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Academic Appointments

Honors College

Assistant Professor of Instruction
Texas State University

August 2024-Present

Department of American Studies

Lecturer
University of Texas at Austin

September 2023-August 2024

Institute for Historical Studies

Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Texas at Austin

September 2022-August 2023

Education

University of Texas at Austin

Doctor of Philosophy in History

August 2016-May 2022

History of science, technology, and medicine; public health; disability history; medical/health humanities; Texas history; and United States history.

Dissertation: "Explaining Sex: Sex Education and Disability in the United States from the 1960s to the 1990s"

Advisor: Dr. Abena Dove Osseo-Asare

University of Texas at San Antonio

Master of Arts in History-World History track

June 2009-May 2012

Geographic areas of study: Indian Subcontinent and the United States (Texas)-Mexico borderlands.

Thematic areas: Gender and sexuality, nationalisms, culture and identity.

Support coursework in anthropology and sociology.

University of the Incarnate Word

Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in English

June 2006-May 2008

Courses

Texas State University

Assistant Professor of Instruction

HON 2306A American History Through Memoirs

HON 2306E Early American History Through Biography

HON 3398R Culture, Medicine and the Body

Fall 2024-Present

University of Texas at Austin

Lecturer

AMS 370 Twentieth Century Reproductive Health in America (Spring)

AMS 310 Introduction to American Studies (Fall/Spring)

Cross-listed with History

Fall 2023-Spring 2024

AMS 370-1 American Cultural History of Alcohol and Drugs (Fall/Spring)
Cross-listed with History
AMS 370-49 Twentieth-Century United States Lesbian and Gay History (Fall)
Cross-listed with History and Women's and Gender Studies

Postdoctoral Fellow

Spring 2023

HIS 365G Twentieth-Century United States Lesbian and Gay History
(LGBTQ+ History)
Cross-listed with American Studies and Women's and Gender Studies

Teaching Assistant

HIS 317L Latinx Histories
HIS 315K The United States, 1492-1865
HIS 314K History of Mexican Americans in the US
HIS 320F Texas, 1900 to the Present
HIS 350L Global Environmental History (Course Grader)
HIS 320R Texas, 1914 to the Present
HIS 322D Scientific Revolution of the 17th Century
HIS 329U Perspectives on Math and Science
HIS 315K The United States, 1492-1865

Spring 2022
Fall 2021
Spring 2021
Fall 2020
Fall 2020
Spring 2019
Fall 2018
Spring 2018
Fall 2017

San Antonio College

Fall 2014-Summer 2022

Contingent Faculty

Main Campus and Online Instruction

HIST 1301 United States History I
HIST 1302 United States History II

University of the Incarnate Word

Fall 2013-Fall 2016

Contingent Faculty

Main Campus and School of Professional Studies

HIST 1311 World History I
HIST 1312 World History II
HIST 1321 United States History to 1865
HIST 2332 Introduction to Asian History
HIST 2322 Texas History

Publications

Forthcoming

Book Chapter: "'Sex Isn't Just Having Babies...': Sex Education for Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disabilities in the US, 1960-1970s." *The Nursing Clio Reader*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2025.

Book Chapter

"*Tales of the City* as Historical Document: HIV/AIDS, Serialization, Urban Landscapes, and Sexuality." *Culture and Medicine: Critical Readings in Medical Humanities*. London: Bloomsbury Publishing Plc. November 2022.

Contributor

Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal. Multiple entries.
<https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/author/johnacarranza/>

Encyclopedia Entries

- “B.R. Ambedkar and the Dalit Buddhist Movement,” entry in *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History*, eds. Florin Curta and Andrew Holt. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2017.
- “Indian Councils Act 1909 (Morley-Minto Reforms),” entry in *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History*, eds. Florin Curta and Andrew Holt. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2017.
- “St. Thomas Christians of India,” entry in *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History*, eds. Florin Curta and Andrew Holt. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2017.

Handbook of Texas Women (Select peer-reviewed entries.)

Caro Crawford Brown, Lorene Lane Rogers, Marie Delalandre Dietzel,
<https://www.tshaonline.org/about/people/john-carranza>.

Online Journal Article

- “Eating Modernity: The Culture of Consumption and the Consumption of Culture at Hemisfair ’68.” *Journal of the Life and Culture of San Antonio*. <http://uiw.edu/sanantonio/HemisFairConsumption.html>.

