

# Rachel Michelle Gunter

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## EDUCATION

Texas A&M University  
Ph.D., History, August 2017

University of Houston Clear Lake  
M.A., History with Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, May 2012  
B.A., History with Undergraduate Certificate in Women's Studies, May 2010

Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi - 76 hours

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2018-Current            Collin College, Professor of History  
2017-2018             Texas A&M University, Teaching Assistant Professor of History

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

### Woman Suffrage and Making the Right to Vote, 1918-1923

My manuscript focuses on citizenship, voting rights, and the woman suffrage movement between 1917 and 1923. I explore the intersections of the woman suffrage movement, changes to military and veteran voting, disfranchisement of immigrants and Black Americans, and the fight for married women's independent citizenship. I use Texas as a launching point to explore changes in voting rights throughout the nation. I analyze suffrage campaigns, voting laws, and the debates about them to argue that politicians enfranchised and disfranchised groups when they believed it would benefit them politically and that connections existed between the voting rights of different groups even when they were not immediately apparent to those writing and passing voting laws. I conclude that the success of woman suffrage strengthened other disfranchising efforts.

## PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

"East Texas History, 1900-1945." In *The Texas South: A History of East Texas*, ed. Bruce A. Glasrud & M. Scott Sosebee. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, TBD.

Journal Articles

"Immigrant Declarants and Loyal American Women: How Suffragists Helped Redefine the Rights of Citizens" in *The Journal of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era*, Suffrage Centennial Special 2020: 1-16. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-the-gilded-age-and-progressive-era/article/immigrant-declarants-and-loyal-american->

[women-how-suffragists-helped-redefine-the-rights-of-citizens/B478BD887C5C43F664544DC81E374360/share/e45d224fc8f3e6f7007ae970ba81ea057b5dafa2](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/12/29/you-didnt-always-have-be-citizen-vote-america/)

“They Think I Have Forgotten All About the Past’: Suffragists’ Struggle for Acceptance in Politics in Arizona and Texas.” *Journal of Arizona History* 61, no. 2 (June 2020): 231-240. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/757935>

#### Edited Volumes

“Without Us, it is Ferguson with a Plurality,’ Woman Suffrage and Anti-Ferguson Politics.” In *Impeached: The Removal of Texas Governor James E. Ferguson, A Centennial Examination*, edited by Jessica Brannon-Wranosky and Bruce A. Glasrud. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2017.

#### Public History

“You didn’t always have to be a citizen to vote in America,” *Washington Post*, December 29, 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/12/29/you-didnt-always-have-be-citizen-vote-america/>

Suffrage overview for “Votes for Women” Board Game by Tory Brown for Fort Circle Games, 2022. <https://www.fortcircle.com>

Consultant & on-camera interviewee for “Citizens at Last,” a documentary history of the Texas Suffrage Movement produced by Ellen Temple, with advisers Nancy Schiesari and the Ruthe Winegarten Foundation for Texas Women’s History. Released at Texas State Historical Association Meeting in February 2021. Aired on Texas PBS Spring 2021 and nationally on PBS in August 2021.

Michael McGuinness, interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter, Episode 10 “...a conforming reorganization of all social, political, and industrial interests...” The U.S. Women’s Suffrage Movement”, *You Don’t Know History* (podcast), February 9, 2021.

On Patreon: <https://bit.ly/374IIAF>

On Spotify: <http://spoti.fi/3pct6fd>

On Apple Podcasts: <http://apple.co/2NkurmM>

“The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You: Have You Paid That Poll Tax?” *Not Even Past* digital magazine, University of Texas Department of History, January 20, 2021, <http://bit.ly/3jLmyDd>

“There is Nothing Sacred About the Military Vote,” *History News Network*, November 8, 2020, <http://bit.ly/2Z8v0mq>

“Voting Rights and Wrongs” segment interviewee on *Hidden Histories* in San Antonio, aired November 2, 2020 <http://hiddenhistories.tv/watch/>

“But That Isn’t the Whole Story,” *South Writ Large* Online Magazine, Summer 2020.

