ALANA DE HINOJOSA *Curriculum Vitae*

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Current Position

2024 Assistant Professor of History
Texas State University

Previous Positions

2023-24 Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Mexican American History
School of Transborder Studies, Arizona State University

2023-24 Digital Public Humanities Fellow
Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University

Education

2023 PhD, César E Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies & Central American Studies
University of California, Los Angeles

2018 M.A., César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies
University of California, Los Angeles

2015 B.A. Latina/o Studies & Creative Writing
Hampshire College, Massachusetts

Certificates

2024 Digital Public Humanities
Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University

2021 American Indian Studies
University of California, Los Angeles

2020 Writing Pedagogy (Emphasis: English Language Learners)
University of California, Los Angeles

Research

Forthcoming Book Manuscript, under contract with Duke University Press (Release Date: Fall 2027)
Terruño: The Unruly, Unresolved Terrains of El Paso, the Rio Grande, & the Chamizal Dispute

In Progress Digital Public History Website, *The Underground Chamizal National Memorial*
https://www.undergroundchamizalmemorial.com/

2023 Dissertation, UCLA:
"El Río Grande as Pedagogy: The Unruly, Unresolved Terrains of the Chamizal Dispute"

2018 Master's Thesis, UCLA:
"El Río Grande as Unruly Archive: Submerged Histories of the Chamizal Dispute"

Research Interests:
Chicana/o Studies, Mexican American History, U.S.-Mexico Borderlands History, Border/lands Studies, Indigenous Studies, Human Geography, Latinx Geographies, Environmental History, Urban Studies, Oral History, Public History, and Digital Public Humanities

Fellowships, Awards, & Honors

2025	Presidential Award Nomination (Teaching & Service) Texas State University
2024	Antonia I. Castañeda Prize National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies
2023	Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship ($3,000) Texas State Historical Association
2022	Nominee for Ray Allen Billington Prize (Nominated by *American Quarterly* Editorial Board) Western History Association
	Dissertation Year Fellowship ($20,000), UCLA
	Digital Humanities Summer Institute Tuition Scholarship University of Victoria, Canada
	Jean Stone Dissertation Research Fellowship ($4,000) Center for the Study of Women, UCLA
2021	Dean's Fund for Diversity and Racial Inequality ($5,000), UCLA
2020-21	IUPLR/Andrew Mellon Fellows Program for Latina/o Studies ($25,000) University of Illinois-Chicago
2020	Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
	The Founders' Dissertation Fellowship ($1,000) Western Association of Women Historians
2019-20	Gold Shield Alumnae of UCLA Fellowship ($5,000)
2019	Latinx Geographies Graduate Student Paper Award *Latinx Geographies Specialty Group,* American Association of Geographers
2017-20	Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship ($72,000)
2018	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship ($6,000)
2017-18	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship ($24,000)
2015	UCLA Graduate Dean's Scholar Award ($14,500)

Awards & Honors for Poetry/Prose

2019	Macondo Writers Workshop Scholarship
	Meek Award Poetry Prize, 1st Place—*The Florida Review*
2018	Nominee for Pushcart Prize—*The Normal School*
	Nominee for *Best of the Net—Duende*
2017	Summer Poetry Contest, 2nd Place Judged by Safiya Sinclair—*The Blue Mesa Review*
	Nominee for PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers—*The Tishman Review*

Research Grants

2025	College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant ($3,000), Texas State University
2024	Research Enhancement Program ($8,000), Texas State University

2022	CMAS-Benson Latin American Collection Research Fellowship ($1,000) Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
2021	Center for the Study of Women Travel Grant, UCLA
2020	Shirley Hune Inter-Ethnic/Inter-Racial Studies Research Grant ($1,600) American Indian Studies Center, UCLA
2019-20	Institute of American Cultures Research Grant ($1,450) Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA
2017-18	Institute of American Cultures Research Grant ($3,100) Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA
2015	Sander R. Thoenes Division III Research Grant at Hampshire College
2014	David Smith Division III Research Grant in American Studies at Hampshire College
	Michael L. Plenty Division III Political Culture Research Grant at Hampshire College

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles:

"'El Chamizal is Ours Forever:' Rumor, Time, & the Law in El Paso's Settler Society," *Environment & Planning D: Society & Space,* 42(1) (2024): 91-113.

