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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University
Ph.D., History, August 2017

University of Houston Clear Lake
M.A., History with Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, May 2012
B.A., History with Undergraduate Certificate in Women's Studies, May 2010

Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi - 76 hours

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2018-Current A community college in North Texas, Professor of History
2017-2018 Texas A&M University, Teaching Assistant Professor of History

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Suffragists, Soldiers, and Immigrants:
The Drastic Changes to Voting Rights in the Progressive Era

My manuscript focuses on citizenship, voting rights, and the woman suffrage movement between 1917 and 1923. I explore the intersections of the woman suffrage movement, changes to military and veteran voting, disfranchisement of immigrants and Black Americans, and the fight for married women's independent citizenship. I use Texas as a launching point to explore changes in voting rights throughout the nation. I analyze suffrage campaigns, voting laws, and the debates about them to argue that politicians enfranchised and disfranchised groups when they believed it would benefit them politically and that connections existed between the voting rights of different groups even when they were not immediately apparent to those writing and passing voting laws. I conclude that the success of woman suffrage strengthened other disfranchising efforts.

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming Projects

"The Yellow Rose Project and the History of Woman Suffrage," in *A Yellow Rose Project*, eds. Megan Griffiths. College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University Press & TWU Pioneering Women Book Series, TBD.

"East Texas History, 1900-1945." In *The Texas South: A History of East Texas*, ed. Bruce A. Glasrud & M. Scott Sosebee. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, TBD.

Docu-series with The Teaching Company/Wondrium on overlooked events that changed U.S. history

Filming in July 2024. Tentative release date early 2025.

Journal Articles

“Immigrant Declarants and Loyal American Women: How Suffragists Helped Redefine the Rights of Citizens” in *The Journal of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era*, Suffrage Centennial Special 2020: 1-16. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-the-gilded-age-and-progressive-era/article/immigrant-declarants-and-loyal-american-women-how-suffragists-helped-redefine-the-rights-of-citizens/B478BD887C5C43F664544DC81E374360/share/e45d224fc8f3e6f7007ae970ba81ea057b5dafa2>

“‘They Think I Have Forgotten All About the Past’: Suffragists’ Struggle for Acceptance in Politics in Arizona and Texas.” *Journal of Arizona History* 61, no. 2 (June 2020): 231-240. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/757935>

Edited Volumes

“‘Without Us, it is Ferguson with a Plurality,’ Woman Suffrage and Anti-Ferguson Politics.” In *Impeached: The Removal of Texas Governor James E. Ferguson, A Centennial Examination*, edited by Jessica Brannon-Wranosky and Bruce A. Glasrud. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2017.

Public History

Advisory Committee Member to Mellon Foundation Grant project on Civic Literacy and Voting directed by Evan P. Bennett, Associate Professor of History at Florida Atlantic University.

External Advisor to National Parks Service Post-Doctoral Mellon Fellow at the Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument, 2024-2026.

Historical Consultant for “Votes for Women” Board Game by Tory Brown for Fort Circle Games, 2022. <https://www.fortcircle.com>

Consultant & on-camera interviewee for “Citizens at Last,” a documentary history of the Texas Suffrage Movement produced by Ellen Temple, with advisers Nancy Schiesari and the Ruthe Winegarten Foundation for Texas Women’s History. Released at Texas State Historical Association Meeting in February 2021. Aired on Texas PBS Spring 2021 and nationally on PBS in August 2021. <https://www.pbs.org/video/citizens-at-last-57-minute-television-cut-6y3hrz/citizensatlastfilm.com>

“The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You: Have You Paid That Poll Tax?” *Not Even Past* digital magazine, University of Texas Department of History, January 20, 2021, <http://bit.ly/3jLmyDd>

“But That Isn’t the Whole Story,” *South Writ Large* Online Magazine, Summer 2020.

