



**Cynthia Ross**  
Curriculum Vitae  
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**Education**

Ph.D. in World History, Department of History Washington State University, Pullman, Washington	2011
M.A. in World History, Department of History Washington State University, Pullman, Washington	2006
B.A. in History, Department of History B.A. in Political Science, Department of Political Science Minor, Museum Studies University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada	2004

**Academic Experience**

Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce	2019 -
Assistant Professional Track Faculty, Dept. of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce	2016 - 2019
Instructor, University College, Texas A&M University – Commerce	2010 - 2016
Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce	2009 - 2016
Instructor, Dept. of History, Washington State University	2010
Teaching Assistant (Instructor), Dept. of History, Washington State University	2007 - 2009
Teaching Assistant, Dept. of History, Washington State University	2004 - 2009

**Other Professional Experience**

Assistant Editor, <i>World History Connected: The E-Journal of Learning and Teaching</i> . Washington State University and University of Illinois Press, Pullman, WA	2004 - 2007
Intern, History Curator's Office. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, NV	2001

**Publications**

Monograph in Progress  
*Occupied Landscapes, Occupied Ecologies: Science, Empire, and Control*

Articles in Progress

“Tangantangan and the Tropical Forest” (invited for a special issue of *World History Connected*; due March 2021)

“Hagåtña: Imperial Visions of a Colonial Capital” (revising conference presentation for article/book chapter)

“Sustaining Reflections of Identity: Food, Faith, and Empire” (revising for article submission)

“Taking Stock in World History: How Book Reviews Matter in Historiography” (collecting data)

#### Refereed Articles

“The Banana Business: Tracing the Contours of a Tropical Fruit Commodity in World History.” 5,607 words. *World History Bulletin*, Vol. XXXV, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2019), pp. 51-57.

“Jesuit Missionaries as Agents of Empire: The Spanish-Chamorro War and Ecological Effects of Conversion on Guam, 1668-1769.” 8,240 words. *World History Connected*, Vol. 10, no 3 (October 2013).

#### Book Reviews and Other Publications

“*War at Sea: A Shipwrecked History from Antiquity to the Twentieth Century* by James P. Delgado (review).” *World History Connected*, 17, no. 3 (October 2020).

“*The San Saba Treasure: Legends of Silver Creek* by David C. Lewis (review).” *The Journal of South Texas*, 34, no. 1 (Spring 2020).

“*Baking Powder Wars: The Cutthroat Food Fight that Revolutionized Cooking* by Linda Civitello (review).” *Great Plains Quarterly* 38, no. 2 (2018): 245-246.

“*The Vietnam War* by Mitchell Hall (review).” *World History Connected*, 5, no. 3 (June 2008).

“*Machines as the Measure of Men: Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance* by Michael Adas (review).” *World History Connected*, 3, no. 1 (October 2005).

### **Conference Organization, Invited Talks, and Presentations**

#### *Conference Organization*

Lead Organizer, World History Association of Texas Conference 2021, 2020-2021  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.

Lead Organizer, World History Association of Texas Conference 2019, 2018-2019  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.

#### *Invited Papers*

Invited Lecture, “Going Bananas in World History,” 2018  
Food, Society & Culture Signature Course. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, Associate Dean, CHSSA,  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.

Invited Lecture, “Going Bananas in World History,” 2017  
Global Colloquium Course. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, Associate Dean, CHSSA,  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.

Invited Lecture, “Using Bananas to Understand United Fruit Company, Vertical Integration,  
and American Consumerism,” 2016

Professional Development Day, CHSSA,  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, Dallas, TX.

Invited Presenter, “The Jesuit Mission on Guam and Environmental Change,” 2014  
Jesuits in World History International Symposium, Seattle, WA.

*International Conferences*

Presenter, “Hagåtña: From Indigenous Village to Global City,” World History Association 2019  
Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Panel Chair / Commentator, “The Growth and Destruction of Medieval Cities,” World History 2019  
Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Presenter, “Militarization and Ecological Change in the Pacific,” World History Association 2016  
Conference, Ghent, Belgium.

Panel Chair / Commentator, “Loyalty, Ethnocentrism, and Nationalism,” World History 2016  
Association Conference, Ghent, Belgium.

*National Conferences*

Presenter, “Tangantangan and the Tropical Forest,” World History Association Conference, 2020  
Salt Lake City, Utah. (Canceled due to Covid-19)

Panel Organizer, “Food and Identity Construction in the Nation, State, and Empire,” 2017  
World History Association Conference, Boston, MA.

Presenter, “Sustaining Reflections of Identity: Food, Faith, and Empire 2017  
on Guam,” World History Association Conference, Boston, MA.

