Aggies Commit Mini-Grant for Innovative Programming, Texas A&M University (2016)

Summer Graduate Research Award, Department of History, Texas A&M University (2016)

Travel-to-Conference Grant, Department of History, Texas A&M University (2015)

Selected Conference Presentations:

“Everyone Pitched In”: Informal Wartime Contributions of Tejanas during World War II” in
Social, Political, and Military Engagements of Latinas on the Homefront during WWII, Texas
State Historical Association (TSHA), TSHA 121st Annual Conference 2017, March 2-4, 2017,
Houston, TX

“Tejanas and World War II: Militarization and Citizenship on the Home Front,” in *Decolonizing the National Body: Women and Militarism*, National Women’s Study Association (NWSA), November 10-13, 2016, Montréal, Québec, Canada

“Chicana Manual of Style: Practicing Border Herstory in the Anzaldúan Tradition” in *Decolonizing Ourselves: Pathography and Autoethnography as Method*, National Women’s Study Association (NWSA), November 10-13, 2016, Montréal, Québec, Canada

“Tejanas and World War II: Wartime Maneuvers of Militarization and Citizenship on the Home Front,” in *From Wartime Duties to Postwar Politics: The Evolution of a Militant Latina/o Consciousness*, Waging Peace Conference, Dale Center for the Study of War & Society, September 8- 10, New Orleans, Louisiana

“Race, Gender, and Space: Black Soldiers in the United States Military during World War II,” roundtable session, American Sociological Association (ASA), 111th Annual ASA Meeting, August 20-23, 2017, Seattle, Washington

“Chicana Manual of Style: A Citation System” in WAKE UP presents: Continuing Border Herstory in the Anzaldúan Tradition, National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies Tejas FOCO Conference, February 19, 2016, Houston, TX

“Latinas in Academia: Combating Structures of Racism in the Ivory Tower and Creating Strategies to Survive and Thrive,” roundtable session, National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies Tejas FOCO Conference, February 19, 2016, Houston, TX

“Confronting Institutional Violence and Moving Forward,” roundtable session, National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies Tejas FOCO Conference, February 20, 2016, Houston, TX

“I Went Anyway”: Tejanas in the U.S. Military During World War II” in (De)Colonizing Identity: Race and Gender in Imperial Spaces”, National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), NWSA National Conference, November 12 – 15, 2015, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

“W.A.K.E.-U.P! Rewriting Our Communities,” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS), Tejas FOCO Conference, February, 2014 San Antonio, Texas

“Anzalduista Pedagogies at the University of Texas-Pan American,” presented at the Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldua Conference. November 15, 2013, San Antonio, Texas

Roundtable Panel Chair: Creating the Gloria Anzaldua *Sin Fronteras* Library, held at the National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies Tejas FOCO Conference, February 23, 2013, Edinburg, Texas

“Rio Grande Valley Mexican American Veterans of World War II and Viet Nam,” presented at the National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies Tejas FOCO Conference, February 23, 2013, Edinburg, Texas

Invited Guest Speaker

“Atrevidas: Puerto Rican Women in the Women’s Army Corps During World War II,” Hispanic Heritage Heroes: From War and Peace to Prejudice and Pride Lecture Series, presented at the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, October 2015, Houston, TX

“Chicana Poetry and Activism in the Chicano Movement”, Chicana/o Poetry and Poetics, Dr. Emmy Perez, Department of English, Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas-Pan American, February 2015

Related Academic Participation/Professional Development/Service

Conference Committee member, National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars- Tejas Foco, Conference 2017

Conference Chair, Seventh Annual Texas A&M History Conference, March 2016, College Station, TX

Vice-President, History Graduate Student Organization, Department of History, Texas A&M, College Station, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Event Coordinating Committee Member, “El Retorno: El Valle Celebra Nuestra Gloria” Anzaldua, at University of Texas- Pan American, May 2015, Edinburg, TX

Founder, Women Artistically Collecting Experiencias- Unidas Prosperando (Wake-Up), University of Texas- Pan American

Hector Galan Archival Committee, UTPA- Edinburg, TX, Spring 2013-Fall 2014

Founder and Graduate Advisor, Mexican American Studies Club, University of Texas-Pan American, Spring 2012- Fall 2014

Selected Memberships:

National Women Studies Association (NWSA)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies (NACCS)

Mujeres Activas En Letras y Cambios Sociales (MALCS)

Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)