<http://bit.ly/3jLNov6>

“Suffering a Suffragist: An 1880s Romance,” review of *The Lady and the Texan* by Bobbi Smith. *Nursing Clio*, Romancing Clio Series, Feb 2020. <http://bit.ly/2W2EHCu>

Executive Advisory Committee Member for the *Handbook of Texas Women*, a project which seeks to provide an online space for the focus on Texas Women’s history and to significantly add to the women’s history already offered in the *Handbook of Texas*. Served 2018-2020. See: www.tshaonline.org/TexasWomen.

Texas Coordinator for the *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States*, a crowd sourcing digital humanities project thru the *Women and Social Movements in the United States* website. The Completed dictionary contains three groups of suffragists, Black suffragists’ whose works are published on the *Women and Social Movements* site; National Woman’s Party suffragists; and NAWSA suffragists including those whose names are listed in volume 6 of the *History of Woman Suffrage* (1922). As Texas Coordinator, I compiled a list of Texas NAWSA suffragists, assigned them to researchers, and collected the biographical sketches of National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) suffragists. I was instrumental in forging a partnership between the *Handbook of Texas Women* and the *Online Biographical Dictionary*, which shared biographical sketches. Served 2017-2020. <https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/VOTESforWOMEN>

Op-Eds

“You didn’t always have to be a citizen to vote in America,” *Washington Post*, December 29, 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/12/29/you-didnt-always-have-be-citizen-vote-america/>

“There is Nothing Sacred About the Military Vote,” *History News Network*, November 8, 2020, <http://bit.ly/2Z8v0mq>

Encyclopedia Entries

Handbook of Texas Women Online, “Vivian Anderson Castleberry,” Texas State Historical Association, April 28, 2019, <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fcast>

Handbook of Texas Women Online, “Rebecca Ashton Brown,” Texas State Historical Association, Oct 16, 2018, <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbrra>

Biographical Sketch of Ms. Cora A. Weeks, *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United State in Women and Social Movements in the United States* Database, edited by Jill Zahniser, 2018, <https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/d/1008342604>

Book Reviews

Uprising: How Women Used the US West to Win the Right to Vote, by Tiffany Lewis, *The*

History Teacher: by the Society for History Education, Forthcoming Volume 57, No. 2 (February 2024).

How Women of Color Transformed the Suffrage Movement: Recasting the Vote, by Cathleen D. Cahill, *North Carolina Historical Review*, April 2023.

Picturing Political Power: Images in the Women's Suffrage Movement, by Allison K. Lange, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, January 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537781421000645>

Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All, by Martha S. Jones, *Nursing Clio*, November 2021, <https://nursingclio.org/2021/11/16/vanguard-the-fights-that-connect-black-women-activists-across-more-than-two-centuries/>

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote, by Susan Ware. *H-FedHist*, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences*, March 2021, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=55134>

Forging the Franchise: The Political Origins of the Women's Vote. By Dawn Langan Teele. *H-FedHist*, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences*, February 2020. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53857>

Women in Texas History. By Angela Boswell. Foreword by Nancy Baker Jones and Cynthia J. Beeman. *Western Historical Quarterly*, Autumn 2019. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol 85, No 3, Aug 2019, <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/40762>.

Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times. Edited by Cherisse Jones-Branch and Gary T. Edwards. *Southern Women: Their Lives and Times*. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol 85, No 3, Aug 2019, <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/40762>.

Her Own Hero: How Self-Defense Became Acceptable for American Women, by Wendy L. Rouse. *The Nursing Clio Blog*, April 4, 2019, <https://nursingclio.org/2019/04/04/her-own-hero-how-self-defense-became-acceptable-for-american-women/>

Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County: A Family, a Virginia Town, a Civil Rights Battle, by Kristen Green. *Coordinating Council for Women in History Newsletter*, Fall 2016. <http://theccwh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/CCWH-Newsletter-Winter-2016-3.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Founder, Community College Writing Group. This group of academics with teaching jobs meets

once per month to review a member's work and check-in with each other about our writing goals. The group has worked on pieces that were published as book chapters, op-eds, academic journal articles, and more. Fall 2021-present.