"El Río Grande as Pedagogy: The Unruly, Unresolved Terrains of the Chamizal Land Dispute," *American Quarterly* 73.4 (2021): 711-742.

"El Chamizal: An Unfinished Story," *Password*, 65.3 (2021): 74-124.

Book Chapters:

"Changes in the River: The Natural Consequences of Controlling El Río Grande at the Pass of the North," in *Nature and Place in Texas: A History*, edited by Char Miller, Kenna Archer, and Jason Pierce (Texas Tech Press, 2026): 193-220.

Public Facing Publications:

"Special to the *El Paso Herald Post*: Community Leader Elvira Villa Escajeda to be Honored on Saturday," *El Paso Herald Post, July 13, 2026:* https://elpasoheraldpost.com/2026/07/13/special-to-the-el-paso-herald-post-community-leader-elvira-villa-escajeda-to-be-honored-on-saturday/

"Elvira 'Vila' Villa Escajeda (1920-2022)", *El Paso County Historical Commission*, Historical Marker (2026).

"Remapping El Chamizal: Toward a Countermap of the Chamizal Land Dispute, 1818-present," *ArcGIS Storymaps*: http://remappingelchamizal.com/

"Cristina Cárdenas | The ASU Hispanic Research Center Presents: Teaching and Visual Thinking Strategies with 'La Niña de los Espejos' and 'Yo Soy,'" *ArcGIS Storymaps*: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/bb92c6c0abbf42c0b02180b28d79e8bc

"Luis Jiménez | The ASU Hispanic Reseach Center Presents: Teaching and Visual Thinking Strategies with 'Cholo and Van with Popo and Ixta" and "Abuela," *ArcGIS StoryMaps*: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c8f0aeaf7bc34837a209192f7699761e

"El Paso Mural Glosses Over Chamizal Land Dispute," *Latino Rebels*, January 2022: https://www.latinorebels.com/2022/01/07/chamizalmural/

"Elvira 'Vila' Villa Escajeda, Champion of Residents in Landmark Chamizal Dispute, Dies at 102," *El Paso News*, January 18, 2022: https://elpasonews.org/2022/01/18/elvira-vila-villa-escajeda-champion-of-residents-in-landmark-chamizal-dispute-dies-at-102/

Encyclopedia Entries:

"The Chamizal Dispute," *Handbook of Texas*, Texas State Historical Association, https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/chamizal-dispute

"Elvira Villa Escajeda," *Handbook of Texas*, Texas State Historical Association, https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/escajeda-elvira-villa-lacarra

Book Reviews:

"Review of Miguel Juárez's *Frontera Freeways: Highway Building and Displacement in El Paso, Texas*," *Journal of Texas History* 2.1 (June 2026): 118-121.

"Review of Omar Valerio-Jiménez's *Remembering Conquest: Mexican Americans, Memory, and Citizenship*," *American Historical Review* (September 2025): 1451-1452.

"Review of Felicity Amaya Schaeffer's *Unsettled Borders: The Militarized Science of Surveillance on Sacred Indigenous Land." New Mexico Historical Review* (Summer 2025): 384-386.

"Review of James V. Mestaz's *Strength from the Waters: A History of Indigenous Mobilization in Northwest Mexico*." *H-Water: H-Net Network on the History of Water* (2024): https://networks.hnet.org/group/reviews/20023535/de-hinojosa-mestaz-strength-waters-history-indigenous-mobilization-northwest

"Review of Alex Wick's *The Red Sea: In Search of Lost Space." The AAG Review of Books* 5(1) 2017: 10-12.

