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EDUCATION

December, 2018. Doctorate of Philosophy, History, University of Houston
Major Field: 20th Century U.S. History, Mexican American History
Minor Field: World History

Dissertation: “Carving Spaces for Feminism and Nationalism:
Tejana Activism in the Matrix of Social Unrest, 1967-1978.”
Advisor: Dr. Monica Perales

May 2014 Master of Arts, History, University of Houston

December 2006. Bachelor of Arts, History, Mexican American Studies,
University of Houston

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

U.S. History, Chicana Feminisms, Mexican American History, Comparative Social History,
African American History, U.S. South, Borderlands, and Oral History.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

History Professor, Houston Community College, Fall 2017-Present.

Instructor, Minority Experience in the United States and Introduction to Mexican American
Studies, Humanities, Humanities Department, Houston Community College, Fall 2020-
Present.

Instructor, Introduction to Humanities, Dual-Credit, Humanities Department, Houston
Community College—Northeast, Fall 2016.

Instructor, Minority Experience in the United States, Dual-Credit, Humanities Department,
Houston Community College—Northeast, Fall 2016.

Instructor, History of the United States Since 1877, Department of History, University of
Houston, Summer 2015.

Teaching Assistant/Discussion Lab Instructor, History of the United States to 1877, Department
of History, University of Houston, 2011-2013.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Puente Training Webinars, Spring 2021 to Present.

HCC Online Learning Certification Training, Spring 2020.

HCC Open Educational Resources Certification, Fall 2019.

American Historical Association, Annual Conference, New York, New York, January 3-6, 2019.

Gateway to Completion Conference, Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 16-19, 2019.

Achieve the Dream Conference, Annual Conference, Long Beach, California, February 19-22, 2019.

Gateway to Completion, Teaching and Learning Academy, Houston, Texas, March 24-25, 2018.

Texas Conference on Introductory Courses, American Historical Association Tuning Project, Houston Community College, September 15-16, 2017.

Pedagogy Seminar, Philosophy, Humanities, and Library Sciences Department, Houston Community College, October 7, 2016.

Teaching Más MAS: Mexican American Studies Workshop, Houston Community College, Eastside Campus, June 19, 2015.

Class Management and Instruction Training, The Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Houston, 2012-2013.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Lorenzo Cano, UH Center for Mexican American Studies, Spring 2017.

Research Assistant, Oral Historian, and Interview Processor, TCU Civil Rights in Black and Brown Oral History Project, 2016-2017. <https://crbb.tcu.edu/>

Research Assistant, Dr. Monica Perales, Mexican American Women, Labor, and Foodways in the United States, University of Houston, 2014-2015.

Archival Assistant, Hispanic Collection Archives, Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.

Oral Historian, "UH Memories Project," Center for Public History, University of Houston, 2013.

Oral Historian and Project Director, "Eat to Live: The Health Food Struggle in Third Ward, Houston," HIST 6384 Oral History, Fall 2012. <http://www.uh.edu/gcfp/eat-to-live.html>

PUBLIC LECTURES

Invited Speaker, "Uncovering the Fight for Race and Gender Freedom: Oral Histories and Tejana Feminist Thought." Hispanic Heritage Month, Lone Star College—Kingwood, September 17, 2019.

Panelist, "Strategies for Surviving and Thriving in Graduate School." 7th Annual Texas A&M University History Conference, April 1, 2016.

Panelist, "Remembering the Future: La Vida de la Estudiante (The Life of the Student)." Student Plenary. National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Tejas Foco Regional Conference, Lone Star College—Kingwood February 19, 2016.

Panelist, "Social Justice: Then and Now: Panel Discussion in Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." University of Houston, January 27, 2016.

Invited Speaker, “Waiting for No One: Tejana Interventions in Third Party Politics in the 1970s.”
Collaboration: Women Re-Making American Political Culture, Women’s Gender and
Sexuality Studies, University of Houston, October 14, 2015.

Invited Speaker, “Gloria Anzaldúa Workshop: Navigating the Cultural Terrain.” Hispanic Heritage
Month, Houston Community College, Eastside Campus, September 24, 2015.

Invited Speaker, “Demanding Change, Creating Spaces: The Houston Chicana/o Movement.”
Hispanic Heritage Month, Houston Community College, Eastside Campus, September 23,
2014.

Invited Speaker, “Yes, the Chicana Woman does Want to be Liberated: Texas Chicana Feminisms
in the 1970s.” Women’s History Month, Houston Community College, Eastside Campus,
March, 27, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Program Committee, Texas State Historical Association, Annual Conference, Spring 2022.

Co-Chair, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies—Tejas Foco, 2019-Present.

Non-Fiction Book Award Committee Chair, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies—
Tejas Foco, 2017-Present

Committee Member, HUMA Mexican American Studies Book Adoption, Houston Community
College, 2019.

Program Committee, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Tejas Foco Regional
Conference, Houston, Texas, February 14-16, 2019.

History Course Redesign Lead, Gateways to Completion Gardner Institute Program, Houston
Community College and American Historical Association, 2018-Present.

Committee Member, Mexican American Latina/o Studies Programming, Houston Community
College, 2017-Present.