Graphic Design Lead, Texas Center for Working-Class Studies Annual Conference, 2023-2024.

Program Committee Member and Graphic Design Lead, 24th-28th Annual Cotton & Rural History Conference, Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum and/or on Zoom, 2020-present.
<https://cotton.owlstown.net>

Article Reviewer, *Southern Cultures* by UNC Press, 2023.

Editorial Board Member for the East Texas Historical Journal, published by the East Texas Historical Association (ETHA). <https://etha.wildapricot.org/ETHAJournal> 2020-2024.

Portia Gordon Best Student Session Award Committee Chair, East Texas Historical Association, Fall 2019 & 2022.

Manuscript Reviewer, Texas A&M University Press, 2021.

Social Media Committee Member & Chair, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2018-2020.

Nominating Committee Member, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2020.

INVITED SPEAKER

"The Barriers to Woman Suffrage in Rural Texas," October 14, 2023, 27th Annual Cotton and Rural History Conference, Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum.

"Suffragists & the Fight for Married Women's Independent Citizenship," October 28, 2022, Dallas Hall at Southern Methodist University, Dallas Area Society of Historians.
<https://dashhistoryworkshop.wordpress.com/current-schedule/>

"From the Texas Equal Suffrage Association (TESA) to the League of Women Voters (LWV)," March 26, 2022 at 2pm; hosted by the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County.

"Women, Soldiers, and Immigrants: Woman Suffrage in Texas," March 3, 2021, at 2pm on WebEx hosted by Lone Star College -University Park. This talk was part of Lone Star College's Women's History Month activities.

"The 19th: Just the Beginning," panel event, September 17, 2020, at 2:30pm on Zoom hosted by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at Texas Women's University,
<https://youtu.be/HIfcE9jN5T0>

"Women's Equality Day: Suffrage Roundtable Virtual Event," August 26, 2020, at 8pm, hosted by the Arizona Historical Society,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg3uYPaMiZw&feature=youtu.be>

“The Texas Suffrage Movement and Changes in Citizenship & Voting Rights,” March 7, 2020, at 10:30am at the Fort Worth Library downtown. This talk was hosted by the Center of Texas Studies at TCU’s Preserving our Past Community History Workshop, <https://youtu.be/yNNiaMRz1RE>

“Texas Suffragists and the Campaign to Disfranchise Immigrants in Texas,” March 5, 2020, at 2pm at the Tarrant County Community College -Southeast campus. This talk was TCCC’s Women’s History Month event. <http://bit.ly/2uJoLKa>

Texas Suffrage Ratification Centennial, June 28-29, 2019, at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in commemoration of Texas ratification of the 19th Amendment to open an exhibit on the Texas suffrage movement. I also led a session at a workshop to train high school teachers on how to incorporate suffrage into their history course hosted by the Bullock Museum.

“An Overview of Woman Suffrage in Oklahoma” Nov 5, 2018, at 12noon at Will Rogers State University, Baird Hall Performance Studio. This event was hosted by the Will Rogers State University Department of History and Political Science in commemoration of the state suffrage centennial. <https://www.rsu.edu/100th-anniversary-oklahoma-womens-suffrage-focus-nov-5-rsu-lecture/>

Texas A&M University, Department of History, Day of Inclusion Panel, November 13, 2013

MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS

Scott Sosebee and Gene Preuss interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter, Season 2 Episode 1, “From Textbooks to TikTok.” *Talking Texas History* (podcast), August 16, 2023
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2030352/13414399>

“How Ruth Bryan Owen Shaped Citizenship Rules for U.S. Women,” *NowThis News*, March 2023.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPRqK2WsBKg>

Jason Herbert interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter and Nicole Donawho, Episode 21, “Carrie with Rachel Gunter and Nicole Donawho,” *Historians at the Movies* (podcast), April 19, 2023.
On Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3LgkK4b>
On Apple: <https://apple.co/485ACQK>