Digital Public History Reviews:

"Review of *'Mapping Chicana/Mexicana Voices in the Borderlands,'" Journal of American History* 112.4 (2026): 840-841.

Selected Poetry & Prose:

"Preguntas y fraces para una nieta americana," ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies 23.2 (2024): 125-127.

"Black the fig," *Río Grande Review*, 57 (2022): 10.

"Sombras nada más." Special Latinx Feature in *The Florida Review* 42.2 (2018): 35-36.

"Playa de los muertos" and "Prayer after demolition." *The Normal School* 11.2 (2018): 62, 64.

"Prayer after demolition in an unrecognized village," *The Acentos Review* (2018): http://www.acentosreview.com/november2017/alana-de-hinojosa.html
"Her word will land in you." *Blue Mesa Review 36* (2017): 31-32.

"24, next june." *Kweli Journal* (2017): http://www.kwelijournal.org/fiction/2017/11/30/24-next-june-by-alana-de-hinojosa

"How to speak." *Duende* (2017): https://www.duendeliterary.org/alana-de-hinojosa

"Even now." *Track//Four* (2017): http://www.trackfourjournal.com/alana-de-hinojosa--even-now.html

"Preguntas y frases para una nieta Americana." *Huizache* (2017): 191-92.

Public Engagement

2023 Invited Podcast Guest: "Remapping El Chamizal: In Conversation with Alana de Hinojosa." *El Pochcast*. Podcast audio. September 6, 2023.

2022 Petitioner & Presenter: "County of El Paso Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Elvira Villa Escajeda." El Paso County Commissioners Court. El Paso, Texas. January 24, 2022.

Commentator: "Elvira Villa Escajeda: The Voice of the Barrio." *KVIA-TV*. ABC7 News. El Paso, Texas. January 25, 2022.

Conference Papers & Roundtable Discussions

2026 Roundtable Organizer: "Water as Confluence: Latinx Geographies Toward Worlds Otherwise," *Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social,* Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 15-19.

Roundtable Panelist: "Nature and Place in the Lone Star State," *Alliance for Texas History*, Fort Worth Texas, May 27-29.

2025 Roundtable Organizer and Panelist: "Latinx Geographies and the Precarity of Empires," *American Studies Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 19-22.

Panel Organizer and Presenter: "Historizing Paso del Norte: Insubordinate Space and Insurgent Place at the Pass of the North," *Western History Association*, Alburquerque, New Mexico, October 15, 18.

Roundtable Panelist: "Long Time Coming: Latinx Public History and the Crisis in Public Memory," *Alliance for Texas History*, San Marcos, Texas, May 15-17.

Presenter: "Toward a Counter-Memorial: Introducing the Underground Chamizal National Memorial," *Organization of American Historians*. Chicago, Illinois April 2-6.

2023 Presenter: "A Rebellious Woman & Her Dangerous Story: Oral Histories with Elvira Villa Escajeda, Champion of Residents in Landmark Chamizal Dispute." Emerging Perspectives in Borderlands History Panel. *Texas State Historical Association.* El Paso, Texas. March 2-4.

2022 Roundtable Panelist: "American Quarterly: Workshop on AQ Review and Editorial Process." *American Studies Association*. New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2-6.

Panel Organizer and Presenter: "Oral Histories along the El Paso–Cd. Juárez Borderlands: Questioning, Adjusting, and Correcting the Historical Record." *Southwest Oral History Association*. Las Vegas, Nevada. April 1-3.

Roundtable Panelist: "Where do you know from?": Discussing Scholarly Praxes for Geographers of Diaspora." Latinx Geographies Specialty. Group. *American Association of Geographers*. New York, February 25-March 1.

2021 Presenter: "Settler Temporality along the El Paso-Cd. Juarez borderlands." Mapping as Revolt/Decolonizing Mapping. *American Studies Association*. San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oct. 7-11.

Presenter: "Warder v. Laura M Loomis: How Settler Time Dispossessed Mexican Claimants in the Chamizal Land Dispute." *The Line Crossed Us Conference: Lethbridge Border Studies Research Group*. Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. June 10-12.

