



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

Monographs

At the "Tip of the Spear": War, Empire, and Environment on Guam

Texas Terroir: A History of Texas Wine

Articles and Conference Papers

- Ross, Cynthia. "Imperial Indigestion: The Army Meat Scandal of the Spanish-American War" (under preparation for submission to *Food, Culture & Society* in 2024)
- Ross, Cynthia. "Libation Education: The Role of Public Universities in Texas Viticulture" (under preparation for submission to WHAT 2025 Conference and *Environmental History*)
- Ross, Cynthia. "Remembering the Life that Was: Using Memoirs to Teach Democratic Backsliding" (under revision for submission in late 2024 to *History News Network*)
- Ross, Cynthia. "Taking Stock in World History: How Book Reviews Matter in Historiography" (first author with Michael Hall and Birgit Schneider, under preparation for submission to the *Journal of World History*)

Publications

Book Chapters

- Ross, Cynthia. "Dinner in the Trenches: Army Rations, Rolling Kitchens, and the Logistics of Food for American Doughboys" in Mandy Link and Matthew Stith, Eds., *Beyond No Man's Land: New Perspectives of the First World War*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2024.

Refereed Articles

- Ross, Cynthia. "Bringing the World to a Small Texas Town: Teaching World History to Rural and Underserved Populations." *World History Connected*, Vol 20, No. 3 (Fall 2023). (9,860 words)
- Ross, Cynthia. "Turkeys Away: Christmas Dinner, Mock Turtle Soup, and Using Food History to Teach World War I." *World History Bulletin*, Vol. LXXXIX, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2023), pp. 45-53. (6,035 words)
- 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 *Approaching Recent World History Through Film: Context, Analysis, and Research*, by Scott C. M. Bailey. *The Middle Ground Journal*, No. 26 (Fall 2023): 33-35. <https://middlegroundjournal.com/2023/11/17/review-of-approaching-recent-world-history-through-film-by-scott-c-m-bailey/>
- Ross, Cynthia, Review of *Nature at War: American Environments and World War II*, Edited by Thomas Robertson, Richard P. Tucker, Nicholas B. Breyfogle, and Peter Mansoor. *Agricultural History*, 96, no. 3 (August 2022): 478-480. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00021482-9825461>

- 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

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| Invited Keynote, "Chana Masala: The Global Roots of a National Dish," World History Seminar Lecture Series, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China. | 2023 |
| Invited Presentation and Cooking Demonstration, "Turkeys Away: Getting Christmas Dinner to the Front," as part of "Dishing about World History Food and Feasts" Holiday Session. Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, World History Association, Boston, MA, Live Streaming and Recorded. | 2022 |
| Invited Lecture, "Going Bananas in World History," Food, Society & Culture Signature Course. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, Associate Dean, CHSSA, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. | 2018 |
| Invited Lecture, "Going Bananas in World History," Global Colloquium Course. Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, Associate Dean, CHSSA, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. | 2017 |
| Invited Lecture, "Using Bananas to Understand United Fruit Company, Vertical Integration, and American Consumerism," Professional Development Day, CHSSA, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Dallas, TX. | 2016 |
| Invited Presenter, "The Jesuit Mission on Guam and Environmental Change," Jesuits in World History Symposium and Teachers' Workshop, Seattle, WA. | 2014 |

International Conferences

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| Presenter, "Bringing the World to a Small Texas Town: Teaching World History to Rural and Underserved Populations," World History Association Conference, Bilbao, Spain. | 2022 |
| Panel Organizer, Chair, and Presenter, "Building the Bridge Between Teachers and Scholars: Meet the World History Journal Editors," World History Association Conference, Bilbao, Spain. | 2022 |
| 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 | 2021 |

Environmental Histories,” World History Association Virtual Conference.

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

Panel Organizer, “Bites of Empire: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Food and Power,” American Historical Association Conference, New York, NY. 2024

Presenter, “Lessons from The Graphic Past: World History in 36 Frames,” World History Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. 2023

Presenter, “Remembering the Democracy that Was: Using Memoirs to Teach Democratic Backsliding,” World History Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. 2023

Panel Organizer, Chair, Presenter, “World History Connected: 20 years of Supporting Research And the Scholarship of Teaching,” World History Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. 2023

Emergency Substitution Chair, “Revisiting World History Teaching and Knowledge Construction,” World History Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. 2023

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

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

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

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

Presenter, “Island Microcosm: Militarized and Imperialized Environments on Guam.” 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. 2017

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, "So You Want to be a Doctor (but not that kind of doctor)?", Graduate Symposium, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX 2021

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," Phi Alpha Theta, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX. 2016

Presenter, “A Forgotten Army in Burma: The British African Armies and the Politics of Forgetting” 2012
Globalization and the Humanities: Texas and the World Conference, 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

The Graphic Past: World History Through Graphic Novels Signature Course (UNCO 1301)	2022-2023
World History Through Graphic Novels (HIST 265) (Synchronous online)	2020
Food in World History (HIST 413)	2020
Modern East Asia (HIST 365, HIST 311)	2019, 2022
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

World History Seminar (HIST 520)	2024
Readings in World History (HIST 524): What's Hot in World History	2023
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

