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### **I. Education**

Ph.D. American History, Indiana University, 1991. Dissertation, "Tejano Rancheros and Changes in Land Tenure, Hidalgo County, Texas, 1850-1900." Dissertation Chair: Prof. George Juergens.

M.A. History, University of Texas at Pan American, 1983. Thesis, "A History of the Mexicans in the Lower Río Grande Valley of Texas: Their Role in Land Development and Commercial Agriculture, 1900-1930."

B.A. American Government, University of Notre Dame, 1972.

### **II. Academic Employment**

Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University, September 1998 to present.

Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University, September 1996 to August, 1998.

Assistant Professor of History, University of Texas at San Antonio, September 1995 to May 1996.

Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University, September 1991 to May 1995.

Instructor, Southwest Texas State University, September 1988 to May 1991.

Instructor, University of Texas at Pan American, January 1987 to June 1988.

Associate Instructor, Indiana University, September 1985 to December 1986.

### III. Teaching Fields

U.S. History, colonial to present  
U.S.-Mexico Borderlands  
Mexican American History  
Texas History  
Mexican American Civil Rights History

### IV. Courses Taught at Texas A&M University

Hist. 105	Fall 1991	96 Students
Hist. 489	Fall 1991	32 Students
Hist. 106H	Spring 1992	26 Students
Hist. 481	Spring 1992	18 Students
Hist. 105	Summer 1992	143 Students
Hist. 105	Fall 1992	110 Students
Hist. 489	Fall 1992	47 Students
Hist. 105	Spring 1993	147 Students
Hist. 481	Spring 1993	17 Students
Hist. 105	Summer 1993	122 Students
Hist. 105	Spring 1994	150 Students
Hist. 305	Spring 1994	58 Students
Hist. 305	Fall 1994	57 Students
Hist. 481	Fall 1994	15 Students
Hist. 105	Spring 1995	97 Students
Hist. 305	Spring 1995	59 Students
Hist. 105	Fall 1996	150 Students
Hist. 304	Fall 1996	45 Students
Hist. 105	Spring 1997	150 Students
Hist. 305	Spring 1997	50 Students
Hist. 226	Summer 1997	58 Students
Hist. 226	Summer 1998	60 Students
Hist. 105	Fall 1998	160 Students
Hist. 304	Fall 1998	46 Students
Hist. 105	Spring 1999	170 Students
Hist. 305	Spring 1999	52 Students
Hist. 226	Summer 1999	50 Students
Hist. 304	Fall 1999	40 Students
Hist. 106	Fall 1999	145 Students
Hist. 226	Fall 2000	150 Students
Hist. 305	Fall 2000	52 Students
Hist. 226	Summer 2000	52 Students
Hist. 305	Spring 2001	48 Students
Hist. 226	Spring 2001	121 Students
Hist. 226	Summer 2001	50 Students
Hist 226	Fall 2001	143 Students
Hist 304	Fall 2001	43 Students

Hist 226	Spring 2002	147 Students
Hist 305	Spring 2002	45 Students
Hist 226	Fall 2002	117 Students
Hist 304	Fall 2002	44 Students
Hist 489	Spring 2003	19 Students
Hist 226	Spring 2003	150 Students
Hist 226	Summer 2003	51 Students
Hist 226	Fall 2003	125 Students
Hist 481	Fall 2003	15 Students

## V. Undergraduate Student Supervision and Service on Graduate Committees

Michael N. Miller	History	College of Liberal Arts Ph.D. committee, 1993
Claudia Ruf	Modern Languages	College of Liberal Arts M.A. degree, 1994
Katina Osth	Modern Languages	College of Liberal Arts M.A. degree, 1995
Roger Ventura	Sociology	College of Liberal Arts M.A. degree, 1995
Lisa Burroughs	Mexican American	Hist. 485, Spring 1997
Jesus Hernandez	Mexican American	Hist. 485, Summer 1997
Jonanthan W. Guyton	Borderlands	Hist. 485, Summer 1997
Cody Wayne Haug	Borderlands	Hist. 485, Summer 1997
Charles L. Skinner	Borderlands	Hist. 485, Summer 1997
Rodolfo Rocha, Jr.	History	Hist. 685, Summer 1998
Jane Flaherty	History	Hist. 685, Summer 1998
Rodolfo Rocha, Jr.	History	College of Liberal Arts M.A. degree, 1999
Jane Flaherty	History	College of Liberal Arts M.A. degree, 1999
Jesus Navar	Mod. Languages	Hist. 685 Fall 1999
Edward Walraven	History	College of Liberal Arts Ph.D. degree, 2000
Jesus Navar	Mod. Languages	College of Liberal Arts M.A. degree, 2000
David Jimenez	Political Science	Hist., 485, Summer & Fall 2001
Jonathan Handelman	English	College of Liberal Arts PhD Degree, 2002
Debbie Cunningham	Modern Languages	College of Liberal Arts M.A. Degree, 2003

## VI. Publications

### *Book*

Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas, 1734-1900. Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 1998.

