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Education

University of Texas at Austin

PhD in American Studies, *May 2025*
Comprehensive Exams Passed with Distinction, *Spring 2021*
MA in American Studies, *Summer 2020*

Duke University

BA in International Comparative Studies, *May 2016*

National University of Ireland at Galway

Semester Abroad Scholarship, *Spring 2015*

New College, University of Oxford

Political History of Great Britain, *Summer 2014*

Fellowships, Awards, and Scholarships

Humanities Research Award, Humanities Institute, *2022-2023*

Competitive University-Wide Continuing Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, *2022-2023*

Professional Development Award, *Fall 2022*

Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, *Fall 2022*

American Studies Research Award, *2020-2022*

Louann Atkins Temple Endowed Presidential Scholarship in American Studies, *2019-2020*

First Year Supplemental Fellowship, Department of American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, *2018-2019*

Dean's List with Distinction, Duke University, *2012-2016*

Kozin Family Scholarship, Duke University, *2012-2016*

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Lipe Scholarship, Duke University, *2012-2016*

Conference Presentations

“Homecoming and Homegoing: The Importance of Oral History in Memorializing a Recovered Historical Cemetery,“ Panelist, Texas Oral History Association Conference, Prairie View, 2024

“Remember the Misión San Antonio De Valero,“ Southern Humanities Conference, San Antonio, 2023

“Haunting Narratives: Forgotten Graves of the Alamo,“ American Studies Association, New Orleans, 2022

“Queering Tribal Relations: An Analysis of U.S. State-Building through the Office of Indian Affairs,” E3W Annual Sequels Symposium, University of Texas at Austin, 2020

“*Avatar: The Last Airbender:* Unmaking Orientalist Racial Scripts in the West,” Consuming Fictions Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2019

“Challenging Gender Representation in Imaginative Fiction: from *Left Hand of Darkness* to *Steven Universe,*” American Studies Graduate Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2019

Publications, Exhibitions, and Digital Humanities Projects

Contributing Author, *Sugar Land 95 Memorial Project,* Fort Bend ISD, 2023-current

Contributing Researcher, Race Laws in Texas, *Mapping Violence Project*, 2023

“Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom,” Film Review, *E3W Review of Books*, 2021

Curator, *Anti-Racist Resource Guide,* Independent, 2020

“Constructing Ideal Citizens out of Queer Indians: An Analysis of U.S. State-Building in 19th Century Oklahoma,” *Master’s Report*, University of Texas at Austin, 2020

Digital Curator and Researcher, "Carceral Studies Network," Duke University, 2016

Co-Curator, "Death and Life at Central Prison, Raleigh, NC” *States of Incarceration Exhibition*, The New School Humanities Action Lab, 2016

“Cold Cases: Missed and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada,” Situation Report, 2015

Teaching Appointments

Instructor of Record
Department of History,
U.S. History from 1877-Present (Fall, 2026)

Department of American Studies, *University of Texas at Austin*

Misremembering the South (Fall, 2024, Spring 2025)
Unburied: Ancestral Remains (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023)

Supplemental Instructor

Sanger Learning Center, *University of Texas at Austin*

Intro to American Studies (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant

Department of American Studies, *University of Texas at Austin*

Intro to American Studies (Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Department of History, *University of Texas at Austin*

United States History from 1865 to Present (Fall 2019)

Invited Lecture Presentations

Department of American Studies, *University of Texas at Austin*

"Remembering the Alamo," Intro to American Studies with Dr. Marvin Bendele, Spring 2022
"Toni Morrison's: Beloved," Intro to American Studies with Dr. Lina Chhun, Fall 2021

Professional Development

Supplemental Instruction Coordinator for Economics and Liberal Arts, Sanger Learning Center, University of Texas at Austin, *2025-present*

Learning Specialist III, Sanger Learning Center, University of Texas at Austin, *2025-present*

Supervisor of Liberal Arts Supplemental Instructors, Sanger Learning Center, University of Texas at Austin, *2022-2024*

Panel Moderator for the Texas Folklife's 2023 Apprenticeship Program Virtual Showcase, *August 2023*

Inclusive Classrooms Seminar, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at University of Texas at Austin, *Spring 2022*

Co-chair of Pedagogy and Teaching Committee, American Studies Department, University of Texas at Austin, *Fall 2020-current*

Supplemental Instruction Pedagogy Training and Workshops, *Fall 2020-current*

Study and Struggle, Making and Unmaking Mass Incarceration Conference, *Fall 2021*

"Undoing Racism Workshop," The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, *Summer 2019*

Related Professional Experience

Third Base Site Director, Austin ISD, Austin, TX, *2017-2018*

Extended Care Supervisor, Carolina Friends School, Durham, NC, *2017*

After School Enrichment Counselor, Triangle Day School, Durham, NC, *2016-2017*

Campus Leader Internship, NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina Foundation, *2016-2017*

Web Manager and Office Aid, International Comparative Studies Department, Duke University, *2015-2016*

Lab Assistant, Linnenbrick-Garcia Educational Psychology Lab, Duke University, 2012-2014

Languages

English, Native
French, Advanced Reading Knowledge
Turkish, Intermediate Reading Knowledge
Spanish, Beginner Reading Knowledge

Digital Skills

SEATS, ARCGIS, Storymaps, Canvas, GIS, Trace Assist, Grid Assessor, Google Maps, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Indesign, Zoom, Padlet, Kahoot! FlipGrid, Microsoft Office

Professional Memberships

Phi Sigma Pi
American Studies Association
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society