Dear Graduate Students,

This occasional newsletter is to send along information about scholarly and social activities, funding opportunities, and faculty and student news. Graduate School is a time for coursework and all sorts of professionalization and social activities for students. Use your time at UTSA to work on your resume, make friends, attend and present at conferences, all while working on your degree. As the Graduate Advisor I am here to help you navigate through course selection, internship possibilities, comps, and other things. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me or with Ms. Marcia Perales to help answer your questions. There are things to do at both DT and Main (1604) campuses that will help you to learn more about professions that historians do.

My office hours for the rest of the semester: Mon/Fri 11 am – Noon; Thurs April 11 5:30 – 6:45 pm

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Be sure to bookmark the Department of History’s new website! The website has up-to-date information on events sponsored by the History Department, deadlines, fellowship, awards, and conferences. http://colfa.utsa.edu/history/

Connect with UTSA on Social Media

Facebook: UTSA History Club and Phi Alpha Theta and UTSA Historians

Follow UTSA The Graduate School on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn!
April 16  Panel Discusses Civil Rights

Community Invited to Civil Rights Panels

Discussions highlight current state of civil rights and conditions of minority groups. This excited event has been planned and organized by Dr. Gabriela Gonzalez, History Department, UTSA.

Bring your UTSA i.d. for Free Admission at the ITC! All welcome

SAN ANTONIO – The Institute of Texan Cultures, in collaboration with the UTSA Department of History, is preparing a pair of panel discussions on Civil Rights, 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16.

Free and open to the public, the Civil Rights panels will address the current state of civil rights for the common citizen and for various minorities such as immigrants, LGBTQ, and the disabled. Additionally, the panels will include representatives of the Native-American community, Asian-American community, African-American community and Hispanic community to outline the current state of their work toward civil rights.

“Our intention is to provide people with the opportunity to learn more about and exchange ideas on civil and human rights issues,” said Gabriela Gonzalez, associate professor of history at UTSA and visiting scholar at the Institute of Texan Cultures. “We have invited deeply committed scholars and activists familiar with interconnected civil and human rights movements. In presenting these different perspectives, we further the university’s commitment to diversity.”

As the panel discussions were conceptualized, questions defining the issue were presented: What are rights? Who deserves rights? How have rights been defined historically? How are they defined today? How has having or not having rights influenced economic, political, and social outcomes for various groups of people?

"Panel discussions like this put the museum’s mission into action," said Lupita Barrera, director of education and interpretation at the ITC. "The Institute of Texan Cultures is a forum for the understanding and appreciation of Texas and Texans. These are real issues challenging segments of our population. This is an opportunity to hear from experts in the field as they outline the current state of affairs and project the future challenges and successes we will face as society advances."

Previously, the museum hosted a border ethics panel in conjunction with the UTSA Department of Philosophy and Classics. The discussion drew on input from academia, law enforcement, the faith community, media and people directly impacted by the issue.

The Institute of Texan Cultures is located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. César E. Chávez Blvd., a short distance from the Alamo and the River Walk. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $8 for adults (ages 12-64); $7 for seniors (ages 65+); $6 for children (ages 3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges identification. For more information, call 210-458-2300 or visit TexanCultures.com.
Ready, Set, Research! Competition

Date: Tuesday, April 9  
Time: 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Downtown Campus, Southwest Room, DB 1.124

On Tuesday, April 9th, UTSA The Graduate School will host the first Ready, Set, Research! Competition as part of Graduate Student Appreciation Week. During this competition, 20 graduate students will present their research in… wait for it… 3 minutes or less!!! What happens if a presentation goes beyond 3 minutes?? DISQUALIFICATION! Not good when serious money is at stake!

Contestants will be judged on a variety of areas by our three esteemed judges:

- Krisellen Maloney, Dean, UTSA Libraries
- Jesse Zapata, Vice Provost, Downtown Campus
- Fred Hample, Executive Director of Student Affairs Operations, Downtown Campus

The top two contestants will receive a cash award of $500 (first place) and $300 (second place). One additional contestant will be voted on BY YOU, for People’s Choice with an award of $200. Show up and cheer on your classmates and help them win some money!

Contestants include:

1) José Carlos de la Garza Taméz, History
2) Hilario (Larry) Moreno, Political Science
3) Chandan Shome, Mechanical Engineering
4) Sougata Das, Finance
5) Shubhangi Jangam, Urban and Regional Planning
6) Omid Ghasemi, Electrical and Computer Engineering
7) Jose (Jay) Vega, Accounting
8) Md. Monirul Islam, Mechanical Engineering
9) Mithu Chandra Debnath, Mechanical Engineering
10) Kalpana Iyengar, Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching
11) Sina Ehsani, Finance
12) Amit Mongia, MBA – Business Health
13) Laura Moyer, Special Education (ATEP)
14) Leonard Wittnebel, Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching
15) John Boone, Anthropology
16) Antonio Gutierrez, Civil Engineering
17) Shannon Adams, History
18) Bo Tang, Computer Science
19) Scott Pusich, Urban and Regional Planning
20) Angelique Blackburn, Neurobiology

Fun will be had and refreshments will be provided! See you there!!!

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Scholarship Information

Scholarships are financial awards as well as recognition of your academic success: If you win a scholarship or award, be sure to put it down on your resume or your cv.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE Dwight F. Henderson Endowed Scholarship
Graduate Students MUST:

Be a graduate student with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
Be a graduate student enrolled in the MA program
Enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours -graduate

Two awards per year (amount varies based on market earnings of the funds)
Application Forms were sent by email.  Deadline is April 15, 2013

Nau Endowed Teaching Fellowships
Deadline Extended to April 15, 2013

The Department of History is excited to announce that the Nau Scholars Program is now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 academic year. Funded by a major gift from John and Barbara Nau, the program will help recruit and support talented undergraduate and master's students in History. Currently-enrolled Graduate Students may be eligible to apply for the 2013-14 academic year.

Nau Teaching Assistantship in History

- The Nau Teaching Assistantship is open to students enrolled in the UTSA M.A. Program in History for the full academic year 2013-2014. 4-6 Teaching Assistants will be selected to work up to 19 hours per week assisting faculty mostly in upper division history courses.

- Teaching assistants will receive $10,000 to $16,000 per year and will be eligible for in-state tuition rates.

- Two Teaching Assistantships are reserved for applicants whose demonstrated research interest focuses on one of two fields: (1) Texas History (including borderlands history), or (2) 19th Century, United States Civil War Era.

- Teaching Assistantships are also available for students with scholarly interests outside of the subjects of 19th Century U.S. Civil War or the History of Texas; we strongly encourage applications from diverse temporal, geographic, and thematic fields.

Full Information on the Nau scholarships is available at:

http://www.colfa.utsa.edu/history/news/Nau_Scholars_Program
History Club and Phi Alpha Theta provide opportunities for socializing around history-related events and activities. Looks great on a resume! Get involved! Email utsaphialphatheta@gmail.com for more information. The faculty advisor is Dr. John Reynolds.

Students must apply to graduate through ASAP. Please make a note of these Graduation Deadlines

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Faculty News: Congratulations to Professor John Reynolds and Professor Gabriela Gonzalez on winning Faculty Development leaves for Fall 2013 & Spring 2014, respectively.
Free admission ALL DAY
Sunday, April 7

First Sunday for Families: Pasion Popular exhibition kick-off 1 to 5 p.m.

(It's Siclovia "play in the street" day on Broadway.)