Panel Organizer: "*bozalta* & NACCS Present: Joy & the Political Imagination Noche de Cultura." *National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies.* Online. April 14-16.

Presenter: "River as Pedagogy: The Río Grande's Rupture to Settler Time/Space" in Desirable Futures: Time as Possibility, Practice, Politics. *American Association of Geographers.* Seattle, Washington. April 7-11.

2020 Presenter: "River as Pedagogy: The Río Grande's Rupture to Settler Time/Space." *American Studies Association*. Baltimore, Maryland—**cancelled due to COVID-19.**

Panel Organizer and Presenter: "Critical Latina/o/x Geographies: Unsettling Senses of Place and Home." *Latina/o Studies Association*. South Bend, Indiana**—cancelled due to COVID-19.**

2019 Presenter: "Unruly Chicana/o Geographies: Settler Colonialism, Whiteness, & Hauntings in the Chamizal Land Dispute." Latinx Geographies Specialty Group. *American Association of Geographers*. Washington D.C. April 3-7.

Roundtable Panelist: "Doing Latinx Geographies in the Borderlands: Luchas, Corazón, y Compromiso." Lighting Paper: Latinx Geographies Specialty Group. *American Association of Geographers*. Washington D.C. April 3-7.

2018 Presenter: "Submerged Voices of the Chamizal Diaspora/Archive." *Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social*. El Paso, TX. August 1-4.

Presenter: "Dis(re)membered Histories of the Chamizal Land Dispute." Latinx Geographies Specialty Group. *American Association of Geographers*. New Orleans, LA. August 10-14.

Presenter: "Dis(re)membered Voices of the Chamizal Relocation Project." *Borderlands History Conference*. University of Texas at El Paso. El Paso, TX. February 2-4.

2017 Presenter: "El Río Grande as Unruly Archive." *National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies*. Irvine, CA. March 22-25.

Participant/Performer: "Unsettling Creative Collaborations." *Unsettling the Americas: Radical Hospitalities and Intimate Geographies* from Hemispheric Institute Graduate Student Initiative. York University. Toronto, Canada. Oct. 5-8.

Invited Lectures, Readings, & Workshops

2026 Invited Speaker. "Remapping El Chamizal," Keystone Heritage Park, El Paso, Texas, July 17, 2026.

Invited Speaker. "Remapping El Chamizal," A Magoffin Home Lecture Celebrating America at 250 Years, Magoffin House, El Paso, Texas, May 21, 2026.

Plenary Speaker: "40 Years of Anglos and Mexicans Still Making Texas: An Anniversary Symposium," Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies, University of Texas at Austin, February 21, 2026.

2025 Invited Speaker: "'We didn't cross the border, the border crossed us:' The Unruly, Unresolved Terrains of the Chamizal Land Dispute (1864-1964)." Center for the Study of the Southwest. San Marcos, Texas. November 12 & 14, 2025.

2024 Invited Speaker: "Toward a Digital Counter-Memorial: The Underground Chamizal National Memorial." ARCH&UD98T Transfrontier Metropolis: Spatializing the Mexico-U.S. Border. Department of Architecture. University of California, Los Angeles. May 22, 2024.

2023 Invited Speaker: "Historizing the Chamizal Land Dispute in the El Paso-Cd. Juárez Borderlands." ARCH501: The Segundo Barrio Thesis Studio. A Collaboration with New York Institute of Technology and Texas Tech University. October 20, 2023.

Invited Speaker: "Historizing the Chamizal Land Dispute via Digital Public Humanities Methods." Digital Public History Working Group. George Mason University. October 4, 2023.

Invited Speaker: "Remembering El Chamizal: Reckoning with the Afterlives of the Chamizal Dispute." Stories from the Borderlands: Cesar Chavez Week Celebrations. League of United Latin American Citizens. University of Texas at El Paso. March 28, 2023. El Paso, Texas.

