

Cameron B. Strang, Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- **University of Texas at Austin**, History, Ph.D., 2008-Present (expected date of graduation, August 2013).

Dissertation Title: “Entangled Knowledge, Expanding Nation: Science and the United States Empire in the Southeast Borderlands, 1783-1842.”

Committee: Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra (co-chair); James Sidbury (co-chair); Bruce Hunt; Robert Olwell; Christopher Morris

- **University of New Hampshire**, History, MA (2006-2008).
Thesis Committee: Eliga Gould (chair); Jan Golinski; Cynthia Van Zandt
- **McGill University**, Montreal, Canada, History, BA, cum laude (2000-2004).

Publications

Articles

- “Indian Storytelling, Scientific Knowledge, and Power in the Florida Borderlands,” forthcoming in *The William and Mary Quarterly* (2014).
- “Violence, Ethnicity, and Human Remains during the Second Seminole War,” forthcoming in the *Journal of American History* (2014). Winner of the 2013 Louis Pelzer Memorial Award from the Organization of American Historians.
- “The Mason-Dixon and Proclamation Lines: Land Surveying and Native Americans in Pennsylvania’s Borderlands,” in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 136, no. 1 (2012), pp. 5-23.
- “Michael Cresap and the Promulgation of Settler Land Claiming Methods in the Backcountry, 1765-1774,” in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 118, no. 2 (2010), pp. 106-135.

Multimedia

- *The History of Science in Latin America and the Caribbean* (HOSLAC); coauthored and co-edited with Julia Rodriguez and Jan Golinski (2010); web-based encyclopedia, teaching tool, and primary source database; available at www.hoslac.org. Winner of the 2011 Best Media Prize from the New England Council of Latin American Studies.

Reviews

- Review of Gene Allen Smith and Sylvia L. Hilton, eds., *Nexus of Empire: Negotiating Loyalty and Identity in the Revolutionary Borderlands, 1760s-1820s*, in *Southern Historian*, vol. 33 (spring 2012).
- Review of Thomas E. Crocker, *Braddock's March: How the Man Sent to Seize a Continent Changed American History*, in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 118, no. 2 (2010).

Other

- "Heavy Metal as Public History: A Review of *Turisas*, live at the Gramercy Theater (New York, NY, 6 Feb. 2013)," in *The Appendix*, vol. 1, no. 3 (July 2013).
- "Everglades," "Great Swamp Fortress," "Mackenzie's Mexico Raid," "Indian Agents," "Comancheros," "Coeur d'Alene War," and "Keokuk," in *The Encyclopedia of North American Indian Wars, 1607-1890: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011).

Awards

- Louis Pelzer Memorial Award: Organization of American Historians, award for best essay submitted to the *Journal of American History* by a graduate student, for "Violence, Ethnicity, and Human Remains during the Second Seminole War," 2013.
- Best Media Prize: New England Council of Latin American Studies, for *The History of Science in Latin America and the Caribbean*, 2011.

Fellowships and Grants

- Smithsonian Institution Libraries: Margaret Henry Dabney Penick Resident Scholar, post-doctoral fellowship, nine-month appointment, 2013-14.
- The Historic New Orleans Collection: Dianne Woest Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities, 2013.
- Donald D. Harrington Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin, twelve-month appointment, 2012-2013.
- McNeil Center for Early American Studies: Monticello-McNeil and Friends of the MCEAS Dissertation Fellow, nine-month appointment, 2012-13.
- Linda Hall Library of Science, Technology, and Engineering: Residential Fellowship, four-month appointment, 2012. (Declined).
- Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies Short-term Fellowship, Monticello, Va., 2012.

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- John Carter Brown Library Short-Term Fellowship, four-month appointment, 2012. (Award offered as a selected alternate; declined).
- Conference Travel Grant, Centennial Graduate Student Support Fund, UT Austin, 2012.
- National Science Foundation: Science, Technology, and Society Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2011.
- John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress: Kislak Fellowship in American Studies, four-month appointment, 2011.
- Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Graduate Student Travel Fellowship, 2011.
- Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science (PACHS): Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2011.
- Huntington Library: W.M. Keck Foundation Fellowship, 2011.
- Graduate School Professional Development Award, UT Austin, 2011.
- Research Fellowship for the Study of the Global South, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, Tulane University, 2010.
- Cecilia L. Johnson Grant for Visiting Graduate Scholars, University of Florida Special Collections Library, 2010.
- History Department Fellowship for Dissertation Research, UT Austin, 2010.
- Louisiana History Research Fellowship, Louisiana State University Library Special Collections, 2010.
- Institute for Southern Studies Visiting Research Fellowship, University of South Carolina, 2010.
- University of Texas Graduate Research Fellowship, 2009.
- Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship, UT Austin History Department 2009.
- University of Texas Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship (LAGR), 2008.
- University of New Hampshire History Department Graduate Scholarship, 2007.

