

R. Nicholas Nelson

**Education:**

- Ph.D. in U.S. History, University of North Texas, 2011  
Dissertation: "Economic Mobility into the Planter Class in Texas, 1846-1860"
- M.A. in European History, University of North Texas, 2005  
Thesis: "Connecting Ireland and America: Early English Colonial Theory 1560-1620"
- B.A. in History with a minor in Physics, Texas A&M University, 1998

**Academic Employment:**

- Assistant Professional Track Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2019-
- Ad-Interim Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2018-2019
- Dual Credit Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2016-2018
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2015-16
- Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2014-2015
- Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County College, 2014-2017
- Adjunct Faculty, Dallas Christian College, 2014
- Adjunct Faculty, Lord Fairfax Community College, 2011-2014
- Adjunct Instructor, Lynchburg College, 2011
- Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, 2007-2011
- Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, 2000-2006

**Courses Taught:**

- U.S. History to 1865 (including online courses)
- U.S. History since 1865 (including online courses)
- Texas History
- American Slavery and its Legacy
- Graduate Research Seminar in State & Local History
- Topics in Global History: Introduction to the History of Ireland
- World Civilizations to 1600
- World Civilizations to 1500
- World Civilizations from 1500

**Research or Publication Projects In Progress or Under Consideration:**

- "In Paternalism's Place: Planter Women in Harrison County, Texas", article in progress.
- "Rachel Hamilton Hornsby" biographical chapter for upcoming collection on African-American women in Texas, edited by Bruce Glasrud.

**Publications:**

- "THIRTY-SEVENTH TEXAS CAVALRY," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qkt24>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "HARTEN, EDWARD VON ," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fvo20>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "NINTH TEXAS CAVALRY ," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qkn01>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WHITFIELD, JOHN THOMAS," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwh98>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WEEKS, BENJAMIN F.," *Handbook of Texas Online*, (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwe84>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WALKER, JAMES," *Handbook of Texas Online*, (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwacb>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WALTHERSDORFF, ALBERT," *Handbook of Texas Online*, (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwacd>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

**Presentations:**

- “Economic Stability, Disruption, and Agency: Planter Women in Harrison County, Texas,” West Texas Historical Association Meeting (April 2020).
- “Economic Class Mobility and Slavery: A Case Study in the Importance & Difficulties of Quantitative Agricultural History,” East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting (October 2015).
- “Opportunity or Oligarchy: Class and Mobility in the Antebellum Cotton Economy of Texas,” 19th Cotton & Rural History Conference (April 2015).
- “Planter Women and the War: Change or Continuity in Agency and Economic Status?” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting (March 2014).
- “Women Planters in Texas: A Quantitative View from Four Counties,” Southern Association for Women Historians Conference (June 2012).
- “Moving on Up? Planters and Class Mobility in Harrison County, Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association (March 2011).
- “Georgia & the Stamp Act: The Un-Crisis,” Phi Alpha Theta Student Conference, Dallas Baptist University (October 2010).
- “Economic-Social Mobility and the Planter Class: A Case Study of McLennan County, Texas, 1851-1860,” Phi Alpha Theta North Central & Northeast Regional Conference (April 2009).
- “Sixteenth Century Ireland for Actors,” Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts, Waxahachie, Texas (March 2005 and March 2007).

**Professional Development and Academic Service:**

Chairperson, Department of History Ad-hoc Committee on Competency Based History Course Development, 2019  
Graduate Assistant Supervisor, Department of History, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2019-2020  
Course Developer, History Courses for Competency Based Education Program, Texas A&M University- Commerce, 2019, 2020  
Core SLO Reports Lead, Department of History, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2019-2020  
Panel Chair & Commenter, Transatlantic History Conference, University of Texas at Arlington, 2019  
Faculty Advisor to student organization, Unplugged, 2019-2020  
Judge, Regional Texas History Day Competition, 2019  
Cotton & Rural History Conference Committee, 2018-19  
Advanced Placement Reader, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019  
Participant, THATCamp Texas Feminisms 2015  
Attendee, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2007-15, 2018  
Attendee, Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2007, 2009-17, 2019  
Attendee, East Texas Historical Association meetings, 2015-19  
Attendee, Texas New Deal Symposium, 2017  
Staff, Texas History Symposium, April 2008, April 2010, April 2011  
History Department Text Book Committee, University of North Texas, Spring 2010  
Technical Staff, Teaching of History Conference, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

**Other Service:**

President, Board of Directors, Bare Bones Shakespeare Company, 2016-2019

**Awards:**

Panel Chairs Award, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, April 2009  
History Faculty Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2007-2008, 2008-2009  
Graduate Assistant Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2010  
The Jack B. Scroggs Graduate Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2010-2011

**Memberships:**

Southern Historical Association  
Texas State Historical Association  
Southern Association for Women Historians  
East Texas Historical Association  
American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Phi Alpha Theta