### *Refereed articles*

“The Impact of Mexican Developments on the Economic Growth of South Texas, 1848-1930,” Catalan Journal, Recerques, University of Barcelona, Spain. Forthcoming in 2003.

“Anglo Challenges to Mexican Landholders: Losing Ground in the Trans-Nueces, 1850-1900,” The New Handbook of Texas, 5 vols. Austin, Texas State Historical Commission, 1996. 4:656-59.

With J. Michael Patrick, "Improving Living Conditions in Colonias in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas," Rio Bravo, 2(no. 2, Spring 1993), 85-105.

### ***Unrefereed articles***

"A History of Tejano, Anglo, and Black Relations in Corpus Christi, Texas, 1750-1980s," in Beyond our Borders: Culture, Immigration, and Marginality in an Era of Globalization, Alonso Ponga, Jose Luis and Rice, Mitchell, F., eds., University of Valladolid, Spain, 2003, 483-503.

"A Brief History of Hispanic Settlement and Ranching in South Texas, 1730-1850," South Texas Studies, (2000), 139-152.

"Change and Continuity in Tejano Ranches in the Trans-Nueces, 1848-1900," Ranching in South Texas: A Symposium, Joe S. Graham, ed., Kingsville, Texas, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, 1994, 53-68.

"Social History Reconsidered: The Tejano Experience in South Texas, 1848-1900," Research and Policy Report Series, Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Texas A&M University, College Station, Report II, No. 3 Fall 1992.

### ***Book Reviews***

Manuel G. Gonzales, Mexicanos; A History of Mexicans in the United States. Western Historical Quarterly, 2001 32(1): 85-86.

Felix D. Almaraz, Knight Without Armor: Carlos Eduardo Castaneda, 1896-1958. Colonial Latin American Historical Review, 2000 9(3), 429-30.

## **VII. Professional Service**

### ***Papers presented at professional meetings***

"Save the Land: Hispanics in Conservation in South Texas, 1940 to the Present," Texas State Historical Association, Laredo, Texas, November 9, 2001.

"Tejano Rancheros in South Texas: Colonial Origins to 1900," Second Annual Legends of the Southwest Symposium, Lubbock, Texas, September 23-24, 1999.

"Comparative Landholding in the Southwest, 1848-1900," Transhistoric Thresholds Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, December 10, 1998.

"The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Tejano Rancheros and Land Tenure, 1848-1900." Legacy of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848-1998 Conference, Alamo Community College District, San Antonio, Texas, October 30, 1998.

“Nuevo Santander: Conquest of A Distant Land, 1700-1848,” Ford Fellows Conference, Irvine, California, October 16, 1998.

“Comparative Hispanic Landholding in the U.S. Southwest, 1848-1900,” The Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, March 6-8, 1997. Panel Organizer.

“Accommodation and Conflict: Tejanos and Newcomers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, 1846-1900,” Southwest Council on Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas, February 22, 1997.

“The Mexican Experience in a Texas Frontier: Settlement, Conflict, and Adaptation in the Trans-Nueces, 1821-1900,” Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, November 10, 1995.

“Mexicanos in the Towns and Ranchos of South Texas, 1846-1900: Conflict, Accommodation, and Continuity,” Western Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, October 1995. Panel Organizer.

“Social and Economic Effects of the Mexican-American War on Rancheros in the Trans-Nueces, 1846-1860,” Bi-National Conference on the War Between Mexico and the United States, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, The National Park Service, and the University of Texas at Brownsville, Brownsville, Texas, February 10-11, 1995.

“A History of Hispanic Rancheros in the Trans-Nueces, 1730s-1848: Adaptation and Continuity of Grasslands Ranching,” Great Plains Grasslands Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 7-9, 1994.

“The Economic Dynamics of Tejano Ranching in the Trans-Nueces, 1848-1900,” The Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, March 3-5, 1994. Panel Organizer.

“A Case History of Tejano Land Tenure in Hidalgo County, 1848-1900,” Western Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, April 25, 1993.

***Other Conference Activities***

Panelist, “Teaching Comparative and Trilateral Studies,” Canadian Studies Association Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 9, 2001.

Panelist, “Publishing in the Social Sciences and Humanities,” Ford Foundation Conference, Irvine, California, October 14, 2000.

Presiding Chair, “Conjuntos, Corridos, and Cancioneros: Folk Music of the Río Grande Valley,” The Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, March 3, 2000.