<http://bit.ly/3jLNov6>

“Suffering a Suffragist: An 1880s Romance,” review of *The Lady and the Texan* by Bobbi Smith. *Nursing Clio*, Romancing Clio Series, Feb 2020. <http://bit.ly/2W2EHCu>

Preuss, Gene. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. *The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Women’s History*. Houston Media Source Public Affairs Public Access, January 2, 2019. <https://youtu.be/P4CWhYjUFpk>

#### Encyclopedia Entries

*Handbook of Texas Women Online*, “Vivian Anderson Castleberry,” Texas State Historical Association, April 28, 2019, <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fcast>

*Handbook of Texas Women Online*, “Rebecca Ashton Brown,” Texas State Historical Association, Oct 16, 2018, <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbrra>

Biographical Sketch of Ms. Cora A. Weeks, *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United State in Women and Social Movements in the United States Database*, edited by Jill Zahniser, 2018.

#### Book Reviews

*How Women of Color Transformed the Suffrage Movement: Recasting the Vote*, by Cathleen D. Cahill, *North Carolina Historical Review*, Forthcoming.

*Picturing Political Power: Images in the Women’s Suffrage Movement*, by Allison K. Lange, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, January 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537781421000645>

*Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All*, by Martha S. Jones, *Nursing Clio*, November 2021, <https://nursingclio.org/2021/11/16/vanguard-the-fights-that-connect-black-women-activists-across-more-than-two-centuries/>

*Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote*, by Susan Ware. *H-FedHist*, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences*, March 2021, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=55134>

*Forging the Franchise: The Political Origins of the Women's Vote*. By Dawn Langan Teele. *H-FedHist*, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences*, February 2020. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53857>

*Women in Texas History*. By Angela Boswell. Foreword by Nancy Baker Jones and Cynthia J. Beeman. *Western Historical Quarterly*, Autumn 2019. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol 85, No 3, Aug 2019, <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/40762>.

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*Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times*. Edited by Cherisse Jones-Branch and Gary T. Edwards. Southern Women: Their Lives and Times. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol 85, No 3, Aug 2019, <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/40762>.

*Her Own Hero: How Self-Defense Became Acceptable for American Women*, by Wendy L. Rouse. The Nursing Clio Blog, April 4, 2019, <https://nursingclio.org/2019/04/04/her-own-hero-how-self-defense-became-acceptable-for-american-women/>

*Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County: A Family, a Virginia Town, a Civil Rights Battle*, by Kristen Green. *Coordinating Council for Women in History Newsletter*, Fall 2016. <http://theccwh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/CCWH-Newsletter-Winter-2016-3.pdf>

## CONSULTING, PROJECTS, & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Portia Gordon Best Student Session Award Committee Chair, East Texas Historical Association, Fall 2022

Editorial Board Member for the East Texas Historical Journal, published by the East Texas Historical Association (ETHA). <https://etha.wildapricot.org/ETHAJournal> 2020-present

Manuscript Reviewer, Texas A&M University Press, 2021.

Portia Gordon Best Student Session Award Committee member, East Texas Historical Association, Fall 2019

Executive Advisory Committee Member for the *Handbook of Texas Women*, a project which seeks to provide an online space for the focus on Texas Women's history and to significantly add to the women's history already offered in the *Handbook of Texas*. See: [www.tshaonline.org/TexasWomen](http://www.tshaonline.org/TexasWomen).

Texas Coordinator for the *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States*, a crowd sourcing digital humanities project thru the *Women and Social Movements in the United States* website. The Completed dictionary will contain three groups of suffragists, black suffragists' whose works are published on the *Women and Social Movements* site; National Woman's Party suffragists; and NAWSA suffragists including those whose names are listed in volume 6 of the *History of Woman Suffrage* (1922). As Texas Coordinator, I compiled a list of Texas NAWSA suffragists, assigned them to researchers, and am now collecting the biographical sketches of National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) suffragists. I was instrumental in forging a partnership between the *Handbook of Texas Women* and the *Online Biographical Dictionary*, in which are sharing biographical sketches.

## INVITED SPEAKER

“From the Texas Equal Suffrage Association (TESA) to the League of Women Voters (LWV),” March 26, 2022 at 2pm; hosted by the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County.

“Suffragists & the Fight for Married Women’s Independent Citizenship,” April 29, 2022, Location TBA, Dallas Area Society of Historians.