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta	2024-
Faculty Advisor, History Club	2024-
Reviewer, Graduating Student Portfolios	2015-
Member, Graduate Studies Committee	2021-
Member, Faculty Writing Workshop	2018-
Member, Honors Committee	2016-
Member, Curriculum Committee	2016-
Potential Applicant Identifier, James Madison Foundation Award	2016-
Member, Race and Civil Rights Search	2021
Member, Ancient/Early Modern Mediterranean World Search	2020
Member, Departmental Strategic Plan Development Committee	2020
Member, Islamic World Search	2019
Certificate Supervisor, Graduate Certificate in World History	2017-2022
Member, History Scholarship Committee	2016-2018, 2022-2023
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, Associate Director of Bands Search, Music Department, CHSSA	2024
Member, Graduate Academic Honesty Hearing Panel, CHSSA	2020
Member, Political Science Search, Political Science Department, CHSSA	2017
Graduate Associate, Institute for the Study of Intercommunal Conflict, Department of Political Science, Washington State University	2007

University

Representative, Graduate Council	2021-
Faculty, Food Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Health and Human Performance)	2017-
Departmental Representative, Mane Event	2019, 2022
Substitute Representative (for Andrew Baker), Graduate Council	Spring 2021
Graduate Representative, Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Defense (Andrea Perry, Counseling), Graduate School	2020

Member, Dual Credit Instructor Search, University College	2018
Departmental Representative, Quality Enhancement Plan Committee	2016-2021
Faculty Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program	2013-2018

Discipline

Editorial

Editor (assumed duties as Editor January 2024)	2024-
<i>World History Connected: The eJournal of Learning and Teaching</i>	
Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii (George Mason University Press)	

Book Review Editor and Facebook page Administrator,	2004-2007, 2021-2023
<i>World History Connected: The eJournal of Learning and Teaching</i>	
Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii (University of Illinois Press, 2003-2021; George Mason University Press, 2022 -)	

Member, Editorial Board, <i>Asia Pacific Perspectives</i> ,	2024-
Center for Asia Pacific Studies, University of San Francisco	

Professional Organizations

Lead Organizer, World History Association of Texas Conference 2023	2022-2023
Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX.	
Lead Organizer, World History Association of Texas Virtual 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.	
Social Media Coordinator, World History Association of Texas	2018-
Chair, Program Committee, World History Association 2024 Conference, San Francisco, CA	2023-2024
Chair, Program Committee, World History Association 2023 Conference, Pittsburgh, PA	2022-2023
Co-Chair, Program Committee, World History Association 2022 Conference, Bilbao, Spain	2021-2022
Elected Member, World History Association Executive Council	2020-2022
Member, World History Association, Nominating Committee	2020-
Member, Program Committee, World History Association 2021 Virtual Conference	2021
Member, Program Committee, World History Association 2018 Conference, Milwaukee, WI	2018

Peer Review

Article Reviewer for <i>Journal of World History</i> , “Trade, health, and the transnational pesticide system. Transatlantic entanglements between the USA and Germany at the end of the 19 th century”	2024
Manuscript Proposal Reviewer for Rowman & Littlefield, “Human Rights and Capitalism Since 1750: A Brief History” By Casey Harison	2022
Manuscript Proposal Reviewer for Routledge, “Water in World History” By Ellen F. Arnold	2021
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

Table Leader, World History, Educational Testing Service	2024-
Chair, World History Connected Book Prize Award Committee	2023 -
Advanced Placement Exam Reader, World History, Educational Testing Service	2020 - 2023
Advanced Placement Exam Reader, European History, Educational Testing Service	2008 - 2012
Judge, Junior and Senior Division, Group Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX	2022
Judge, Junior Division, Group Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX	2021
Judge, Junior Division, Group Exhibits, National History Day, Commerce, TX	2020
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

Guest Speaker, "Texas Terroir: A History of Texas Wine," Cork & Brew Texas Wine Tasting	2023
Blogger, Food in World History Blog http://www.foodinworldhistory.com/	2020
Member, Student Health Advisor Board, Commerce Independent School District	2021-2022
Volunteer, Girl Scouts of America Troop 8060	2021-

Professional Development

Attendee, American Historical Association: Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses Baylor University	2023
Participant, 14 Day Writing Workshop, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity	2022, 2023
Attendee, Writing an Outstanding Book Proposal, Manuscript Works & the Coordinating Council for Women in History	2022
Introductory Spanish Translation, University of Wisconsin at Madison	2021
Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session IX - "Community College Forum: Dark Clouds & Silver Linings"	2021
Attendee, Under the Baobab: Conversations and Community in World History, Session VIII - "Writing for the Public: History and Journalism"	2021
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 Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC, University of Texas - Tyler	2018

Awards and Honors

History Department Research Enhancement Grant (\$2000)	2023
Global Human Rights Fellowship, CHSSA, TAMUC (\$10,000)	2021

Global Fellow, TAMUC	2020
Faculty Development Grant, TAMUC (\$700 each)	2016, 2019, 2022
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
Agricultural History Society
Coordinating Council for Women in History
Dallas Area Society of Historians
World History Association
World History Association of Texas