Presiding Chair, “Tejano Leadership in the Nineteenth Century,” The Texas State Historical Association, Houston, Texas, March 5, 1993.

### ***Guest Lectures***

“Spanish Documents for the History of Texas and Northern Mexico,” Las Porciones Society, University of Texas at Pan American, Edinburg, Texas, September 21, 2003.

“Gran Pueblo: Mexican Immigration to Texas,” Galveston College Annual Lecture Series, Galveston, Texas, September 18, 2003.

“Mexican Americans in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Texas,” Hidalgo County Historical Museum, Edinburg, Texas, November 11, 2001.

“History of Land Tenure in the Rio Grande Valley, 1749-1848,” Reynosa Municipal Archives, Reynosa, Mexico, October 4, 2001.

“Ignacio Zaragoza,” May 5, 2001, Goliad, Texas. Remarks published in the Congressional Record, May 9, 2001, H2063.

“Tejano Economic Experiences in the Various Districts of Texas, 1820-1850,” Eighth Texas History Forum, the Alamo, San Antonio, Texas, October 27, 2000.

“Spanish and Indian Roots of the Mexican American,” South Texas Community College, McAllen, Texas, December 6, 2000.

“Presente Condición de Hispanos en los Estados Unidos,” (Present Condition of United States Hispanics) at Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain, May 16, 2000.

“Los rancheros en el México colonial (siglo XVIII)” (Ranchers in Colonial Mexico: 18<sup>th</sup> Century) at the School of Hispanic American Studies, Seville, Spain, May 18, 1999.

“Spanish Ranching in South Texas,” Commemoration of Nuevo Santander’s Founding, at Alice, Texas, November 14, 1998.

“Discussion of Tejano Legacy,” Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Society, Victoria, Texas, July 10, 1998.

“Hispanic History of Texas,” Yorktown, Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration, June 7, 1998.

“Discussion of Tejano Legacy,” University of Texas at Pan American, Edinburg, Texas, April 30, 1998.

“Rancheros Tejanos y tenencia de las tierras en el Valle del Rio Grande, 1848-1900,” (Tejano Rancheros and Land Tenure in the Río Grande Valley, 1848-1900) Colloquia, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Monterrey, Nuevo León, May 31, 1996.

“Mexican American Presence in Texas,” Hispanic Heritage Week, Tarrant County Junior

College, Northwest Campus, Fort Worth, Texas, April 11, 1996.

“We Did Not Disappear!” Tejano Rancheros in South Texas, 1848-1900,” Laredo Community College and Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, March 28, 1996.

“Change and Continuity in Tejano Ranches in the Trans-Nueces, 1848-1900,” Symposium on Ranching in South Texas, John E. Conner Museum and South Texas Ranching Heritage Association, Kingsville, Texas, July 22, 1994.

“Mexican Americans during the Great Depression,” Texas A&M University, Galveston, Texas, March 24, 1993.

“The Origins of Tejano Ranching,” Hidalgo County Historical Museum, Edinburg, Texas, January 10, 1993.

“Hispanics in Texas,” Symposium, Different Lives: Ethnic Experiences in Texas from the 18th-20th Centuries, Texas Southern University and the Texas Committee for the Humanities, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, October 31, 1992.

“A History of Tejano Rancheros in the Trans-Nueces, 1850-1900,” Quincentennial Lecture, Lower Valley, Weslaco, Texas, September 13, 1992.

***Other Public Service***

In-service for public school history teachers, Edinburg Independent Consolidated School District, June 5 and 9, 2003.

Committee Member, for 2004 Program, Texas State Historical Association, 2003.

In-service for public school history teachers, Weslaco Independent Consolidated School District, March 31, 2003.

Peer Reviewer, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowships, March 2002, March 2003.

In-service for public school history teachers, Weslaco Independent Consolidated School District, May 18, 2001.

In-service for staff and faculty, Texas A&M - Kingsville, February 22, 2001.

Conference Director, “Nuevo Santander: 250 Years of South Texas History,” Brownsville, Texas September 18-19, 1998. Total budget, \$ 24,000. Major funding source: Texas Council for the Humanities.

Committee Member, Texas State Historical Association’s Texas State Cemetery Plaza Modernization Project, 1995-96.

Conference Director, "Celebrating South Texas History During the Columbian Quincentenary," 1992. Total budget, \$22,300. Major funding source: Texas Committee for the Humanities.

***Radio and Television interviews***

Discussion of Hispanic landholding, Latino USA, a radio journal broadcast on Public Radio, Spring 2001.

Discussion of Padre Island lawsuit with Mr. Chadwick, National Public Radio, August 4, 2000.

