
TIMOTHY F. SEITER

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University	2019-2024
Ph.D., Department of History, conferred May 2024	
Dissertation: "Wrangling Pelicans: Military Life in Spanish Texas"	
University of Houston	2017-2019
B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i>	
Honors Thesis: "Karankawas: Reexamining Gulf Coast Cannibalism"	
Alvin Community College	2015-2016
A.A., <i>summa cum laude</i>	

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of History, University of Texas at Tyler	2024-
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BOOKS

<u><i>Wrangling Pelicans: Military Life in Eighteenth-Century Spanish Texas</i></u> , University of Texas Press	2025
<i>Tejano Book Award</i> , <u>Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin</u>	
<i>Summerlee Book Award</i> , <u>Lamar</u>	
<i>Excellence in Historic Preservation Award</i> , <u>DAR</u>	

EXHIBITS

<u>Life in Spanish Texas During the American Revolution</u> , <u>The Mexican American Museum of Texas</u> , Lead Historian and Co-Creator, <u>Website</u>	2026
<u>Karankawa: An Enduring Culture of Texas</u> , The Heritage Society of Houston, co-curator with Cian Hardin	2024

EDITOR

Co-editor, "T'al Karankawa Ashahak Nya: The Karankawas Are Still Here" Special Issue of the <u>Journal of Texas History</u> on the Karankawa people	2027
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ARTICLES

[Accepted for publication, 2027] "Inventing Savagery: The Misrepresentations of the Karankawas," <u>Journal of Texas History</u>	2026
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"Cockfighting and Card Playing: Illicit Entertainment in Eighteenth-Century Texas," <u>East Texas Historical Journal</u> 62, no. 1 (Spring 2024): 48-78.	2024
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"The Karankawa-Spanish War from 1778-1789: Attempted Genocide and Karankawa Power," <u>Southwestern Historical Quarterly</u> 124, no. 4 (April 2021): 375-410.	2021
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"Karankawa Indians and Cannibalism: Why It Matters Historiographically," <u>Journal of South Texas</u> 34, no. 1 (spring 2020): 8-37.	2020
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ENCYCLOPEDIA

" <u>Agustín Guillermo Spangenberg</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2022
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" <u>Manuel de Urrutia</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2021
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" <u>Karankawa Indians</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2020
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" <u>Antonio Diego Treviño</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2020
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" <u>Manuel Alegre</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2020
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" <u>Joseph María</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2019
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" <u>Jean Baptiste Bousquet</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2019
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" <u>Nicholas de La Mathe</u> ," <i>Handbook of Texas</i>	2019
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ONLINE

<u>Texas Documents: A Resource for Texas-Related Research</u> , founder	2024-
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" <u>Volatile Feelings: A Community-Sourced Guide to History Graduate School Applications</u> ," founder	2023
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<u>Conceptions Review</u> , co-founder	2021-2022
<u>"Accepting Money From All The Wrong Places,"</u> <i>Inside Higher Ed</i>	2020
<u>"Thirteen Things I Learned From My First Semester as a Ph.D. Student,"</u> <i>Inside Higher Ed</i>	2020
<u>"The Most Influential Text on Cannibalism: An Analysis of William Arens's <i>The Man-Eating Myth</i>,"</u> <i>History News Network</i>	2019
<u>"Why Are The Karankawa Indians Remembered as Savage Cannibals?"</u> <i>Texas History Notebook</i>	2019
<u>Karankawa Online Archive</u> , Founder	2019

REVIEWS

"Armed Frontier: Warfare and Military Culture in the Texas–Northeastern Mexico Borderlands, 1686–1845," <i>The Latin Americanist</i>	2026
"Francisco Amanguel, Trustee of the Presidio Administration, Dereliction, and the Flying Squadrons in the Comandancia General, 1680–1810," <i>The Southwestern Historical Quarterly</i>	2025
"Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas by Sam Haynes," <i>The Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record</i>	2023