<https://dashhistoryworkshop.wordpress.com/current-schedule/>

“Women, Soldiers, and Immigrants: Woman Suffrage in Texas,” March 3, 2021, at 2pm on WebEx hosted by Lone Star College -University Park. This talk was part of Lone Star College’s Women’s History Month activities.

“The 19<sup>th</sup>: Just the Beginning,” panel event, September 17, 2020, at 2:30pm on Zoom hosted by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at Texas Women’s University,

<https://youtu.be/HIfcE9jN5T0>

“Women’s Equality Day: Suffrage Roundtable Virtual Event,” August 26, 2020, at 8pm, hosted by the Arizona Historical Society,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg3uYPaMiZw&feature=youtu.be>

“The Texas Suffrage Movement and Changes in Citizenship & Voting Rights,” March 7, 2020, at 10:30am at the Fort Worth Library downtown. This talk was hosted by the Center of Texas Studies at TCU’s Preserving our Past Community History Workshop,

<https://youtu.be/yNNiaMRz1RE>

“Texas Suffragists and the Campaign to Disfranchise Immigrants in Texas,” March 5, 2020, at 2pm at the Tarrant County Community College -Southeast campus. This talk was TCCC’s Women’s History Month event. <http://bit.ly/2uJoLKa>

Texas Suffrage Ratification Centennial, June 28-29, 2019, at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in commemoration of Texas ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to open an exhibit on the Texas suffrage movement. I also led a session at a workshop to train high school teachers on how to incorporate suffrage into their history course hosted by the Bullock Museum.

“An Overview of Woman Suffrage in Oklahoma” Nov 5, 2018, at 12noon at Will Rogers State University, Baird Hall Performance Studio. This event was hosted by the Will Rogers State University Department of History and Political Science in commemoration of the state suffrage centennial. <https://www.rsu.edu/100th-anniversary-oklahoma-womens-suffrage-focus-nov-5-rsu-lecture/>

Texas A&M University, Department of History, Day of Inclusion Panel, November 13, 2013

## MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS

Silas Allen. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. "With Classes Online, College Professors Take Precautions Against Political Trolls," *Dallas Observer*, April 7,

2020. <https://bit.ly/2RkDQtU>

Emma Pettit. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. "A Side Effect of Remote Teaching during Covid-19? Videos That Can Be Weaponized," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 24, 2020. <https://bit.ly/2UCnuxt>

Savana Dunning & Morgan Kuehler. Interview with Rachel Michelle Gunter. "100 Years of Women's Suffrage," *Daily Texan*, July 3, 2019. <https://www.dailytexanonline.com/2019/07/03/100-years-of-womens-suffrage>

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair of suffrage panel, at the Twelfth Triennial Southern Association for Women Historians, June 9-12, 2022, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

"Using E-Readers to Build Community in Online Classes, at the East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, October 2021, Nacogdoches, Texas.

"Suffragists and the Fight for Texas Servicemen's Voting Rights," at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom.

Roundtable Discussion: "New Research on Women's Suffrage at the Centennial" solicited by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE), Saturday April 4, 2020, 1-2pm in Washington, DC. -Conference Cancelled due to Covid19.

"Plenary Session, The Handbook of Texas Women's History Session: Telling Texas Women's Stories," at the East Texas Historical Association Meeting, October 11-12, 2019 in Nacogdoches, TX.

"Handbook of Texas Women Project Roundtable" at the West Texas Historical Association Meeting, April 13-14, 2018 in San Angelo, Texas.

"Soldier Voting and Votes for Women in Texas" Presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 6-9, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"More than Black and White: Woman Suffrage in Texas" Selected Participant for The Brooks Forum at the St. George Tucker Society Annual Meeting, July 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Savannah, Georgia.

"Anxious to Claim the Honor: How Texans Wanted the South to be Remembered for Woman Suffrage." Presented at Southern Conference on Women's History sponsored by the Southern Association for Women Historians, June 11-14, 2015 in Charleston, SC.

"More than Black and White: Woman Suffrage and Latino/a (Dis-)Enfranchisement in Texas." Presented at Texas State Historical Association Annual Conference, March 5-7, 2015 in Corpus Christi, TX.

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“The Letitia Rosenberg Home for Women.” Presented at the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 14, 2012.

“A Different Class of Women: The Brown Sisters of Ashton Villa.” Presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Conference for Research and Creative Arts in conjunction with Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 22, 2011.