Discussion of Tejano Legacy, with Prof. Anthony Knopp, KMBH TV 60, PBS, Harlingen, Texas September 13, 1998.

Discussion of Balli Land Disputes and Tejano History, with Ms. Maria Eraña, Radio Bilingue, Public Radio, Fresno, California, August 6, 1997.

Discussion of Tejano Land Tenure, with Mr. Davis Rankin, KURV FM 710, Edinburg, Texas, January 29, 1993.

***Newspaper interviews***

Discussion of Carmen Morrell lawsuit, San Antonio Express and the New York Times, October 2001.

Discussion of Padre Island lawsuit in Scott Baldouf, "Real Estate Hit by History," The Christian Science Monitor, August 7, 2000, 2.

Discussion of Tejano Land Grant History, in "Cattle Barons of Texas Yore Accused of Epic Land Grab," New York Times, July 14, 1997, A1, A10.

***Consultant Service***

Menchaca Aguilera et al vs. J.G. and M.S. Kenedy Memorial Foundation, 2001-02.

United States Department of Agriculture, Office of the Historian, 2000-01.

Longman Publishers, May 2001.

Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Inc., Austin, 1999, 2000.

NEH, Application No. PA-33390, Preserving Rare, Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Mexican Newspapers, 1998.

Harper Collins, 1996.

Houghton Mifflin Company, 1995.

NEH, Application No. PS-20829, U.S.-Mexico Border Archival Resources Project, 1993.

***Reader for University Presses***

University of Colorado, Boulder, 2003

Texas A&M University, 1998, 1999.

University of New Mexico, 1998.

Indiana University, 1998.

### ***Memberships in Professional Associations***

Conference on Latin American History  
American Historical Association  
Texas State Historical Association  
Society for the Study of the Great Plains  
Texas Catholic Historical Society

### **VIII. University Service**

#### ***Department Committees***

Graduate Admission Committee, Fall 2003.  
Search Committee, U.S. Latino History, Fall-Spring 2000-2001.  
Search Committee, U.S. Agriculture History, Fall-Spring 1996-97.  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Fall 1991 - May 1995.  
Author, Hist. 304 Mexican-American Frontier to 1848 and Hist. 305 Mexican-American History  
1848-present, approved by the Liberal Arts Council, June 10, 1992.  
Chairperson, United Way Fund Drive, Fall 1991.

#### ***Other University Service***

Diversity Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2003.  
Author, Civil Rights in the U.S. Southwest, History 489, an experiential course, supported by the  
Office of Multicultural Services, Summer-Spring, 2003.  
Peer reviewer, Scholarly and Creative Grants, Fall 2001.  
Reviewer, Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Fall-Spring 2000-2001.  
Member, Subcommittee on University Arts Council, Spring 1999.  
Peer reviewer, International Research Travel Grants, Texas A&M University, Office of  
International Coordination, Fall 1998.  
Presenter, Hispanic Cultural Awareness Course for Texas A&M University Physical Plant Mid-  
Management, July 16, 1997.  
Presenter, Una Vida Mejor Conference for Specialist and Administrators, Texas Agricultural  
Extension Service, April 29, 1994.  
Faculty advisor, Lower Valley Club, 1994-95; 1996-97.  
Panelist, New Faculty Orientation, August, 1992.

### **IX. Honors, Grants and Fellowships**

#### ***Honors***

Fellow, Center for the Study of the Great Plains, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska,  
1995.  
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1979.  
Phi Alpha Theta, 1977.

#### ***Grants and Fellowships***

Mini-Grant, Texas A&M University, Fall 2001  
Race and Ethnic Institute, Texas A&M University, Summer 2001  
Scholarly and Creative Research Grant, Texas A&M University, Summer 2000.

International Research Travel Grant, Texas A&M University, Spring, 2000.  
International Research Travel Grant, Texas A&M University, Spring, 1998.  
Race and Ethnic Institute, Texas A&M University, Spring, 1998.  
National Research Council, Ford Postdoctoral Fellowship, September 1997-May 1998.  
International Program Faculty Abroad, Mexico, Summer 1997.  
Race and Ethnic Institute, Texas A&M University, Summer 1997.  
Mini-Grant, Texas A&M University, Spring 1997.  
International Travel Grant, Texas A&M University, Spring 1997.  
International Travel Grant, Texas A&M University, Spring 1994.  
NEH Summer Institute on Spanish Approaches to the History of Colonial North America, with  
Prof. David F. Weber, Southern Methodist University, 1993.  
Mini-Grant, Texas A&M University, Fall 1991.  
NEH Summer Institute on Southwestern Studies, Southwest Texas State University, 1990.