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## EDUCATION

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2006            **Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.** PhD in History  
1999            **University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.** MA in History  
1996            **University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.** BA in History

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2011-present    **Lamar University, Beaumont, TX**  
Associate Professor, Department of History  
2007-2011       **Lamar University, Beaumont, TX**  
Assistant Professor, Department of History  
2006-2007       **University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX**  
Senior Lecturer in Historical Studies, School of Arts and Humanities  
2005-2006       **University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV**  
Visiting Lecturer, Department of History  
2004-2005       **Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA**  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Books**            *The American Elsewhere: Adventurism and Manliness in the Age of Expansion, 1815-1850* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2017)  
  
*More Zeal than Discretion: The Westward Adventures of Walter P. Lane.* College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008.

**Books  
Edited**

(Editor & contributor) *The Martial Imagination: Cultural Aspects of American Warfare*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2013.

(Editor) *The Adventures and Recollections of General Walter P. Lane, a San Jacinto Veteran, with Sketches of the Texian, Mexican, and Late Wars with Several Indian Fights Thrown In*, by Walter P. Lane, *Library of Texas Series*. 1887 reprint. Dallas: DeGolyer Library and William P. Clements Center for Southwestern Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2000.

**Articles  
& Book  
Chapters**

"Unquestionable Geographies: The Empirical and the Romantic in U.S. Expansionist Cartography, 1810-1848" (Forthcoming: *The Pacific Historical Review*, November 2018)

"'Give me my skin': William J. Snelling's 'A Night in the Woods' (1836) and the Gothic Accusation against Buffalo Extinction," in Dawn Keetley and Matthew Wynn Sivils, eds., *Ecogothic in Nineteenth-Century American Literature* (Forthcoming: Taylor and Francis)

"The Weary West," in Marian Wardle and Sarah E. Boehme eds., *Branding the American West: Paintings and Films, 1900-1950* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016), 88-113.

"Anglo-Texan Adventurism and Manliness" in Sam W. Haynes and Cary D. Wintz, eds., *Major Problems in Texas History* (Second Edition. Boston: Cengage, [2016]), 210-215.

"Agents of Destiny: The Texas Ranger and the Dilemma of the Conquest Narrative" and "Introduction" in Bryan, ed., *The Martial Imagination: Cultural Aspects of American Warfare*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2013), 1-11, 53-70.

"The Patriot-Warrior Mystique: John S. Brooks, Walter P. Lane, Samuel H. Walker, and the Adventurous Quest for Renown," in Alex Mendoza and Charles David Gear, eds., *Texans and War: New Interpretations on the State's Military History* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2012), 113-131.

"The Enduring People: Tejano Exclusion and Perseverance in the Republic of Texas, 1836-1845" *Journal of the West*, 47 (Sum 2008): 40-47.

"Commerce of the Elsewhere: Traders and Trappers in the Antebellum West," in Benjamin H. Johnson, ed., *Making of the American West: People and Perspectives* (New York: ABC-CLIO, 2007), pp. 71-91.

“Are We Chimerical in This Opinion?’ Visions of a Pacific Railroad and Westward Expansion before 1845” with Richard V. Francaviglia, *Pacific Historical Review*, 71 (May 2002): 179-202.

“More Disastrous than All: The Surveyors’ Fight, 1838,” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 38 (Spring 2000): 3-14.

(Editor), “Whip them like the mischief:’ the Civil War Letters of Frank and Mintie Price,” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 36 (Fall 1998): 68-84.

**Journals  
Edited**

(Editor). *Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record*, vol. 48-52. Beaumont: Texas Gulf Historical Society and Lamar University History Department (2012-2016). Vol. 50, Special Anniversary Edition reprinted 18 articles; editor with Collin M. Rohrbaugh, “Lewis Hine’s Photographs of Child Labor in Southeast Texas,” 49:39-54. Associate Editor for vol. 47 (Nov 2011).

**Book Reviews**

For *Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Great Plains Quarterly*, *H-Borderlands*, *The Journal of Military History*, *The Journal of Southern History*, *New Mexico Historical Review*, *The Pacific Historical Review*, *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, *The West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*

**CONFERENCES (recent & forthcoming)**

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Panelist. “21st-Century Westerns: Old and New Forms of Imagining History,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA, Apr 2018 (forthcoming)

Session Chair. “Commerce, Occupations, and Empires across Southwestern Borders,” Texas State Historical Association Meeting, San Marcos, TX, Mar 2018 (forthcoming)

Presenter. “A Destiny in the Womb of Time: U.S Expansion and Its Prophets,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 21, 2017.

Panelist. Branding the American West Symposium, Brigham Young University Art Museum, Provo, UT, Mar 5, 2016.

Presenter. “The Lethal Dandy: Confronting Same-Sex Desire and Violence on the Expansionist Frontier,” Western Literature Association Meeting, Reno, NV, Oct 17, 2015.

Presenter. "Lands Contiguous: Maps and the Imagined Destiny of Expansion," for "The Price of Manifest Destiny: Wars in the American Southwest, 1819-1865," The Ninth Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX Oct 17, 2014.

Panelist and Acting Chair. "What Regional Journal Editors Want You to Know," East Texas Historical Association Meeting, Nacogdoches, TX, Oct 4, 2014.

Presenter. "Something of the Marvelous: Adventurous Landscapes in the Narratives of U.S. Expansion—1815-1850," Nineteenth Century Studies Association Meeting, Mil-waukee, WI, Mar 26, 2009.

Presenter. "The Adventurers: John S. Brooks, Walter P. Lane, and Samuel H. Walker and the Masculine Quest for Renown," Texas State Historical Association 111th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Mar 8-10, 2007.

Presenter. "*El Encuentro Mexicano*: U.S. Adventurers in the Borderlands," The Filson Institute Conference: "Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on North American Borderlands," Louisville, KY, Oct 20-21, 2006.

Presenter and Session Organizer. "The Dark-eyed Señorita Syndrome: Mexican Women and U.S. Soldiers during the Occupation of Mexico, 1846-1848," Western Historical Association Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO, Oct 18, 2002.