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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Education:**

Ph.D., history, Texas Christian University, 2013

Dissertation: “Clamping the Lid on the Melting Pot: The Immigration Act of 1965 and Enforcement Along the U.S.-Mexico Border”

Fields: Modern U.S., early U.S., women’s history, Modern Latin America

Concentrations: U.S. immigration history, women and immigration, U.S. borderlands.

Graduate Certificate, Women’s Studies, 2013

M.A., history, University of Alabama, 2007

[please note that my transcripts from UA will have my former legal name, Jennifer Elise Branscombe]

B.A., history, University of Georgia, *cum laude,* 2002

**Teaching Experience:**

Texas Christian University

*Adjunct Faculty*, Department of History, Women’s Studies Program, fall 2013-present

Courses: America between World Wars, U.S. History Survey to 1877, U.S. History Survey Since 1877, Introduction to Women’s Studies: Sex, Gender, and the Disciplines.

*Graduate Instructor* [instructor of record], Department of History, fall 2010-spring 2011

Courses: U.S. History Survey to 1877, U.S. History Survey Since 1877

*Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant*, Department of History, fall 2009-spring 2010

Course: U.S. military history, Professor Mark Gilderhus

Trinity Valley College Preparatory School

*Visiting Lecturer*, two-week seminar for high school seniors, June 2011

Course: U.S. Immigration History

University of Alabama

*Graduate Instructor* [instructor of record], Department of History, summer 2008

Course: U.S. History Survey Since 1877

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, fall 2006-spring 2008

Courses: U.S. History Survey to 1877, U.S. History Survey Since 1877

Professors Lisa Lindquist Dorr, Joshua D. Rothman, Margaret Abruzzo, and Andrew Huebner

**Selected Pedagogical and Professional Development:**

Texas Christian University

Active Learning 101, workshop offered by the Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence, November 14, 2014

Using Bloom’s Taxonomy to Build a Better Exam, workshop offered by the Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence, September 30, 2014

Teaching Fully Online Certification (five-week online course offered by the Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence that covers design, implementation, and evaluation of online classes), summer 2014

Teaching as a Reflective Practice (two-month online course on pedagogy and teaching strategies offered by the Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence), summer 2013

*Reacting to the Past* pedagogy workshop, April 2012

Supervised Teaching at the College Level, fall 2010-spring 2011

University of Alabama

History as a Profession, fall 2007

**Presentations:**

“Mexican Women Immigrants and Human Rights in South Texas Since World War II,” to be presented at the Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 2015, Corpus Christi, Texas.

“Diane Nash: Organizer and Activist,” panel presentation for Texas Christian University Leadership Center’s Institute Dinner on “Women in History as Models of Leadership,” March 2014, Fort Worth.

“U.S.-Mexican Border (In)security during the 1970s,” Dallas Area Social Historians, March 2012, Dallas, Texas.

“Carter, Immigration, and Human Rights: Controversy in Texas and the Debate over Undocumented Workers,”

Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 2012, Houston, Texas.

“‘Knights Riding the Border’: The Ku Klux Klan and Security Along the U.S.-Mexico Border in the 1970s,” Fifth Regional International Security/International Safety Conference, April 2011, Starkville, Mississippi.

“From Racial to Moral Inferiority: Immigration Policy and the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1945-1965,” The University of Alabama Graduate Conference on Power and Struggle, March 2009, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

“With and Against Marx: Marxist-Feminist Interpretation in History,”

**Graduate Colloquium in Feminist Theories and Methodologies, February 2009, Texas Christian University.**

“‘Always Cuba is in Your Heart’: Cuban Resettlement in Alabama in the 1960s,”

Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association, October 2008, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“The American South in the Caribbean” panel participant, the Association of Alabama Historians Conference, February 2008, Birmingham, Alabama.

**Publications:**

*“*Knights Riding the Border”: The Ku Klux Klan and Security along the U.S.-Mexico Border during the 1970s*”* in *Culture, Power, and Security: New Directions in the History of National and International Security*, edited by Mary Kathryn Barbier and Richard V. Damms, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012.

Review, *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America b*y Kevin J. Fernlund. West Texas Historical Association *Yearbook*, fall 2010.

Review, *White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism* by Kevin M. Kruse. *The Southern Historian*, May 2008.

Review, *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice* by Raymond Arsenault. *The Southern Historian,* May, 2007.

**Awards and Fellowships:**

Texas Christian University

Benjamin Schmidt Memorial Dissertation Fellowship (*the History Department’s top award for an advanced graduate student*), 2012-2013

History Department Paul Boller Dissertation Fellowship, fall 2011

History Department Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, April 2011

History Department Ida Green Fellowship for Outstanding First-Year Student, 2008-2009

University of Alabama

Albert Burton Moore Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Performance in History, April 2008

History Department Fellowship, 2005-2006

The University of Georgia

State of Georgia HOPE Scholarship, 1999-2002

Dean’s List, 1998-2002

President’s List, spring 1999

**Grants:**

Texas Christian University

History Department Boller-Worcester Research Travel Grant, fall 2008, spring 2012

Graduate Studies and Research Travel Grant, spring 2011

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Grant, November 2011

University of Alabama

Graduate School Travel Grant, spring 2008

History Department Research Grant, spring 2008

**Public History Experience:**

Grace Halsell web exhibit creator [<http://lib.tcu.edu/spcoll/web-exhibits/Halsell%20web%20exhibit/>]

This exhibit describes and contextualizes the major publications of activist and journalist Grace Halsell, who “passed” as a person of different races during the civil rights era of the 1960s and 1970s. The exhibit is based on the Halsell Collection, which is housed in Texas Christian University’s Special Collections.

“Tuscaloosa Entertains”- A research project and visual exhibit on the history of entertainment in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in the early twentieth century. A joint project through The University of Alabama Department of History and the Alabama Blues Project. August 2007 – May 2008.[A blog entry about the exhibit from March 2008 is available for viewing at <http://coolathoole.blogspot.com/2008/03/tuscaloosa-entertains-new-exhibit.html>]

**University Service and Related Academic Experience:**

Student Archives Assistant, January 2009-August 2013

Special Collections, Mary Couts Burnett Library

Texas Christian University

2012 Southern Association of Women Historian’s Conference on Women’s History

Fort Worth, Texas

Organized and oversaw the book exhibit for the conference.

2012 Boller Symposium on Presidential History

Fort Worth, Texas

Worked with Dr. Ken Stevens to organize the Symposium

Texas Christian University Library Committee

Graduate Student Representative

2010-2011; 2012-2013

Texas Christian University History Department Faculty Search Committee

Graduate Student Representative

2009-2010

Graduate Student Senate

Vice President, 2009-2010

History Department Representative, 2008-2009

Texas Christian University

Student Project Archivist, June 2007-July 2008

Hoole Special Collections Library

The University of Alabama

**Professional Memberships:**

Immigration and Ethnic History Society

American Historical Association

Southern Association of Women Historians

Texas State Historical Association