ORAL HISTORIES

Archaeologist Robert "Bob" Ricklis, <i>Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi Special Collections</i>	2026
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PRESS

<u>"Karankawa Tribe celebrates replacement of decades-old historical marker in Corpus Christi,"</u> KIII-TV	2026
<u>"Indigenous groups fight to save rediscovered settlement site on Texas coast,"</u> <i>Texas Tribune</i>	2026
<u>"Wrangling Pelicans,"</u> <i>New Books Network</i>	2025
<u>"The Karankawa Want You to Know They're Not Extinct,"</u> <i>Texas Monthly</i>	2024

<u>"Karankawa Descendant Dubs Student 'Friend Giving Back,'" <i>PeopleNewspapers</i></u>	2024
<u>"'Extinct' Native American tribe alive and well on Texas Gulf Coast," <i>Galveston News</i></u>	2023
<u>"Karankawa Myth-Busting: SMU Historian Sets Record Straight for Texas Native American Tribe," <i>Southern Methodist University</i></u>	2023
<u>"Reclaiming heritage, some in the Coastal Bend fight to preserve Karankawa land, history," <i>Corpus Christi Caller</i></u>	2023
<u>"We Are Still Here: Karankawa Descendants are Reviving the Heritage of a Texas Native Tribe Written Off as Extinct," <i>Texas Highways</i></u>	2022
<u>"Connecting, Correcting, and Protecting: Texas Native Tribes Work to Honor Their Past and Build a New Future," <i>Texas Sea Grant</i></u>	2022
<u>"The Karankawa were said to be extinct. Now they're reviving their culture — and fighting to protect their ancestors' land," <i>The Texas Tribune</i></u>	2021

HONORS

Tejano Book Award, Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin	2026
Summerlee Book Award, Non-fiction, Lamar University	2026
Historic Preservation Award for <i>Wrangling Pelicans</i> , Daughters of the American Revolution	2025
Inaugural Board Member of the Alliance for Texas History's <i>Journal of Texas History</i>	2024
Outstanding Graduate Student Instruction Award, SMU	2024
President, History Graduate Student Association	2024
Clements Center for Southwest Studies Manuscript Workshop, Southern Methodist University	2023
The Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute Graduate Student in Residence	2023
Greater Gulf Symposium Fellowship, Lamar University	2023
Moody Travel Grant, Southern Methodist University	2023

Lamar Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast Fellow	2022
New and Emerging Studies of the Spanish Colonial Borderlands Workshop participant, Huntington Library	2022
Clements Center for Southwest Studies, illustration funding	2021
Clements Center Travel Research Grant	2020
Caldwell Memorial Writing Contest, 2nd place, graduate division	2020
Outstanding Honors Thesis Award, University of Houston	2019
Mellon Research Scholars Program, University of Houston	2019
Del Barto Scholarship, University of Houston	2018
Provost Research Scholarship, University of Houston	2018
Summer Research Fellowship, University of Houston	2017
Graduation Speaker, Alvin Community College	2016
President's Award, highest accolade for academic excellence and leadership	2016
President's Council, served as one of two student representatives	2016
Student Government President, Alvin Community College	2015-2016

TEACHING

1301: Early US History (Spring, 2 sections)—Rated 4.60/5.00 by 55 students	2026
5397: Native Texas, (Spring)—Rated 4.50/5.00 by 4 students	2026
1301: Early US History (Fall, 2 sections)—Rated 4.70/5.00 by 56 students	2026
4320: Texas History (Fall)—Rated 4.91/5.00 by 18 students	2026
1301: Early US History (Spring)—Rated 4.60/5.00 by 22 students	2025
4376: Native History (Spring)—Rated 4.50/5.00 by 11 students	2025
4384: Colonial America (Fall)—Rated 5.00/5.00 by 4 students	2024
1301: Early US History (Fall)—Rated 4.71/5.00 by 30 students	2024