Michael McGuinness, interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter, Episode 10 “...a conforming reorganization of all social, political, and industrial interests...’ The U.S. Women’s Suffrage Movement”, *You Don’t Know History* (podcast), February 9, 2021.
On Patreon: <https://bit.ly/374IIAF>
On Spotify: <http://spoti.fi/3pct6fd>
On Apple Podcasts: <http://apple.co/2NkurmM>

“Voting Rights and Wrongs” segment interviewee on *Hidden Histories* in San Antonio, aired

November 2, 2020 <http://hiddenhistories.tv/watch/>

Silas Allen. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. "With Classes Online, College Professors Take Precautions Against Political Trolls," *Dallas Observer*, April 7, 2020. <https://bit.ly/2RkDQtU>

Emma Pettit. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. "A Side Effect of Remote Teaching during Covid-19? Videos That Can Be Weaponized," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 24, 2020. <https://bit.ly/2UCnuxt>

Savana Dunning & Morgan Kuehler. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. "100 Years of Women's Suffrage," *Daily Texan*, July 3, 2019. <https://www.dailytexanonline.com/2019/07/03/100-years-of-womens-suffrage>

Preuss, Gene. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. *The 19th Amendment and Women's History*. Houston Media Source Public Affairs Public Access, January 2, 2019. <https://youtu.be/P4CWhYjUFpk>

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presented "The Rise and Fall of Declarant Immigrant Suffrage in the West" on the "Constructing Citizenship and Immigrant Voting Across the West," panel at the Western Historical Association Conference, October 26-29, 2023, Los Angeles, California.

Chair, "Racism, Political Power, and Texas Democratic Leaders, 1892-1952," panel at the Texas State Historical Association 127th Annual Meeting, March 2-4, 2023, El Paso, Texas.

Presented "The Fight for Married Women's Independent Citizenship and the Re-Naturalization of Former Birthright Citizens," on the "Western Women's Dependent Citizenship: The Protocols of Exclusion, Whiteness, and De-Naturalization" panel at the Western History Association's 62nd meeting, October 12-15, 2022, San Antonio, Texas.

Chair of suffrage panel, at the Twelfth Triennial Southern Association for Women Historians, June 9-12, 2022, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

"Using E-Readers to Build Community in Online Classes, at the East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, October 2021, Nacogdoches, Texas.

"Suffragists and the Fight for Texas Servicemen's Voting Rights," at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 via Zoom.

Roundtable Discussion: "New Research on Women's Suffrage at the Centennial" solicited by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE), Saturday April 4, 2020, 1-2pm in Washington, DC. -Conference Cancelled due to Covid19.

“Plenary Session, The Handbook of Texas Women’s History Session: Telling Texas Women’s Stories,”
at the East Texas Historical Association Meeting, October 11-12, 2019 in Nacogdoches, TX.

“Handbook of Texas Women Project Roundtable” at the West Texas Historical Association Meeting,
April 13-14, 2018 in San Angelo, Texas.

“Soldier Voting and Votes for Women in Texas” Presented at the Organization of American Historians
Annual Meeting, April 6-9, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

“More than Black and White: Woman Suffrage in Texas” Selected Participant for The Brooks Forum at
the St. George Tucker Society Annual Meeting, July 24-26th, 2015 in Savannah, Georgia.

“Anxious to Claim the Honor: How Texans Wanted the South to be Remembered for Woman Suffrage.”
Presented at Southern Conference on Women’s History sponsored by the Southern Association
for Women Historians, June 11-14, 2015 in Charleston, SC.

"More than Black and White: Woman Suffrage and Latino/a (Dis-)Enfranchisement in Texas.”
Presented at Texas State Historical Association Annual Conference, March 5-7, 2015 in Corpus
Christi, TX.

“The Letitia Rosenberg Home for Women.” Presented at the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors
Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 14, 2012.

“A Different Class of Women: The Brown Sisters of Ashton Villa.” Presented at the 17th
Annual Student Conference for Research and Creative Arts in conjunction with Phi Alpha Theta
History Honors Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 22, 2011.