Committee Member, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies—Tejas Foco
Committee on Mexican American Studies in PreK-12 Education, 2017-Present.

Community Accountability Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Violence, National
Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, 2015-2018

History Speaker Committee Member, Department of History, Houston Community College, 2017-
2019.

Search Committee, Department of History, Houston Community College, Summer 2018 and
Summer 2019.

Chicana Caucus Co-Chair, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, 2014-2016.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

"María Jiménez: Fronteras and Memory Movidas," in *Nuestras Autohistorias: A Forum on Chicana Memory Work Past, Present, and Future*, edited by María Eugenia Cotera (Forthcoming; Arte Publico Press).

"Self-determined Educational Spaces: Forging Race and Gender Power in Houston, Texas," in *Civil Rights in Black and Brown: Histories of Resistance and Struggle in Texas*, edited by Max Krochmal and Todd Moyer (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2021).

With Stalina Villarreal, "María Jiménez: Reflexiones on Traversing Multiple Fronteras in the South," in *!Chicana Movidas!: New Narratives of Activism and Feminism in the Movement Era*, edited by Dionne Espinoza, María Eugenia Cotera, and Maylei Blackwell (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2018).

"Carving Spaces for Feminism and Nationalism: Texas Chicana Activism during the Chicana/o Movement," *The Journal of South Texas* 27:2 (Fall 2014): 38-53.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable Participant and Book Signing, "Chicana Movidas: Activism and Feminism in the Movement Era," Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston, Texas, February 22, 2020.

Roundtable Participant, "Nuestras Autohistorias: Chicana Memory Movidas Past, Present, and Future," Arte Público Recovering the US Hispanic Literary Heritage Conference, Houston, Texas, February 21, 2020.

"Yes, the Chicana Woman Does Want to Be Liberated: Counterpublics and Tejana Feminist Thought," Paper presented at the Texas State Historical Association, Annual Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 1, 2019.

Roundtable Participant, "Chicana Movidas: New Narratives of Activism and Feminism in the Movement Years," American Studies Association, Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 9, 2018.

"María Jiménez: Reflexiones on Traversing Multiple Fronteras in the South," Paper presented at El Mundo Zurdo: Borderlands 1987-2017, San Antonio, Texas, May 18, 2018.

"Grounding Gender and Race Self-determination in Global Anti-colonialism: Tejanas and the Third World in the 1970s," Paper Presented at American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 4, 2018.

Roundtable Participant, "Las Mujerxistas and Revolutionary Acts of Recovering," The National Women's Conference: Taking 1977 into the 21st Century, Houston, Texas, November 6, 2017.

"Laboring for Racial and Gender Liberation: Tejana Cultural Activism in the Protest Era." Paper presented at the Labor and Working Class History Association, Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, June 23, 2017.

“Our Art is a Weapon: Tejana Cultural Resistance in the Borderlands,” Paper presented at the Texas State Historical Association, Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, March 3, 2017.

Roundtable Participant, “Recapturing Relational Brown and Black Struggles through Oral Histories,” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Tejas Foco Regional Conference, College Station, Texas, February 24, 2017.

Roundtable participant, “¡Chicana! New Narratives: Memory Movidas through Testimonio (Testimonies) and (Auto)Biographies.” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, April 8, 2016.

“Relational Ethnic and Gender Politics: Texas Chicanas and Liberation Struggles in the 1960s and 1970s.” Paper presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Annual Conference, Sacramento, California, August 8, 2015.

Roundtable participant, “Finding Southern Feminism: Oral History, Archives, and the Challenges of Researching Feminism in the South.” Triennial Conference of the Southern Association of Women Historians, Charleston, South Carolina, June 12, 2015.

“Por Conciencia y Autodeterminación (For Consciousness and Self-determination): Tejana Community Feminisms in Houston.” Paper presented at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, April 18, 2015.

“More than Three: The Moody Park Rebellion and Social Unrest in the 1970s.” Paper presented at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Tejas Foco Regional Conference, Houston, Texas, February 27, 2015.

“Texas Movimiento Chicanas: Voicing Community Feminisms in National Spaces.” Paper presented at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 10, 2014.

“Education is Liberation: Texas Chicanas in the Fight for Education Reform.” Paper presented at the Texas State Historical Association, Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, March 6, 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

West Houston Institute Innovation Fellowship, Houston Community College, 2019-Present.

University of Houston Center for Mexican American Studies, Graduate Fellow, Spring 2017.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Houston, 2015-2016.

President’s Graduate Student Travel Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Summer 2015.

Margaret Henson Award for Best Paper on Women’s History, Department of History, University of Houston, Fall 2015.

Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Department of History, University of Houston, 2012-2017.

Dissertation Research Funding, Department of History, University of Houston, Summer 2014.

Murray Miller Travel Grant, University of Houston, Department of History, Spring 2014 and Summer 2015.

University of Houston Center for Mexican American Studies Graduate Fellow, 2013-2015.

Stanley Siegal Scholarship Award for Best Paper in Texas History, Department of History, University of Houston, 2013.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies

Organization of American Historians

Texas State Historical Association.

