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EDUCATION

Ph.D. with Distinction, University of Houston, 2003
M.A., University of Houston, 1997
M.B.A., Temple University, 1976

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Wars within War: Mexican Guerrillas, Domestic Elites, and the United States of America, 1846-1848, (Fort Worth: Texas Christian University Press), 2005

Book Editing with Book Chapter

Latin American Positivism: Theory and Practice, Gregory Gilson and Irving W. Levinson, editors, (Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, Maryland), 2012. In addition to co-editing the book, I also wrote a chapter titled: *Positively Disastrous: The Comtian Experience in México*.

Book Chapter and Essays

Mexico's Role in the U.S. Civil War, to be published in *Peace and War on the Rio Grande: 1846 – 1876*, (College Station, Texas, Texas A&M University Press), 2017

The Mexico – United States War, a 6,000 to 8,000-word essay to be published by Oxford University Press in *The Encyclopedia of Latin America*, (New York City, Oxford University Press, 2017)

Articles

“The Contours of a Very Special Border: The Rio Grande Valley of Texas,” *The Journal of the West*, Volume 53, Number 3, Summer 2014

“Spanish Policy on the Northern Frontier: Limited Resources and Varied Responses,”
The Journal of the West, Volume 49, Number 3, Summer, 2011

“A New Paradigm for an Old Conflict: The Mexico-United States War,” *The Journal of Military History*, Volume LXXIII: 2, April, 2009

Essays and Entries

Community Historical and Archeological Program for Schools – CHAPS (February, 2015) - Brief entries for Mexico from 1836 to 1847, The Franco-Austrian Invasion, Benito Juárez, Mexico and the U.S. during the Civil War, and Porfirio Diaz placed online at: http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/cosbs_home/rgv_civilwartrail_home

Sage Encyclopedia of Military Science (August, 2013) – Two articles: México and Mexican-American War (totaling 11,000+ words)

ABC-CLIO Encyclopedia of the Mexican American War (October, 2012) – Eleven entries: Juan Alvarez, Pedro Maria de Anaya, Atlixco, Castes, Juan Nepumeceno Cortina, Expansionism and Imperialism, Guerrilla Warfare, Celedonio Domeco de Jarauta, San Juan de Ulúa, Truce Agreement of March 6, 1848, and Yucatecan Revolt (totaling 6800+ words)

Book Reviews

The Journal of Military History, (Volume 81:1, January, 2016), "We Never Retreat":
Filibustering Expeditions into Spanish Texas, 1812-1822, by Edward Bradley

H-Net Review (August 20, 2013), “Myths of Demilitarization in Post-Revolutionary México,” by Thomas Rath

H-Net Review (February 13, 2013), “A New Perspective on Mexican Pronunciados: The Politics of Insurrection in Nineteenth-Century México,” edited by Will Fowler

The Journal of Military History (Volume 75:4, October, 2011), “Trailing Clouds of Glory: Zachary Taylor’s Mexican Campaign and His Emerging Civil War Leaders,” by Felice Flanery Lewis

The New Mexico Historical Review (Volume 86:4, Fall, 2011), “The U.S.-Mexican War: A Bi-national Reader,” edited by Christopher Conway

The Journal of Military History (Volume 75:3, July 2011), “War with Mexico! America’s Reporters Cover the Battlefield,” by Tom Reilly

The Pacific Historical Review (Volume 78:4, November 2009) “War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Raids and the U.S. – Mexican War,” by Brian DeLay

The Americas, (Volume 65:4, April 2009), “The Agrarian Dispute: The Expropriation of American-Owned Rural Land in Post-revolutionary Mexico” by John J. Dwyer

The Journal of Military History, (Volume LXXIII: 1, 271-272, January 2009), “Recollections of the War with Mexico” by Major John Corey Henshaw and edited by Gary F. Kurutz

The Journal of Southern History, (Volume 74, Number 4, November, 2008), “Cortina: Defending the Mexican Name in Texas” by Jerry Thompson

The American Historical Review, (Volume 113, Number 2, April, 2008), “A Glorious Defeat: Mexico and its War with the United States” by Timothy J. Henderson

