

Helen McLure
Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, 2009

M.A., University of Texas at Arlington, 2002

B.A., University of Texas at Arlington, 2000

Major area of study: U.S. History, with fields in Western and Native American history, U.S./Mexico Borderlands, and Global and Comparative studies.

Doctoral Dissertation

"I Suppose You Think Strange the Murder of Women and Children": The American Culture of Collective Violence, 1652-1930

Courses Taught

U.S. History to 1865

U.S. History from 1865 to Present

History of the American West

Violence in U.S. History

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Lecturer in U.S. History

History Department

El Centro College, Dallas, Texas (Jan 2016--present)

Adjunct Lecturer in U.S. History

School of Arts and Humanities

University of Texas at Dallas (August 2011 – May 2015)

Adjunct Lecturer in U.S. and Western History

Visiting Lecturer

Clements Department of History

Southern Methodist University (August 2009 – May 2012 and Summer 2006)

Organized, instructed, managed, and evaluated a total of sixteen highly diverse U.S. History survey sections of 80+ students at UTD and over half a dozen lower and upper level courses at SMU. Trained, supervised, and evaluated Teaching

Assistants, who were responsible for taking attendance, reading rough drafts of student work, and grading essays online using Turnitin and a rubric that I devised. Researched, wrote, and produced the instructional and assessment materials for all courses, including PowerPoint lectures, exams, study guides, quizzes, and essay questions, and audio and video clips. Constructed comprehensive and content-rich multimedia web sites for each class on eLearning/ Blackboard every semester. Designed and built content-rich WordPress class blogs for several of the courses to facilitate discussion and writing about the primary and secondary sources.

Co-Instructor in U.S. History

Clements Department of History
Southern Methodist University (Spring 2006)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of History
University of Texas at Arlington (2000 – 2001)

Related Work Experience

Rater/Scoring Leader/Chief Scoring Leader

Constructed Response Scoring Professional

Educational Testing Service (November 2014 - Present)

Onsite Reader in Louisville, Kentucky for the 2015 AP U.S. History exams. Online Rater for Wisconsin Badger and California CAASP assessments of student performance and progress. Online Scoring Leader and Chief Scoring Leader for Texas STAAR Assessments. Online Scoring Leader for SAT.

Research Assistant

William D. Carrigan, Principal Investigator. Funded Research for National Science Foundation (Summers, 2005 – 2009)

Dr. Carrigan's fifteen-year project in collaboration with Clive Webb recently culminated in the publication of *Forgotten Dead: Mob Violence Against Mexicans in the United States, 1848 – 1928*, which documented hundreds of cases lethal mob violence against Latinos. I assisted in the verification of these cases by meticulously combing both microfilm and online newspaper archives and other sources for corroborating articles. I also corrected errors and contributed previously unknown cases to the project.

Graduate Research Assistant

Department of History
University of Texas at Arlington (2001 – 2002)

Publications

- "Who Dares to Style This Female a Woman?": Lynching, Gender, and Culture in the Nineteenth-Century U.S. West," in *Lynching Beyond Dixie: American Lynching Outside the South* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2013), 21-53.
- Articles on Cattle Rustling, Wyatt Earp, Frontier Justice, Gunslingers, John Wesley Hardin, Horse Thieves, and Wild Bill Hickok in *The Old West: History and Heritage*, ed. Edward Countryman (New York: Marshall Cavendish, 2008).
- "Bad Men, Unsexed Women, and Good Citizens: Outlaws and Vigilantes in the American West," in *The West*, edited by Benjamin Johnson (New York: ABC-CLIO Perspectives Social History Series, 2007), 259-282.
- "With the Past Let These Be Buried': The 1873 Mob Massacre of the Hill Family in Springtown, Texas." *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 105 (October 2001): 292-321.
- "The Wild, Wild Web: The Mythic American West and the Electronic Frontier." *Western Historical Quarterly* 31 (Winter 2000): 457-76.

Conference Papers and Presentations

- "Regulating Society by the Whitecap Method': Mob Violence in Nineteenth-Century America." Invited speaker for the Center Speaker Series, Center for Greater Southwestern Studies, University of Texas at Arlington, March 2011.
- "The Women's (sic) Christian Temperance Union Has No Business Interfering' Whitecapping in the Midwest, 1885-1915." Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 2010
- CWWH Roundtable: The Legacy of Irene Ledesma, Writing Gender *sin fronteras*." Western History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, 2006
- "Lynching and the Language of Citizenship: 'Naturalizing' Rustlers in Texas, 1870-1890," Western History Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2004
- "Women and Lynching in Texas, 1860-1930," Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, 2003
- "A Real Unsexed Terror': Gender and the Lynching Ritual in the American West," Phi Alpha Theta Southwest Regional, University of Texas at Arlington, 2002

Honors and Awards

- Irene Ledesma Prize, Coalition for Western Women's History, October 2005
- Western History Association Bert M. Fireman Prize, for the best article by a graduate student published in the *Western Historical Quarterly*, October 2001

George Wolfskill Graduate Student Award, History Department,
University of Texas at Arlington, March 2002

Jenkins Garrett Scholarship Award for Outstanding Essay on Greater
Southwestern History, History Department, University of Texas at
Arlington, March 2000

University Scholar, President's Convocation for Academic Excellence,
University of Texas at Arlington, April 2002

Fellowships and Grants

\$4,570.00, Funded Research for Study of Mob Violence in 19th and 20th century
Texas, National Science Foundation (Principal Investigator, William
Carrigan), 2005-2009

Bill Clements Dissertation Fellowship, Clements Center of Southwest History
Southern Methodist University, 2007 – 2008

Ph.D. Fellowship, Clements Department of History
Southern Methodist University, 2002 – 2007

Dissertation Research and Travel Grant, Clements Center for Southwest Studies
Southern Methodist University, 2005

Dissertation Research and Travel Grant, Clements Department of History,
Southern Methodist University, 2005

Dissertation Research and Travel Grant, Office of Research and Graduate Studies
Southern Methodist University, 2005

Book Reviews

Kerry Segrave, *Lynchings of Women in the United States: The Recorded Cases, 1851-1946*. Book review for H-Law (January 2011)

Bill Neal, *Getting Away With Murder on the Texas Frontier: Notorious Killings & Celebrated Trials*. Book review for *Western Historical Quarterly* (February 2008)

Max Evans, *Madam Millie: Bordellos from Silver City to Ketchikan*. Book review for *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2003)