Book Reviews

- Carranza, John A. Review of *Opioid Reckoning: Love, Loss, and Redemption in the Rehab State*, by Amy C. Sullivan. *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 79, no. 3 (July 2024): 287-289. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jhmas/jrad061>.
- Carranza, John A. “Arresting Dress: Cross-Dressing, Law, and Fascination in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco, by Clare Sears (2015).” *Not Even Past*. February 12, 2018. <https://notevenpast.org/arresting-dress-cross-dressing-law-and-fascination-in-nineteenth-century-san-francisco-by-clare-sears-2015/>.
- Carranza, John A. “Fulfilling Sex Lives: Understanding People with Disabilities and Sexual Desire in Denmark and Sweden; Review of Loneliness and Its Opposite: Sex, Disability, and the Ethics of Engagement (2015).” *Anthropology Book Forum: Open Access Book Reviews*. June 5, 2017. <http://www.anthropology-news.org/?book-review=fulfilling-sex-lives-understanding-people-with-disabilities-and-sexual-desire-in-denmark-and-sweden>.
- Carranza, John A. “How to Survive a Plague: The Inside Story of How Citizens and Science Tamed AIDS, by David France (2016).” *Not Even Past*. January 16, 2017. <http://notevenpast.org/how-to-survive-a-plague-the-inside-story-of-how-citizens-and-science-tamed-aids-by-david-france-2016/>.

Presentations & Invited Talks

- Invited Talk: “Research Methodologies in the History of Sexuality,” History of Sexuality, Graduate Seminar at University of Texas at San Antonio, January 30, 2024.
- Paper Presentation: “HIV/AIDS and Disability: Dentistry, Respectability and the Americans with Disabilities Act,” 96th Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 12, 2023.
- Invited Talk: “Unfinished Rehabilitation: Sex Education for Adults with Spinal Cord Injuries in the 1970s,” University of Texas Medical Branch, January 11, 2023.
- Panel Participant: Social and Political Histories of Family Formation and the State, “Sharon Kowalski, ‘Family of Affinity,’ and the Politics of Disability Guardianship,” Institute for Historical Studies, December 5, 2022. Participants: Dr. Julie Hardwick, Dr. Tatjana Lichtenstein, and Dr. Lauren Jae Gutterman.

Workshop: “Attempting a ‘Normal’ Sexual Life: Adults with Spinal Cord Injuries and Rehabilitation, 1970s-1980s,” Institute for Historical Studies, Respondents: Dr. Alison Kafer (Associate Professor of English at University of Texas at Austin) and Dr. Natasha Zaretsky (Professor of History at University of Alabama, Birmingham), October 24, 2022.

Invited Talk: “Toward Culturally Relevant Safer Sex: The Deaf Community from Gay Rights to the AIDS Epidemic, 1970s-1990s,” Department of History, University of Alabama at Birmingham, December 10, 2021.

Paper Presentation: “Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos, Print Culture, and Community Building in Texas during the 1980s,” 125th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Virtual Meeting, March 5, 2021.

Paper Presentation: “*Tales of the City* as Historical Document: HIV/AIDS, Serialization, Urban Landscapes, and Sexuality,” Historical Fictions Research Network Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, February 19, 2021.

History, Medicine, and COVID: A Roundtable, “Disability, COVID-19, and Accessible Voting,” History and Philosophy of Science at University of Texas at Austin, September 11, 2020.

Roundtable Discussion: Women’s Handbook of Texas UT Fellows, “Experiences and Methodology in Researching Public History Entries,” 124th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, February 27, 2020.

Roundtable Discussion on Interpreting Gendered & Sexual Violence: “Amniocentesis, Disability, and Therapeutic Abortion in the 1970s and 1980s,” UT History Department Symposium on Gender, History, & Sexuality, Austin, Texas, March 29, 2019.

Paper Presentation: “Los Voladores and the Confluence of Ritual and Modernity at Hemisfair ’68,” Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas, October 18, 2018.

Service to the Profession

Co-coordinator for Gender Symposium at University of Texas at Austin	2021-2022
Reviewer for article submitted to <i>Journal of Women’s History</i>	2020

Fellowships & Travel Awards

Bruton Graduate Continuing Fellowship	2021
Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award	2020-2021
University of Kansas, Kenneth Spencer Research Library Travel Award	2020
Texas State Historical Association Handbook of Texas Women Research Fellowship (<i>Non-dissertation fellowship for research conducted on Handbook entries.</i>)	2019, 2020
Cornell University, Phil Zwickler Memorial Research Grant	2019
University of Minnesota, Clarke Chambers Fellowship	2019
ONE Archives Foundation, LGBTQ Research Fellowship	2019
University of Chicago, Library Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship	2019
University of North Texas, Special Collections Research Fellow	2019
University of Texas Department of History Research Fellowship	2019-2020

Professional Affiliations

American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)
The Disability History Association

Employment & Internship

Central Texas Food Bank	May 2024-August 2024
Summer Food Service Program; Seasonal Monitor	

Texas State Historical Association

July 2017-January 2018

Center for Healthcare Service

December 2012-June 2015

Provider Monitor (Case Manager)

Texas Home Living Program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mission Road Developmental Centers

February 2003-April 2013

Residential Care Professional

Group home staff for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.