Panel Chair / Commentator, “Incorporating the South Pacific into World History,” 2017  
World History Association Conference, Boston, MA.

Panel Chair / Commentator, “Through the Lens of a Foodie,” 2017  
World History Association Conference, Boston, MA.

Presenter, “Island Microcosm: Militarized and Imperialized Environments on Guam.” 2017  
Nā Huaka‘i O Ka Pakipika Pacific Journeys: Trans-Pacific Migrations, Encounters,  
and Exchanges: A Conference on World History at the Crossroads of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI.

Panel Chair, “How Changes to the Environment, Big and Small, Alter Identity and 2012  
Discourse,” World History Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Presenter, “Guam: At the Crossroads of Spanish Imperial Militarization, Ecological 2012  
Change, and Identity in World History,” World History Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Presenter, “Trade, Wars, and Trade Wars: Successes and Challenges in Developing an Upper 2009  
Division World History Course,” World History Association Conference, Salem, MA.

Presenter, “War as a Theme in World History Pedagogy: Concepts, Approaches & Challenges,” 2006  
World History Association Conference, Long Beach, CA.

*Regional*

- Panel Chair / Commentator, “Genocide in Cambodia and Haiti,” Northeast and North Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. 2018
- Roundtable Participant, “Beyond the Core: Balancing Content and Research Focus in World History Surveys for History Majors,” World History Association of Texas, Austin, TX. 2017
- Presenter, “Jesuit Missionaries as Agents of Empire: The Spanish-Chamorro War and Ecological Effects of Conversion on Guam, 1668-1769,” Mid-Atlantic World History Association Conference, Owings Mills, MD. 2013
- Panel Chair / Commentator, “Sustainability Issues in the World Civilizations Courses,” Northwest World History Association Conference, Vancouver, WA. 2008
- Presenter, “A ‘Forgotten Army’ in Burma: The British African Armies and the Politics of Forgetting,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Pasadena, CA. 2008
- Presenter, “Before the Blaze, the Spark: The Nature of Armed Resistance and its Motivations in World War II,” Northwest World History Association Conference, Seattle, WA. 2007
- Presenter, “Rescuing Dignity: Motivations for Anti-Japanese Resistance in World War II Burma,” Asian Studies of the Pacific Coast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Pullman, WA. 2006
- Presenter, “Dying on Their Own Terms: Jewish Women Choosing Resistance in Polish Ghettos 1939-1945,” Northwest World History Association Conference, Vancouver, WA. 2004

*Local*

- Presenter, “What Can You Do With A History Degree?” Mane Event, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. 2019
- Presenter, “Pursuing History: A Series on Professional Issues Facing History Students,” Phi Alpha Theta, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. 2016
- Presenter, “Pursuing History: A Series on Professional Issues Facing History Students,” Phi Alpha Theta, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. 2010

**Courses Taught***Undergraduate*

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|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Big History: The Big Bang and Beyond (HIST 265) | (Synchronous online)            | 2021         |
| World History Through Graphic Novels (HIST 265) | (Synchronous online)            | 2020         |
| Food in World History (HIST 413)                |                                 | 2020         |
| Modern East Asia (HIST 365)                     |                                 | 2019         |
| Food in World History (HIST 497)                |                                 | 2018         |
| Emergence of the Modern World (HIST 306)        | (Synchronous online, 2021)      | 2009, 2014 - |
| U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 1301)                |                                 | 2010 -       |
| U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)              | (Synchronous online, 2020-2021) | 2009 -       |
| U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)              | (Asynchronous online)           | 2009 -       |

Global Environmental History (HIST 497)		2014, 2017
World War II in Asia & the Pacific (HIST 497)		2017
Honors U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 1301 Honors)		2014, 2017
World History to the Seventeenth Century (HIST 305)		2012 - 2013
Themes in World History: World Environmental History (HIST 360)		2011
A World Divided: Global History – Modern Imperialism (HIST 265)		2010, 2015
World Civilizations II (GENED 111)	(Asynchronous online)	2010
History of World Trade (HIST 491)		2008 - 2009
Global Environmental History (HIST 494)	(Asynchronous online)	2007 - 2009
Modern European History (HIST 102)		2007

### *Graduate*

Historiography and Theory (HIST 590)	(Synchronous online)	2020
Exchanges & Connections – Food History (HIST 597)		2018
History Graduate Practicum (HIST 592)		2018
World History Theories & Methods (HIST 597)		2017
World War II in Asia & the Pacific (HIST 520)	(Asynchronous online)	2015
World History Theories & Methods (HIST 520)	(Asynchronous online)	2014