2022 Invited Speaker: "Remembering the Chamizal Treaty and its Lasting Impact on El Paso" in

Narratives of El Paso History. Next City: Vanguard El Paso. October 24-27.

Invited Speaker: "Elvira Escajeda & The Chamizal Land Dispute." ENVS B350: Gender & the Borderlands. Department of Environmental Studies. Bryn Mawr College. April 11, 2022. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Invited Speaker: "El Río Grande as Pedagogy." ERS365: Water Governance. Department of Environment. University of Waterloo. Waterloo, Ontario. March 21, 2022.

2017 Invited Speaker: "Flor y Canto: The Chamizal story." Untested Address Series: Affiliated Project for PST: LA/LA Unconfirmed Makeshift Museum. Culver City, California. October 28, 2017.

Invited Speaker: "Rivers Inside Her Name: Stories of Loss, Separation & Bordered Love." Resistant Fluidities. Spanish Department. Colby College. Waterville, Maine. March 14, 2017.

2016 Workshop Facilitator: "Otherworld Encounters: Spirits, Memory & Language." MEChA's 13th Annual Transfer Raza Day. University of California, Los Angeles. May 13, 2016.

Workshop Facilitator: "On Ancestral Memory and Visionary Fictions." MEChA Annual Semana de la Mujer. University of California, Los Angeles. March 2016.

Teaching Experience

Texas State University

2024-present HIST2337: Mexican American History to 1865

HIST3353: U.S.-Mexico Borderlands History

HIST3372: Texas History Survey

HIST1320: History of the U.S., 1877-Present

Arizona State University

2024 TCL/HIST332: Mexican American History Since 1900

2023 TCL/HIST331: Mexican American History to 1900

University of California, Los Angeles

2023 CCAS M105E/ENG M105E: Puro Border: U.S. Latinx Literature from La Frontera

2021 CCAS188-2: "The Borders Crossed Us:" Borderlands Studies at/beyond the U.S.-Mexico Border

2020 CCS188-2: Racial Terrains of Struggle: Displacement, Dispossession, and Resistance

ESL25: American Memoirs: Race, Identity, and Language in the U.S.

UCLA Graduate Writing Center

2019-22 Humanities Dissertation Prospectus Boot Camp
Boot Camp Instructor: University of California, Los Angeles

Designed and instructed a 6-week Summer and Spring Dissertation Prospectus Boot Camp for UCLA doctoral students in the humanities. Workshop sessions focused on: demystifying the prospectus as a genre of graduate-level writing, developing tools and strategies to achieve the distinct writing goals of participants, and meeting a range of prospectus deadlines.

Graduate Student Mentorship

2026 Emma Gomez, History Master's Thesis (Committee Member), TXST

2025-26 Bonnie Heitkamp-Kenner, History Master's Thesis (Committee Member), TXST

2025 Alejandra Navarrate, History Master's Thesis (Committee Chair), TXST
Thesis: "'A Most Dangerous Communist:' Remembering Emma Tenayuca's Political Legacy Beyond the 1938 Pecan Sheller's Strike"

Mentorship, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Work

2022 Organizer, *Juntxs/Together*
Latinx Geographies Specialty Group, *American Association of Geographers (AAG)*

Organized the online mentorship series "Juntxs/Together" for Latinx Geographers on the academic job market. Events are designed to demystify the application process through a series of workshops, roundtables, and mentee-mentor working groups. Our goal is to advance diversity in Geography.

2018-23 Writing Consultant
UCLA Graduate Writing Center

Worked with 100+ UCLA Master's and doctoral students from multiple disciplines on writing issues ranging from style and argumentation to grammar and syntax for non-native English speakers. Writing guidance included external/internal fellowship and scholarship applications, theses and dissertation writing, professional development, and job application materials.

2018-23 Peer Mentor, *M.A. Mentorship Program*
UCLA Graduate Writing Center

Worked closely with UCLA Master's students as their peer mentor to support and guide them through their writing goals, deadlines, and completion of their Master's theses.