“Feminist Thought during the French Revolution.” Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Conference for Research and Creative Arts, Houston, Texas, April 22, 2010.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

### External Funding/Awards

Brooks Forum Selected Participant, St. George Tucker Society, 2015-2016	\$500
Archie P. McDonald Scholarship, East Texas Historical Association, 2014	\$2,000

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Community College in North Texas  
2018-present

In-person and online sections of both halves of the U.S. history survey to college and dual credit students.

Texas A&M University -Instructional Assistant Professor, 2017-2018

Taught total of 7 sections of the U.S history surveys including the Freshman Innovation Group (FIG) of first-generation college students.

Teaching Experience during Graduate Program, 2012-2017

Instructor of record for two sections of first half U.S. history;

Discussion Leader for both halves of U.S. history survey with Dr. Brian Rouleau, Dr. William Collopy, Dr. John Lenihan and Dr. Terry Anderson;

teaching assistant for Texas History with Dr. Walter Buenger.

University of Houston-Clear Lake,

Spring 2011, Teaching Assistant, Assigned to Dr. Barbara Hales, ‘Reel’ Europe: History, Film and Literature of Modern Europe; Developed Graduate Level “Holocaust Cinema” class

## DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Community College in North Texas

Suffrage Centennial Committee, 2020-2021

Advisor for IGNITE Political Power in Every Young Woman, Fall 2019-Spring 2021

<https://www.ignitenational.org>

Reviewer for Open Education Resources Grant Program offered by  
the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Fall 2020

Constitution Day Committee, Fall 2020

New Faculty Mentor, 2019-2020 & 2020-2021

History Faculty Search Committee, Summer 2020, Grid Committee

History Faculty Search Committee, 2018-2019, Grid and Interview committee

### Texas A&M University

Department of History Latino/a Chicano/a Job Assistant Professor Search  
Committee Member, 2015-2016

Department of History Graduate Committee Member, 2014-2015

College of Liberal Arts, Graduate Instruction Committee, Humanities Graduate Student  
Representative, 2014-2015

College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards Committee Member, 2014-2015

Department of History, Diversity Committee, 2013-2104

### EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

#### Texas A&M University

Commenter, CASA Honors Panel, History Graduate Student Organization/Phi Alpha Theta  
History Conference, 2018

Commenter, Gender and Activism in Modern America Panel, History Graduate Student  
Organization/Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, 2017

President, History Graduate Student Organization, 2014-2015

Vice President, History Graduate Student Organization, 2013-2014

Conference Director, History Graduate Student Organization/Phi Alpha Theta History  
Conference, 2013-2014

Planning Committee Member and Panel Chair, History Graduate Student Organization/Phi  
Alpha Theta History Conference, February 22-23, 2013

Panel Chair & VIP Host, History Graduate Student Organization/Phi Alpha Theta History  
Conference, March 27-28, 2015

Erin's Dream Race, March 8, 2015, Founding Year Planning Committee. All funds went  
to the Coalition Against Childhood Cancer in honor of Erin Buenger, daughter of  
Professor Walter Buenger

#### University of Houston-Clear Lake

President of History Club, 2010-2011, 2011-2012

President of Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Delta Row Chapter, 2010-2011, 2011-2012

Vice President of History Club, 2009-2010 (Restarted inactive club)

V-Day Committee Member, 2011-2012, Organized events to support V-Day, a day to stop  
violence against women, benefitted Bay Area Turning Point Women's Shelter

National Stalking Awareness Month, January 26, 2010 & January 27, 2011

Organized NSAM events on campus with support of Counseling Service, Intercultural, International Student Services, & University of Houston-Clear Lake Police Department.  
Galveston Historical Foundation Historic Homes Tour Docent-Biehl House & Ashton Villa,  
May 2011

San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment Volunteer, April 16, 2011 & April 21, 2012  
Community Outreach Day

Spring 2010

Fall 2010, Spring 2012

Volunteered at Mountbatten House Nursing Home

Led volunteers in clearing brush at Olivewood

Cemetery, a historical black cemetery in Houston.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Organization of American Historians

Southern Association for Women Historians

Texas State Historical Association

Western History Association

Coalition for Western Women's History

East Texas Historical Association