“Feminist Thought during the French Revolution.” Presented at the 16th Annual Student
Conference for Research and Creative Arts, Houston, Texas, April 22, 2010.

AWARDS AND HONORS

External Funding/Awards

East Texas Historical Association Ottis Lock Educator of the Year Award, 2023 \$500

Community College Awards

Engaged Faculty Award \$1500 in scholarship money for a student of my choosing

External Funding/Awards in Grad School

Brooks Forum Selected Participant, St. George Tucker Society, 2015-2016 \$500
Archie P. McDonald Scholarship, East Texas Historical Association, 2014 \$2,000

Texas A&M Funding/Awards

TAMU College of Liberal Arts, Freshman Innovation Group Bursary, 2018 \$2,000
TAMU Department of History, Faculty Research and Travel Funding, 2017-2018 \$2,100

TAMU College of Liberal Arts, Fasken Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2017	\$500
TAMU College of Liberal Arts, Summertime for Advancement in Research (STAR) Award, 2016	\$5000
Association of Former Students Scholarship, 2016-2017	\$2000
Aggie Ring Scholarship, 2016	\$500
College of Liberal Arts Fee Allocation Grant, 2015-2016	\$1286/semester
Aggie License Plate Scholarship, 2015-2016	\$1,000
Department of History, Inaugural Dissertation Research Grant, 2015	\$8,000
Women's & Gender Studies Program-Travel & Research Assistance Grant, 2015	\$300
Women's & Gender Studies Program-Travel & Research Assistance Grant, 2014	\$250
Department of History, Summer Research Grant, 2014	\$1,000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Community College – Professor of History

2018-current

Minimum of 5-5 and maximum of 7-7-4 teaching load of first and second half U.S. history surveys delivered in-person, and online; 16-week, 10-week, 8-week, and 5-week; regular and dual credit.

Texas A&M University -College Station, TX -Instructional Assistant Professor

2017-2018

Post-doctoral instructor to multiple sections of the U.S. history surveys ranging from 25 to 200 students.

*Selected Instructor for Freshman Innovation Group (FIG) of first-generation college students

2016-2017

Graduate Student Instructor of Records for 1st half U.S. history survey

2012-2016

Teaching assistant or discussion leader for U.S. or Texas history surveys

University of Houston-Clear Lake,

Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant for 'Reel' Europe: History, Film and Literature of Modern Europe;
Developed Graduate Level "Holocaust Cinema" class

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Community College in North Texas

Auteur Film Series Speaker, Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho*, Fall 2023

Constitution Day Speaker, September 2023

Faculty Random Acts of Core Values Committee Chair, 2022-2023.

Academic Planning Coach, 2019-2020; 2021-2022; 2022-2023.

Suffrage Centennial Committee, 2020-2021

Advisor for chapter of IGNITE Political Power in Every Young Woman, Fall 2019-Spring 2021;

2022-current <https://www.ignitenational.org>

Reviewer for Open Education Resources Grant Program offered by

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the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Fall 2020
Constitution Day Committee, 2020.
New Faculty Mentor, 2019-2020 & 2020-2021
Hiring Committee for Collegiate Academy Professor History Faculty, Summer 2020
Grid Committee
History Collegiate Academy Faculty Search Committee, 2020
Grid Committee
History Faculty Search Committee, 2018-2019
Grid and Interview committee

Texas A&M University

Department of History Latino/a Chicano/a Job Assistant Professor Search
Committee Member, 2015-2016
Department of History Graduate Committee Member, 2014-2015
College of Liberal Arts, Graduate Instruction Committee, Humanities Graduate Student
Representative, 2014-2015
College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards Committee Member, 2014-2015
Department of History, Diversity Committee, 2013-2104

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Association for Women Historians
Coalition for Western Women's History
Southwestern Social Science Association

Western History Association
Organization of American Historians

REFERENCES

Dr. Cathleen Cahill
Associate Professor of History
Penn State University

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Texas A&M University

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