



Cynthia Ross
Curriculum Vitae
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School Mailing Address

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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

Intern, History Curator's Office. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, NV	2001
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Works in Progress

Monograph

Occupied Landscapes, Occupied Ecologies: Science, Empire, and Control

Articles

Ross, Cynthia. "Hagåtña: Imperial Visions of a Colonial Capital." (under preparation for submission to *World History Connected* by 2022)

Ross, Cynthia. "Sustaining Reflections of Identity: Food, Faith, and Empire." (under preparation for submission to *Food, Culture & Society* by 2023)

Ross, Cynthia. "Taking Stock in World History: How Book Reviews Matter in Historiography" (under preparation for submission to the *Journal of World History* in 2023)

Book Chapters

Ross, Cynthia. "Dinner in the Trenches: Military Rations, Mobile Mess, and Field Bakeries of American Doughboys" in Mandy Link and Matthew Stith, Eds., *World War I and the Fragmentation of the Modern World*. (under preparation for submission in Spring 2022)

Publications

Refereed Articles

Ross, Cynthia. "Ecological Imperialism in an Occupied Landscape: Tangantangan and the Tropical Forest." *World History Connected*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (June/July 2021). (15,262 words)

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

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

Book Reviews and Other Publications

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

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

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

Wiecko, Cynthia Ross, Review of *The Vietnam War* by Mitchell Hall, *World History Connected*, 5, no. 3 (June 2008).

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

Invited Talks and Presentations

Invited Papers

Invited Lecture, "Going Bananas in World History,"
Food, Society & Culture Signature Course. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, Associate Dean, CHSSA,

2018

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 Symposium and Teachers’ Workshop, Seattle, WA.

International Conferences

Presenter/Chef, “The World in a Couple of Small Dishes: Rajma Chawal, Chana Masala,
and the Global Roots of National Dishes,” World History Association Virtual Conference. 2021

Panel Chair / Commentator, “Ecological Imperialism, Green Imperialism, and New
Environmental Histories,” World History Association Virtual Conference. 2021

Presenter, “Tangantangan and the Tropical Forest,” World History Association Virtual Conference. 2021

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

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

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

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

National Conferences

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

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
on Guam,” World History Association Conference, Boston, MA. 2017

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 Discourse,” World History Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM. 2012
- Presenter, “Guam: At the Crossroads of Spanish Imperial Militarization, Ecological Change, and Identity in World History,” World History Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM. 2012
- Presenter, “Trade, Wars, and Trade Wars: Successes and Challenges in Developing an Upper Division World History Course,” World History Association Conference, Salem, MA. 2009
- Presenter, “War as a Theme in World History Pedagogy: Concepts, Approaches & Challenges,” World History Association Conference, Long Beach, CA. 2006
- 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, “Crafting an Effective CV,” Graduate Symposium, History Department, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX 2021
- 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," 2016
Phi Alpha Theta, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.

Presenter, "Pursuing History: A Series on Professional Issues Facing History Students," 2010
Phi Alpha Theta, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

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, 2021
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, hybrid)	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

Service

Departmental

Member, Ad Hoc Graduate Studies Committee	2021
Member, Ancient/Early Modern Mediterranean World Search	2020
Member, Departmental Strategic Plan Development Committee	2020
Member, Islamic World Search	2019
Member, Faculty Writing Workshop	2018 -
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, Washington State University	2008
Planning Committee Member, East Meets West: Pakistan, Department of History (Asia Program) Washington State University	2008
Member, History Forum for Public Scholarship, Department of History, Washington State University	2006 - 2008

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, Department of Political Science, Washington State University	2007

University

Representative, Graduate Council	2021 -
Substitute Representative (for Andrew Baker), Graduate Council	Spring 2021
Graduate Representative, Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Defense (Andrea Perry, Counseling), Graduate School	2020
Faculty, Food Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources)	2017 -
Departmental Representative, Quality Enhancement Plan Committee	2016 -
Faculty Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program	2013 - 2018

Discipline

Editorial

Book Review Editor and Facebook page Administrator, <i>World History Connected: The eJournal of Learning and Teaching</i> Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii (published by University of Illinois Press)	2004 - 2007, 2021-
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Professional Organizations

Lead Organizer, World History Association of Texas Virtual Conference 2021, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.	2020-2021
Lead Organizer, World History Association of Texas Conference 2019, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.	2018-2019
Social Media Coordinator, World History Association of Texas	2018 -
Elected Member, World History Association Executive Council	2020 -
Member, World History Association, Nominating Committee	2020 -
Member, Program Committee, World History Association 2021 Virtual Conference	2021
Member, Program Committee, World History Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI	2018

Peer Review

Manuscript Proposal Reviewer for Routledge, “World Past to World Present: A Brief Survey” By Peter N. Stearns	2021
Article Reviewer for <i>Zapruder World: An International Journal for the History of Social Conflict</i> , “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

Judging and Scoring

Judge, Junior Division, Group Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX	2021
Judge, Junior Division, Group Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX	2020
Advanced Placement Exam Reader, World History, Educational Testing Service	2020, 2021
Advanced Placement Exam Reader, European History, Educational Testing Service	2008, 2010, 2012
Judge, Senior Division, Individual Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX	2018, 2019
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, Individual Exhibits, History Day, Carson City, NV	2001

Community Outreach

Blogger, Food in World History Blog http://www.foodinworldhistory.com/	2020 -
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Professional Development

Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session VII - “Rethinking the World History Survey: New Approaches”	2021
Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session VI – “Comics, World History, and the Classroom”	2020
Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session II – “Roads and Oceans”	2020
Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session I – “How Can History Help You During a Pandemic?”	2020
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 University of Texas - Dallas	2019
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 (\$700 each)	2016, 2019
Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Graduate Fellowship, WSU (\$2000)	2009
Gillis Family Graduate Research Fund, WSU (\$1000)	2009
Frank and Irene Potter Memorial Scholarship, WSU (\$1000)	2009
Boeing Graduate Fellowship in Environmental Studies, WSU (\$1500)	2008
Bernard Bobb Excellence Award (Best Teaching Assistant, Instructor), WSU	2008
William D. Aiken Memorial Fund, WSU (\$500 each)	2004, 2006, 2008
Gillis Family Graduate Travel Fund, WSU (\$500 each)	2006

Professional Affiliations

- American Historical Association
- Dallas Area Society of Historians
- World History Association
- World History Association of Texas