"On the Edges of Empire: India and Mexico/American Southwest," HIST 2314, Spring, Southern Methodist University, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Neil Foley and Dr. Rachel-Ball Phillips	2024
"Texas History," HIST 3319, Spring, Southern Methodist University, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Brian Franklin	2024
"Indigenous History of North America," HIST 3310, Southern Methodist University, Instructor of Record	2023
"Texas History," HIST 3319, Spring, Southern Methodist University, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Brian Franklin	2023
"On the Edges of Empire: India and Mexico/American Southwest," HIST 2314, Spring, Southern Methodist University, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Neil Foley and Dr. Rachel-Ball Phillips	2023
Activity Coordinator, Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE), Alvin Junior High	2015-2017

SPEAKER

"Soldiers of Change: The Evolving Lives of Presidio Troops," <u>Bexar America 250 Symposium</u>	2026
"Daily Life in Eighteenth-century Spanish Texas," <u>San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site</u>	2026
"On the Margins of Revolution: Texas's Contribution to the American Revolution," <u>Fort Concho National Historic Site & Angelo State University</u>	2026
"Who are the Karankawas," Paris Community College, Dr. Micha Flowers	2026
"Wrangling Pelicans and Acquiring a PhD," <u>Alvin Community College</u>	2026
"Daily Life in Eighteenth-century Spanish Texas," <u>Clements Center for Southwest Studies</u>	2026
"The Texas Connection to the American Revolution," <u>Louisiana America 250</u>	2026
"Tim Seiter on The Karankawa Tribe," <u>Texas Ten Podcast</u>	2026
"Bridging Archaeology and History," <u>31st East Texas Archaeological Conference</u>	2026
"Daily Life in Spanish Texas," <u>Museum of the Coastal Bend</u>	2026

The Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast Book Talk	2026
Texas General Land Office's 2025 Save Texas History Symposium	2025
"Teaching the Histories of the Native Peoples of Texas," <u>2025 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses</u>	2025
"Reevaluating Native Peoples of the Texas Gulf Coast," Texas Master Naturalists South Texas	2025
"Karanakawa Trade and Communication Networks," <u>Society for Historians of the Early American Republic</u>	2025
"The Karankawas and Tonkawas: A History of Power and Perseverance," <u>Mammen Family Public Library</u>	2025
"We Are Still Here: The Karankawas," <u>Alliance for Texas History</u> Conference, Karankawa Panel	2025
"Common Myths Surrounding the Karankawas" Corpus Christi Rotary Club Zoom Call	2025
"Discussion of the Past and Present of the Karankawa Tribe," <u>Corpus Christi Historical Forum and Panel</u>	2025
"Everyday Military Life in Eighteenth-Century Texas," East Texas Historical Museum Association Forum	2025
"The Persistence of Texas's Native Peoples," <u>Moore Memorial Public Library</u>	2025
Karankawa Exhibit Round Table, The Heritage Society of Houston	2025
"An Enduring Culture of Texas," <u>The Heritage Society of Houston</u> , 60 mins.	2024
"The Karankawa with Tim Seiter," <u>Freeport Historical Museum</u> , 60 mins.	2024
"The Karankawa Peoples of the Texas Gulf Coast: Facts, Fictions, and Forgotten Histories," <u>Texas Master Naturalists</u> , 60 mins.	2024
"Facts and Fictions: The Karankawas," <u>Bayside Historical Society</u> , 60 mins.	2024
"Victoria's Native Peoples," <u>Victoria Bicentennial History Symposium</u> , 25 mins.	2024
"The Story of the Karankawa Culture and Its Descendants," <u>The Preservation Association</u> , 60 mins.	2024