Conference Papers, Invited Presentations, Chaired Panels, and Commentator

- Invited Lecture, “Science and Anglo-American Expansion in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1783-1842,” Donald D. Harrington Fellows Symposium, Amarillo Country Club, April 2013.
- Invited lecture, “Geology, Slavery, and Sectionalism in the 1830s Gulf South,” Chemical Heritage Foundation, March 2013.
- Invited workshop paper, “Star-Crossed Empires: Astronomy and United States Expansion into the Spanish American Borderlands, 1795-1810,” Networks of Exchange Seminar, The Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Feb. 2013.
- Panelist, “Army Surgeons, Skull Collectors, and Scalpers in the Florida Territory, 1835-1842,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Nov. 2012.
- Panelist, “Science in the Early Republic's Borderlands,” Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science Introductory Symposium, Sept. 2012.
- Invited lecture, “Astronomy, Jefferson’s Empire, and the Spanish American Borderlands,” Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Aug. 2012.
- Panelist, “‘To Assign to the Race their Station’: Army Surgeons, Indian Skulls, and White Scalps in Florida, 1835-1842,” Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, July 2012.
- Workshop paper, “Star-Crossed Empires: Astronomy and United States Expansion in the Spanish American Borderlands, 1795-1810,” History of Science Colloquium, UT Austin, Feb. 2012.
- Workshop presentation, “Native American Storytelling and Science in Spanish Florida,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Program, Brown-bag Workshop Series, UT Austin, Oct. 2011.
- Chair, New Work in Progress Series, Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin. As founder and coordinator of this series, I chaired workshop presentations by Jesse Cromwell (UT Austin, Sept. 2011); Serena Sprungl (Yale University, Oct. 2011); and Amber Abbas (UT Austin, Nov. 2011).
- Panelist, “Native American Storytelling and Scientific Authority in the 18th-Century Florida Borderlands,” The Power of Stories: Authority and Narrative in Early America, conference at The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Sept. 2011.
- Invited lecture, “Skulls, Scalps, and Seminoles: Science and Violence in Florida, 1800-1842,” Library of Congress, July 2011. Webcast available at: <http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/webcasts/index.php>.

- Panelist, “Mineralogy, Myths, and Monsters: A Scientific Expedition in Spanish East Florida, 1790,” Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, Fla., May 2011.
- Panelist, “‘The Indian’s Art’: Native American Storytelling, Credibility, and the Production of Mineralogical Knowledge in the Florida Borderlands,” Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference. Wake Forest University, March 2011.
- Invited workshop paper, “Science, Loyalty, and Power in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1790-1810,” The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Works-in-Progress Series, Feb. 2011.
- Commentator, Atlantic History Seminar, Neil Safier’s presentation of *Measuring the New World: Enlightenment Science and South America*, UT Austin, Oct. 2009.
- Panelist, “How the West was Known: Local Science and Expansion in the Lower Mississippi Valley and Early United States,” Transatlantic Exploration in the Era of Humboldt, University of Texas at Arlington, Oct. 2009.
- Panelist, “The History of Science in Latin America and the Caribbean,” session on teaching with new technologies, Conference on Latin American History, Jan. 2009.

Research and Teaching Interests

- United States history; the history of science; borderlands; early modern Atlantic world; American Indian history; production and circulation of knowledge; slavery; circum-Caribbean; empires, colonialism, and Euro-American expansion; U.S. South; Spanish America.

Professional Service and Experience

- Manuscript reviewer for *Louisiana History: The Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association*.
- Mentor, McNeil Center Consortium Undergraduate Research Workshop, 2013.
- Reviewer for award competition, Outstanding Graduate Research in the Humanities and Fine Arts Award, UT Austin Graduate School.
- Founder and Coordinator of the New Work in Progress Series, part of the Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin.
- Graduate mentor, McNeil Center for Early America Studies Undergraduate Research Workshop.
- Teaching Assistant, U.S. History to 1865 with Dr. Neil Kamil, spring 2012.

- Teaching Assistant, U.S. History to 1865 with Dr. H.W. Brands, fall 2011.
- External reviewer for fellowship competition, Kislak Fellowship in American Studies, the Kluge Center at the Library of Congress.
- Graduate Research Assistant, Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin (2009-2010).
- Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Jacqueline Jones, UT Austin (2008).
- Graduate Coordinator, Fellowships Office, University of New Hampshire (2006-2008).
- English as a Second Language Teacher, Oxford Instituto de Idiomas, San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, 2004-2005.

Research Undertaken at Libraries and Archives

- Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- The Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA.
- Tulane University Special Collections Library, New Orleans, LA.
- Special Collections, New Orleans Public Library, LA.
- Louisiana State Museum Historical Center, New Orleans, LA.
- Louisiana State University's Special Collections Library, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Benson Latin American Collection, Austin, TX.
- Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, Austin, TX.
- Library of Congress, Washington, DC.
- United States National Archives, Washington, DC.
- Jefferson Library, International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello, Va.
- Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
- Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid, Spain.
- Archivo del Real Jardín Botánico de Madrid, Spain.
- Biblioteca Nacional de España, Madrid, Spain.
- Archivo del Museo Naval, Madrid, Spain.
- South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, SC.
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS.
- P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, Gainesville, FL.
- The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA.

Professional Society Memberships

- American Historical Association
- Southern Historical Association
- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

References

- Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra, Alice Drysdale Sheffield Professor of History, University of Texas at Austin, canizares-esguerra@austin.utexas.edu, (512) 475-7694.
- James Sidbury, Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Professor of Humanities, Rice University, james.sidbury@rice.edu, (713) 348-2197.
- Bruce Hunt, Assoc. Prof. of History, UT, bjhunt@mail.utexas.edu, (512) 232-6109.
- Neil Kamil, Assoc. Prof. of History, UT, kamil@utexas.edu, (512) 232-6110.
- Eliga Gould, Professor of History, University of New Hampshire, ehg@cisunix.unh.edu, (603) 862-3012.
- Julia Rodriguez, Assoc. Prof. of History, UNH, juliar@cisunix.unh.edu, (603) 862-0354.