Welcome to the second newsletter for Fall 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Nolan-Ferrell at catherine.ferrell@utsa.edu, or see below for office hours, phone: 458-7452.

Congratulations to the following students who completed their comprehensive exams:

Matt Arendt*
Sarah Ball*
Sid Dowell
Samuel Gutierrez
Sean-Paul Kelly
Nathan Pipes*
Anthony Sharp
Erica Valle*

(Note: Those with an * received a High Pass)

Travel Grants for Research:

Students may apply for travel grants to present conference papers or to do research at various archives. Please pick up an application form from Andrea Trease.

The department will consider funding new travel proposals as they are submitted, and will continue until funding runs out.

Call For Papers:

Students are STRONGLY encouraged to submit proposals for the following conferences:

Please Note: The PAT History Symposium from Texas A&M Kingsville was initially sent to grad students on Tuesday, November 4. Deadline is Nov. 21. (And if you wonder why your professors grouse about proofreading, please see the first “info square” and find the typo.)
Phi Alpha Theta
Gamma Omega Chapter

History Symposium
February 21, 2015

Topics must have a historical component

Abstracts due via email
Nov. 21, 2014
tamukphialphatheta@gmail.com

Hard copies of papers must be submitted before
Jan. 23, 2015

Entry fee is $20
Get in contact with us to learn more about methods of payment

Mailing Address
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Call For Papers: Texas A&M Graduate Research Conference

Dear all,

I hope the fall semester is treating you well. I am writing to inform you that Texas A&M is hosting its sixth annual history conference, sponsored by the History Graduate Student Organization and Phi Alpha Theta.

The conference will be held March 27-28, 2015 at the Melbern G. Glasscock Center at Texas A&M University. Please mark your calendars and check your email for an upcoming call for papers.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Edward Westermann from Texas A&M-San Antonio will deliver a keynote address based on his current research and Dr. Erika Bsumek of UT-Austin will deliver an address for the Murray and Celeste Fasken Lecture in Distinguished Teaching. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you this spring.

Sincerely,

Tyler Thompson

UTSA: COLFA Spring Research Conference, TBA
CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2015 David B. Warren Symposium on American Material Culture and the Texas Experience:

Creators and Consumers: Women and Material Culture and Visual Art in 19th Century Texas, the Lower South, and the Southwest
October 23-25, 2015
Presented by Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Bayou Bend is currently accepting proposals for papers on women’s experience of material culture and visual art in pre-1900 Texas, the Lower South and the Southwest, to be presented at the fifth biennial David B. Warren Symposium in 2015. This symposium will explore women’s contributions to material culture and visual arts of the 19th century, through making, decorating, choosing, arranging, or using functional or artistic objects. Subjects of interest include traditional arts and crafts produced by women; participation in or support of traditionally male creative activities, as well as women’s influence through their choices and consumption. Proposals focusing on Texas and those presenting previously unpublished research will receive particular consideration. Papers will be published in the proceedings of the symposium in 2016.

Participants are invited to submit a 300-word abstract proposal for a paper to be presented as an illustrated oral lecture 25 or 50 minutes in length. The abstract should be accompanied by a current C.V. Please indicate presentation length in proposal. In general, 25-minute lectures will be more appropriate for emerging scholars while 50-minute lectures will be appropriate for senior scholars. Paper proposals are due to Bayou Bend by January 15, 2015; acceptances will be announced by March 1, 2015.

The overall theme of the symposium series is “American Material Culture and the Texas Experience,” with the goal of providing an ongoing forum that examines pre-1900 Texas (as well as the lower South and Southwest) through the lens of American material culture. The symposium is named in honor of David B. Warren, the founding director emeritus of Bayou Bend.

For more information about the symposium or to submit abstracts, visit http://mfah.org/dbwsymposium. Those whose papers are accepted will receive transportation expenses, an honorarium for speaking, and a fee for preparing their manuscript for publication.
The Phi Alpha Theta Central-West Texas Regional Conference will hold both undergraduate and graduate sessions. Students who are not members of Phi Alpha Theta are invited to send in paper proposals. The conference will be held on the campus of St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas.

- Phi Alpha Theta students who wish to participate in the Regional Conference can submit a Paper Proposal form through January 31st. (Please note: full papers are not required by the deadline—just the abstract paragraph statement.)

- See your Phi Alpha Theta advisor for Paper Proposal and Registration forms.

- Those whose submissions are accepted will be notified by February 9th.

- Prizes will be awarded at the conference for the best papers.

For more information please contact:

Dr. Daniel Glenn, St. Edward’s University, danielpg@stedwards.edu, (512) 637-1942
Call for Papers: The State in/of Borderlands History, November 6-7, 2015
University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, TX

Keynote Speaker: Kelly Lytle Hernandez (UCLA),
author of Migra!: A History of the U.S. Border Patrol

The Department of History at the University of Texas at El Paso announces the conference, “The State in/of Borderlands History,” to be held November 6-7, 2015. Although the state has been a defining and an often ominous presence in the history of the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands, the systematic and explicit study of the state has been rare in Borderlands historiography. While historians of the U.S. have recently devoted increased attention to the state, already a well-established focus of Mexicanists, social and cultural history has largely shaped the field of Borderlands history. Current scholarship on transnationalism and the history of empire has also challenged the “natural” character of the nation-state.