"We Are Still Here," panel with Peter Moore and Love Sánchez, <u>Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi</u> , 60 mins.	2023
"The Karankawa Peoples of the Gulf Coast," <u>Galveston County Historical Museum</u> , 90 mins.	2023
"The Persistence of the Karankawa Peoples," <u>John W. Stormont Lecture at Museum of the Coastal Bend</u> , 90 mins.	2023
"The Karankawas' Revitalization," panel with Chiara Beaumont, Peter Moore, and Leila Blackbird at Natchez, <u>Gulf South History & Humanities Conference</u> , 15 mins.	2023
"Karankawa Reemergence," <u>Jesse H Jones Park & Nature Center</u> , Houston, 60 mins.	2023
"Daily Life of a Presidial Soldier," <u>Texas State Historical Association</u> , El Paso, 20 mins.	2023
"Karankawa Reemergence," University of Arkansas Rich Mountain, 45 mins.	2022
"Presidials and Pelicans," <u>East Texas Historical Association</u> , 15 mins.	2022
"The Revival of the Karankawas," <u>McFaddin-Ward House</u> , 60 mins.	2022
" <u>The Revival of the Karankawas</u> ," Lamar University, 40 mins.	2022
" <u>A History of the Karankawas</u> ," Allen Public Library, 60 mins.	2022
" <u>Karankawas versus Enbridge: the battle to save a sacred Indigenous settlement</u> ," Interviewed by Ethan Perryman, 16 July, 90 mins.	2022
"Karankawa Extinction?" <u>NPR's Houston Matters</u> , 8 July, 15mins.	2022
"Persistent Peoples," <u>KVLU, Bayoulands</u> , 16 June, 30mins.	2022
" <u>The Karankawas and much more with Tim Seiter</u> ," <u>Texas History Lessons</u> , 27 February, 90mins.	2022
" <u>Corpus Christi and the Karankawa Indians</u> ," <u>Texas Masters Naturalists - South Texas Chapter</u> , 11 November, 40mins.	2021
"Northern Mexico's Native Ground," guest lecture for <u>Dr. Carlos R. Hernández's</u> Colonial Mexico course, 9 November, 90mins.	2021
"The Karankawa-Spanish War," <u>Sons of the Republic of Texas - Moses Austin Chapter</u> , 16 June, 40 mins.	2021

"Protect Corpus Christi Bay," <u>Indigenous People of the Coastal Bend</u> and <u>Ingleside on the Bay Coastalwatch Association</u> , 17 June, 15 min.	2021
"Karankawa Genocide," <u>Greenhill School</u> , 11 February, 80 mins.	2021
"The Karankawa Indians," <u>St. John's Episcopal School</u> , 28 January and 1 February, 90 mins.	2021
" <u>Historian Tim Seiter on Local Native American History, 31</u> " CCERP Podcast, <i>Cypress Creek Restoration Project</i> , 57mins.	2020
"Should I Present This? Cannibalism as a Harmful Historical Fact," <i>11th Annual Southeast Regional Graduate Student Conference</i>	2020
"Motives of Texas Gulf Coast Anthropophagy," <i>11th Annual Texas A&M History Conference</i>	2020
Senior Honors Thesis Representative, The Office of Undergraduate Research	2019
Alumni panel at Alvin Community College, <i>Across the Curriculum Conference</i>	2018
"The Price of Conquest Role Playing Game," led a workshop with Dr. Andrew Joseph Pegoda's Mexican American History students at Alvin Community College	2016

SERVICE

<i>Archaeology Now</i> , fact-checked their lesson plans on the Karankawas	2026
Stephen Cure, Karankawa Location Question, <i>Texas Historical Commission</i>	2026
Adrian Chavana, Manuscript Workshop on Coahuiltecan Persistence Project, <i>Clements Center</i>	2026
"Applying to History Ph.D. Programs" Workshop, <i>UT Tyler</i>	2026
Consultant, <i>Earth Justice</i>	2026
National Judge, NSDAR Historic Preservation Contest	2026
Dallas Morning News, Native American History Article	2026
UT Tyler History Faculty Talk, Applying to Graduate School in History	2026
Guest Post, Texas: An American History Blog, Ben Johnson	2026