The Hispanic American Historical Review, (Volume 85, Number 1, February 2005, 155-156), “*Sueñan las piedras: Alzameineto ocurrido en la ciudad de México, 14, 15, y 16 de septiembre de 1847*” by Luis Fernando Granados

The Southwestern Historical Quarterly, (Volume CVI, Number 4, April 2003, 636-637) “Schemers & Dreamers: Filibustering in Mexico 1848-1921,” by Joseph A. Stout

Conference Papers

“Trans-Border Conflict during a Critical Decade 1867-1877,” presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March, 2015

“Contested Sovereignties on a Transnational Frontier: A Historiographic Consideration,” presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 2013

“Many Borders in One Place: Twenty-Seven Decades of History in the Valley of Rio Bravo,” presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of The Southwest Council of Latin American Studies, Miami, Florida, March, 2012. Duties at this convention also included serving as a panel Chair.

“*La frontera noreste en conflicto militar, economico, étnico y nacional de 1861 a 1876,*” presented at the XIII *Reunión de historiadores de México, Estados Unidos y Canadá* in Santiago de Querétaro, Querétaro, México, October, 2010

“One Cause Won, Two Causes Lost, a Fourth Cause Continued, a Fifth Bribe Away and a Sixth Defined Out of Existence: Conflicts in the Rio Grande Valley 1836-1880,” presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History in Lexington, Virginia, May 2010

“Crisis and Recovery in the Rio Grande Valley 1860-1876,” presented at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies 2009 Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2009

“Reconciling Irreconcilable Differences: Church and State in the Mexican Constitution of the Twentieth Century,” presented at the First International Conference on Literature, Culture, and Religion in the Hispanic World in San Antonio, Texas, February, 2009

“Exerting Limited Control with Limited Resources: Spanish Policy on the North American Frontier,” presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, April 2008

“Three Wars in the Valley: 1860-1867,” presented at the Festival of International Books and Arts, Edinburg, Texas, March, 2008

“Mexican Militias during the War of the North American Intervention,” presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Denver, Colorado, February, 2006

“From Military Victories to Political Stalemate: The United States and the Mexican Revolution,” presented at the Combat Studies Institute of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, August 2004

“*Desafiando instituciones: rebeliones populares durante 1846-1848*,” presented at the XI Conference of Mexican, United States, and Canadian Historians of Mexico, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, October, 2003

“Stability Dilemmas of the Mexican War: Origins and Solutions” presented at the Combat Studies Institute of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, August 2003

“Wars within War: Civilian Responses to the Conflicts of 1846-1848” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History, Knoxville, Tennessee, May 2003

“Social Crisis and Conflict: Mexico during the 1846-1848 Conflicts” presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, Texas, March 2003

CURRENT AND FUTURE RESEARCH

I am working on two projects. The first is a monograph about the 1934 – 1946 reconciliation between Mexico and the United States of America, a process that encompassed the partial reintegration of the two national economies, the de-radicalization of Mexico’s ruling *Partido Institucional Revolucionario* (PRI), and cooperation during World War II. The second is a monograph about the Mexican Constitutional Convention of 1916-1917.

MASTERS DEGREE MENTORING

As Thesis Committee Chair: Five theses completed with their authors graduated
Three theses currently in process

As Thesis Committee Member: Five theses completed with their authors graduated
Two thesis in process

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Moncado Prize of the Society for Military History, 2010

The University of Texas – Pan American Departmental Research Grant, 2009

The University of Texas – Pan American Course Development Stipend 2008

The University of Texas - Pan American Faculty Research Council Grant, 2008

J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, 2000 – 2001

University of Houston Murray Miller Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2000

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Fellow at the Oaxaca Graduate Field School of Mexican History, 1999

University of Houston Murray Miller Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1999

University of Houston International Education Scholarship, 1999

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Fellow at the Oaxaca Graduate Field School of Mexican History, 1998

ACADEMIC POSTS AND COURSE TAUGHT

Associate Professor at the University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley, Fall 2015 to present
Associate Professor at the University of Texas –Pan American, Fall 2013 to Fall 2015
Assistant Professor at the University of Texas – Pan American, Fall 2007 to Spring 2013

Courses taught: History 2313 – The United States to 1877
History 3331 – Mexico from Pre-conquest to the Present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee Offices