2016-21 Editor, *The bozalta Collective*
University of California, Los Angeles

Served as Managing Editor and Poetry Curator for the transdisciplinary journal, *bozalta,* housed in the Department of Chicana/o and Central American Studies at UCLA. As Poetry Curator, I helped to developed three issues: "#bozalta4BlackLivesMatter," "Tierra Sagrada" and "Joy and the Political Imagination." As managing editor, I supervised communications.

2016-21 Co-Founder, *UCLA Bruins of Color Creative Writing Workshop*

Co-founded a weekly creative writing workshop for Bruins of color—the first such program at UCLA. Curriculum centers on the political imagination of literature by BIPOC writers. Students learn to critically engage texts as well as offer constructive and exciting feedback on their peers' creative writing. We created this workshop as an active response to Bruins of color's expressed need to write and feel that their stories are valid and in community. Four years later, we have had more than 100 participants—including undergraduates, graduate students, and staff—who continue to illuminate that poetry is not luxury.

2015-19 Site Leader, *UCLA Writer's Den*

Served as a Site Leader at Markham Middle School in Compton and John Adams Middle School in South Central, Los Angeles. I designed 7th and 8th grade curriculum centered on literature about and by BIPOC writers. I lead teams of 2-4 UCLA undergraduates through curriculum, lesson plans, and instruction. My teams worked with students to prepare them for a public reading of their poems as part of class field trip to UCLA.

2016-17 Campus Organizer**,** *Chicanx Social Justice Caucus*

Organized with the Student Labor Advocacy Project to petition UCLA to become a sanctuary campus. Held campus wide "Power Analysis Workshops" to discuss and mobilize against "Secure Communities" policies at UCLA.

2016-17 College Application Mentor**,** *WriteGirl*

Worked with "at-promise" high school senior girls in the Los Angeles area on their college applications. Provided writing guidance for their personal statements, assisted with the Common App, and guided them during their selection of colleges and universities.

Professional Service

2026 *Board Member*, Frontera Scholars Collective
History Department, University of Texas at Austin

2025-27 *Co-Chair*
AAG Latinx Geographies Specialty Group Board

During my first year as Co-Chair (elected March 2025) I pitched and launched the inaugural Latinx Geographies Laura Pulido Research Award as well as the Soft Deadline for the Latinx Geographies Graduate Student Paper Award (the latter is an opportunity for graduate students to submit draft papers to the awards committee for feedback before the final deadline for the LxG Graduate Student Paper Award). I am on the review committee for both awards. I also organized 10 Latinx Geographies conference panels/roundtables, including a plenary address, for the 2026 American Association of Geographies annual conference.

2024-present *Committee Member*, Center for Public History, Texas State University

2023-25 *Activity Director* (Awards Committee)
AAG Latinx Geographies Specialty Group Board

Organized and reviewed submissions for the AAG LxG Best Graduate Student Paper Award. Worked closely with previous recipients of this award on paper revisions in preparation for submitting to a peer-reviewed journal.

2021-22 *Department Steward*, United Auto Workers 2865
Chicana/o and Central American Studies, UCLA

2016-17 & 2020-21 *Graduate Student Representative*
Designed, organized, and facilitated a monthly brown bag/open-mic series, "Lonches con CCAS." I also designed and organized roundtable discussions and teach-in (salones) centered on professionalization/demystifying academic methods and a Spring 2021 job market series for CCAS graduate students.

2016, 2019 *Graduate Research Assistant*
Organized the personal papers of Dr. Alicia Gaspar del Alba in preparation for their donation to the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center.

Professional Development

2026 Frontera Scholars Collective Summer Institute, University of Texas at Austin

Professional Affiliations

Academic

The American Association of Geographers
Alliance for Texas History
American Studies Association
Organization of American Historians
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies
Latino Studies Association

Poetry

Macondo Writers Workshop
Community of Writers
Las Dos Brujas Writers Workshop