Yet, beginning in the colonial period, and in fact before, a variety of state structures have shaped human existence in the region. Those living in and traveling through the borderlands have encountered and engaged with the state through forced labor in armies, mines and missions, the collection of taxes, and military action as well as immigration control, border policing, education and public health regimes. In these and other arenas, state structures--national, local, indigenous, and/or transnational--have made themselves present in borderlanders’ lives and, in turn, been challenged and shaped by them. Borderlands, geographical and conceptual, can serve as a critical location for a new approach to understanding state formation and state power.

We seek to bring together scholars from the U.S., Mexico, and beyond to engage the notion of the state, broadly conceived, and its many dimensions and scales in Borderlands history from the sixteenth century to the present. In the context of a conversation among specialists in the colonial, national and modern eras as well as among Mexicanists, Americanists, and others, papers would address understandings of the state, or its absence, through such topics as citizenship, public health, militarization, policing/incarceration, immigration, mobility, education, land policy, environmental issues, border construction, sexuality, the family and the church. It is our hope that this conversation will, in turn, provide a means to gauge the state of the field.

We invite proposals for individual papers from scholars, including advanced graduate students, which should include a 250-word abstract and one-page CV. Papers may be submitted in Spanish or English. English-Spanish translation will be provided. Submissions should be emailed to historyconference@utep.edu. The deadline is February 2, 2015.

The conference is organized by the University of Texas at El Paso’s Department of History and the UTEP Borderlands History Ph.D. Program.
Publishing Opportunity:

To whom it may concern,

We at *Past Tense* would be thankful if you would please forward this attachment and below call for papers message to all the Masters and PhD history students within your department.

Jacob Hogan, Editor, Past Tense

Are you a MA or first or second year PhD student looking for your first publication? Have you recently written a paper or book review which received an outstanding grade? If so, we invite you to submit your work for the winter 2015 issue of *Past Tense*.

*Past Tense* is a double blind peer-reviewed graduate journal of the Department of History at the University of Toronto. Since the publication of its first issue in 2012, *Past Tense* has been dedicated to showcasing the work of graduate students from all disciplines and providing experience in academic publishing for ascending academics. Although subjects must be historical, we welcome articles focused on a broad geographic and chronological range.

Articles should be between **4,000 and 6,000 words, roughly 15-25 pages**, (not including bibliography and footnotes) and book reviews should be between **500 and 750 words**. We only accept reviews of academic works published within the past three years.

All submissions should be sent to pasttensejournal@gmail.com by no later than **November 30, 2014**

Please ensure that you have all relevant contact information, including your full name, the title of your article, your departmental and institutional affiliations, and your e-mail address.

*Past Tense* also accepts submissions on a rolling basis. In all cases, we endeavor to confirm with authors the submission of their work within a few days and to respond to authors regarding the status of their submissions within three to four months.

For more information about the publication process and guidelines, please consult the *Past Tense* website at: [https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/pasttense/index](https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/pasttense/index) before making your submission.
Kudos to our former Grad Students:

Gurkan Akbulut has entered the Ph.D. Program at the University of Birmingham, UK. He graduated with his MA from UTSA in Fall 2011.

Nydia Martínez (Spr 2005) successfully defended her dissertation at the University of New Mexico, where she had received full funding for her PhD graduate work in Latin American history. Currently, she is a teaching fellow at Earlham College.

Please let us know of other success stories! We love to pass on positive news!

GAR OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (MH 4.04.34)

Thursdays 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (MH 4.04.34)

And by appointment!

SPRING 2015: GRADUATE COURSE CLASS OFFERINGS – SNEAK PREVIEW

HIS 5003: Introduction to History: Theories and Methods Mondays, 6:00 – 8:45 pm Gregg Michel

His 5153: Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877 Thursdays, 1:00-3:45pm Catherine Clinton

HIS 5433: History of Modern Mexico Mondays, 3:00 – 5:45 pm Catherine Nolan-Ferrell

HIS 5693: Indian Subcontinent (DTC) Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 pm Anne Hardgrove

HIS 6163: Women in the United States Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:45 pm Gabriela Gonzalez

HIS 6173: Latinos/as in the U.S. Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:45 pm Jerry Gonzalez

HIS 6913: Making History in the Digital Age Tuesdays, 1:00-3:45 pm Jack Reynolds

HIS 6903 Research Seminar in History: Civil War Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:45 pm Patrick Kelley

Curious to see old syllabi? All professors' syllabi are available at bluebook.utsa.edu, just enter in the person's name and all of their syllabi will pop up as PDFs.
Suggested Links for a Successful Graduate Career:

http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/current-students/graduate-student-success-events/ (lists workshops and events sponsored by the grad school to improve both academic and career skills)

http://utsa.edu/trcss/fluid/la/gsla/ Graduate Student services offered by the Tomás Rivera Center, including academic coaching, time management, writing groups, etc.