



**Curriculum Vita
Spring 2026**

Instructor: R. Nicholas Nelson

Academic Department: History & Liberal Studies

University Address: Department of History & Liberal Studies
Texas A&M University
PO Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429

University Email Address: Nick.Nelson@etamu.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in U.S. History, University of North Texas, 2011
Dissertation: "Economic Mobility into the Planter Class in Texas, 1846-1860"
M.A. in European History, University of North Texas, 2005
Thesis: "Connecting Ireland and America: Early English Colonial Theory 1560-1620"
B.A. in History with a minor in Physics, Texas A&M University, 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professional Track Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2025-
Assistant Professional Track Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2019-2025
Ad-Interim Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2018-2019
Dual Credit Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2016-2018
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2015-16
Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2014-2015
Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County College, 2014-2017
Adjunct Faculty, Dallas Christian College, 2014
Adjunct Faculty, Lord Fairfax Community College, 2011-2014
Adjunct Instructor, Lynchburg College, 2011
Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, 2007-2011
Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, 2000-2006

PUBLICATIONS

"Rachel Hamilton Hornsby" in *Centuries of Voices: Portraits of Black Women in Texas History*, Bruce Glasrud, Jessica Branon-Wranosky, et al, eds. (College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, forthcoming).

"The Shaw Sisters," *The Handbook of Texas Women, Handbook of Texas Online*, 2022, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/shaw-sisters>.

"Thirty-Seventh Texas Cavalry," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/thirty-seventh-texas-cavalry>.

"Harten, Edward von ," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/harten-edward-von>.

"Ninth Texas Cavalry," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/ninth-texas-cavalry>.

"Whitfield, John Thomas," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/whitfield-john-thomas>.

"Weeks, Benjamin F.," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/weeks-benjamin-f>.

"Walker, James," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/walker-james>.

"Walthersdorff, Albert," *Handbook of Texas Online*, 2011, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/walthersdorff-albert>.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Associate Professional Track Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2025-
Assistant Professional Track Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2019-2025
Ad-Interim Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2018-2019
Dual Credit Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2016-2018
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2015-16
Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2014-2015
Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County College, 2014-2017
Adjunct Faculty, Dallas Christian College, 2014
Adjunct Faculty, Lord Fairfax Community College, 2011-2014
Adjunct Instructor, Lynchburg College, 2011
Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, 2007-2011
Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, 2000-2006