Peer Reviewer, <i>Tsayon Né</i> , Bridwell Libraries and Press, SMU	2026
Peer Reviewer, Historical Fiction on the Karankawas by Christina Taylor	2026
Journal of Texas History, Editorial Board	2025
Tyler ISD, Lecturer on Texas and Native History for Professional Development Day	2025
<i>Archaeology Now</i> , fact-checked their lesson plans on the Karankawas	2025
Nick Panzarella, background information for Meristem Communities, Indigo Community Richmond	2025
Dr. D.M. Edwards, Keynote PowerPoint, "Tyler, Texas: People and Institutions Make the Difference"	2025
Revolutionary Education, Peer Reviewer	2025
C. Mackenzie Brown, "Reflections on a River and a Creek: A Cultural and Natural History of Guadalupe River State Park and Honey Creek State Natural Area," Karankawa origin information	2024
University of Houston art collection, "Origin, by Brian Tolle, further information	2024
ABC13 Houston, consultant for Rosie Nguyen on Karankawa story	2024
Ted Campbell, preliminary reader for, "What Happened to the Native People of Southeastern Texas: A Broad and Long Perspective"	2024
Bryan Museum, Advisory Committee for Karankawa Exhibit	2024
Avijit Chakrabarty, Architecture Thesis, University of Toronto	2024
Sarah Medrano, Karankawa Children's Book	2024
Cian Hardin, The Heritage Society, Karankawa Exhibit Co-Curator	2024
Ed White, Tulane University, Simars de Bellisle Research	2024
East Texas Historical Association Pinecone Profile	2024
Karla Murthy, <i>The Gas Station Attendant</i> Film	2024
Joyce Zongrone, Karankawa Presentation	2024
THC Historical Marker Revision, "Karankawa Indians" in Corpus Christi	2023
THC Historical Marker Revision, "Karankawa Campsite" in Galveston	2023

Jay Kleberg, <i>Chasing the Tide</i> , consultant	2023
Courtney Rath, Untitled Book Project	2023
Whitney Stewart, Second Book Project on the Varner-Hogg Plantation	2023
Carlignon Jones, City Cast Houston	2022
Rose Elizondo, Whooping Cranes and the Karankawas	2022
Eileen A. Saling, Luis Andry Historical Marker, Daughters of American Revolution,	2022
Bruce Martin, Indigenous History Day, Lonestar College,	2022
J.R., <i>Galveston Unscripted: the Galveston History Podcast</i>	2022
Wade Dillon, Freeport Historical Museum, interpretive panels	2022
Workshop participant, <i>Clements Center for Southwest Studies</i> , "Imperial Fugitives: Apostates, Deserters, and Runaways in Eighteenth-Century Texas and Louisiana," Christina Marie Villarreal	2022
Audrey Gale Hall, Envisioning Real Rent on Karankawa Land,	2022
Consultant, Fort Bend Independent School District	2021
Consultant, <i>Coog Radio</i> , Indigenous Interview Series	2021
End Processing, <i>DeGolyer Library</i> , Southern Methodist University	2021
Consultant, Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend and Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch Association	2021
Consultant, Goliad County Historical Marker, 1824 Indian Treaty	2021
Jessica Goudeau, <i>We Were Illegal</i> , Consultant	2021
Darrel Herbert, <i>Heritage Museum of Montgomery County Texas</i>	2021
Consultant, <i>Texas Observer</i> , <u>Unceded: Texas Indigenous Map of Karankawas</u>	2020
Consultant, <i>The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston</i> , Native text panels	2020
SMU Texas History Research Cluster Co-Convener	2020
Research Assistant, <u>Russian and Eastern European Initiative</u> , Dr. David Rainbow	2018

UH Book Club President, University of Houston	2018
Model G20 Delegate to Washington D.C., University of Houston	2017
Meditation Club Vice President, Alvin Community College	2015-2016
Genders & Sexualities Alliance President, Alvin Community College	2015-2016