Chair - Departmental Hiring Committee	2009-2010
Chair - Departmental Hiring Committee (for two positions)	2011-2012
Chair- Departmental Outreach Committee	2013-2015
Secretary – College Council	2011-2014
Secretary – Departmental Outreach Committee	2011-2013
Secretary - Departmental Meetings	2010-2015
Secretary – University Admissions Committee	2009-2011

Committee Memberships

Departmental Graduate Committee	2008-2015
Departmental Hiring Committee (on three committees)	2007-2009
Departmental Hiring Committee (on two committees)	2012-2013
Department Hiring Committee (on one committee)	2015-2016
Departmental Merit Committee	2009-2010
Departmental Outreach Committee	2011-2016
Departmental Policy Committee	2007-2010
Departmental Policy Committee	2015-2016
Departmental Undergraduate Committee	2010-2011
Departmental Workload Committee	2014-2015
Mexican-American Studies Committee	2013-2015
University Admissions Committee	2009-2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

At my web site: <https://faculty.utrgv.edu/irving.levinson/>

This website provides readers with:

1. a description of México.
2. a summary of Mexican history.
3. a list of major Mexican newspapers and periodicals and their websites.
4. a description of Mexican cinema and a list of noted movies.
5. a list of suggested readings.

At various community locations

“Sobre las continuidades del tiempo pre-hispánico a nuestra día,” presented at the Consulate of the United Mexican States in McAllen, Texas, July, 2016

“The Other Civil War: Mexico from 1857 to 1867,” delivered at the CHAPS Press Conference, February, 2015

“The Mexican Revolution,” delivered at the Weslaco Museum, Weslaco, Texas, November, 2010

“A Review of *Vamos con Pancho Villa* and *Rio Escondido*,” delivered at the University of Texas – Pan American Festival of Books and the Arts March, 2009

“Mexico in 1836: A Perspective,” delivered at the Region 1 Education Service Center, Edinburg, Texas, January, 2009

“An Appreciation of Father Miguel Hidalgo,” delivered at Unity Hall of the University of Texas Pan American, September, 2008

At the Heritage Village Retirement Center, McAllen, Texas

2012-2013 Academic Year

“Ecuador: Wildlife and Wild Politics,” May, 2013

“Latin American Portraiture,” April, 2013

“Colombia: Storm, Stress, and Scenery,” March, 2013

“The Amazon Basin,” February, 2013

“Puerto Rico – The Fifty-First State?” January, 2013

“Cuba: From Independence to the Present, December, 2012

“Cuba: From First Settlement to Independence,” November, 2012

“Costa Rica: A Peaceful Exception and a Pleasant Land,” October, 2012

“Uruguay: The Land between the Giants,” September, 2012

“Barbados: Small, Secure and Sweet,” August, 2012

2011-2012 Academic Year

“Venezuela: A Time to Visit and a Time to Leave,” July 2012

“Panama; Past, Present, and Fast Forward,” June, 2012

“Peru: Photographs, Memories, and History,” May, 2012

“México’s 2012 Elections: Parties, Prospects, and Candidates,” April, 2012

“Chile: A Different History and Different Wines,” March, 2012

“Argentina – Her History and Her Wines,” February, 2012

“Brazil – Her History, Economy, and Alcoholic Beverages,” January, 2012

“A Quick Survey of Central America,” December, 2011

“An Appreciation of Father Miguel Hidalgo,” November, 2011

“A History of Us II – The Rio Grande Valley since 1876, October, 2011

“A History of Us I - The Rio Grande Valley to 1876,” September, 2011

“General Porfirio Diaz’ Twelve Step Plan for Aspiring Dictators,” August, 2011

“Maximilian and Carlotta,” July, 2011

“A Brief History of Mexican Drug Cartels,” June, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“Mexican Cuisine: From the Maya to McDonald’s,” May, 2011

“Modern Mexico: From the 1910 Revolution to the Present,” April, 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Mexican Studies Committee of the Conference on Latin American History – CLAH

Society for Military History

Society for Military History Moncado Prize Committee Juror

Texas State Historical Association

United States Commission on Military History

United States Fulbright Association

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Casa de la Cultura de Reynosa, A.C., Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico

The International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, Texas

The Museum of South Texas History, Edinburg, Texas