### *Dual Credit*

U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 1301)		2010 - 2016
U.S. History from 1865 (HIST 1302)		2009 - 2016
A World Divided: Global History – Challenges of Modernity (HIST 265)		2015

### **Graduate Student Supervision, Chair Only**

#### *MA/MS Theses*

Mykah Jones, “The Boat Sails By, The Shore Remains: The Cambodian Family and the Khmer Rouge”		2019
Nicole Donawho, “Beyond the Barbed Wire: Nisei Resistance and Japanese-American Identity”		2017

### **Institutional Service**

#### *Departmental*

Member, Ancient/Mediterranean World Search		2020
Member, Departmental Strategic Plan Development Committee		2020
Member, Islamic World Search		2019
Coordinator, Graduate Certificate in World History		2017 –
Member, History Scholarship Committee		2016 – 2018
Member, Honors Committee		2016 –
Member, Curriculum Committee		2016 –
Potential Applicant Identifier, James Madison Foundation Award		2016 –
Member, Dual Credit Instructor Search		2016
Advisor, East Texas War and Memory Project		2016
Graduate Representative, Corps of Discovery Endowed Chair for History of the American West		2008
Search Committee, Department of History, Washington State University		
Election Committee Member, History Graduate Student Association, Department of History,		2008

Washington State University  
 Planning Committee Member, East Meets West: Pakistan, Department of History (Asia Program) 2008  
 Washington State University  
 Member, History Forum for Public Scholarship, Department of History, 2006 – 2008  
 Washington State University

### *College*

Member, Graduate Academic Honesty Hearing Panel, CHSSA 2020  
 Member, Political Science Search, Political Science Department 2017  
 Graduate Associate, Institute for the Study of Intercommunal Conflict, 2007  
 Department of Political Science, Washington State University

### *University*

Substitute Representative (for Andrew Baker), Graduate Council Spring 2021  
 Graduate Representative, Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Defense (Andrea Perry, Counseling), 2020  
 Graduate School  
 Faculty, Food Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (Department of Agriculture) 2017 –  
 Departmental Representative, Quality Enhancement Plan Committee 2016 –  
 Faculty Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program 2013 –

### *Service to the Discipline*

Member, Program Committee, World History Association 2021 Virtual Conference (Covid) 2021  
 Elected Member, World History Association Executive Council 2020 -  
 Member, World History Association, Nominating Committee 2020  
 Advanced Placement Exam Reader, World History, Educational Testing Service 2020  
 Blogger, Food in World History Blog <http://www.foodinworldhistory.com/> 2020 –  
 Social Media Coordinator, World History Association of Texas 2018 –  
 Article Reviewer for *Zapruder World: An International Journal for the History of Social Conflict*,  
 “Literary and Visual Rememory at the 90th Anniversary of the Banana Massacre in Colombia” 2018  
 Manuscript Proposal Reviewer for Taylor and Francis, “Making Sense of World History”  
 by Rick Szostak 2018  
 Advanced Placement Exam Reader, European History, Educational Testing Service 2008, 2010, 2012  
 Judge, Senior Division, Individual Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX 2018, 2019  
 Member, Program Committee, World History Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI 2018  
 Judge, Junior and Senior Division, Websites, National History Day, Commerce, TX 2011  
 Judge, Junior and Senior Division, Documentaries, National History Day, Commerce, TX 2010  
 Judge, Junior Division, Exhibits, History Day, Carson City, NV 2001

### **Professional Development**

Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session VI – “Comics, 2020  
 World History, and the Classroom”  
 Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session II – “Roads 2020  
 and Oceans”  
 Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session I – “How Can 2020  
 History Help You During a Pandemic?”  
 Attendee, “Historians Reflect on the 2020 Election,” American Historical Association 2020  
 Attendee, 2020 Virtual Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses 2020  
 Attendee, American Historical Association: Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses 2019

University of Texas - Dallas  
 Attendee, Funding Your Research: How to Develop and Write Successful Grant Proposals 2018  
 Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC, University of Texas – Tyler

**Awards and Honors**

Global Fellow, TAMUC 2020  
 Faculty Development Grant, TAMUC 2016, 2019  
 Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Graduate Fellowship, WSU 2009  
 Gillis Family Graduate Research Fund, WSU 2009  
 Frank and Irene Potter Memorial Scholarship, WSU 2009  
 Boeing Graduate Fellowship in Environmental Studies, WSU (endowment, The Boeing Company) 2008  
 Bernard Bobb Excellence Award (Best Teaching Assistant, Instructor), WSU 2008  
 William D. Aiken Memorial Fund, WSU 2004, 2006, 2008  
 Gillis Family Graduate Travel Fund, WSU 2006

**Professional Affiliations**

World History Association