

Michael Ely

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Education

M.A. History from the University of Texas at San Antonio, concentration in U.S. History. Fall, 2012 – Present

Thesis: Deinstitutionalizing Difference: Asylums for the Severely or Profoundly Mentally Retarded 1960 - 2000

Topic Chair: Jerry Gonzalez. Committee Members: Kirsten Gardner and Alistair Welchman.

Comprehensive Examination Committee Members: Jerry Gonzalez and Anne Hardgrove. Completed with a “High Pass.” Spring, 2014

B.A. History from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Fall, 2010 – Summer 2012

Thesis in Human Rights under the direction of Dr. Catherine Nolan-Ferrell.

Teaching Experience

Nau Teaching Fellowship under the direction of Dr. Gabriela Gonzalez at the University of Texas at San Antonio, teaching The US/Mexico Border. Fall, 2013

Nau Teaching Fellowship under the direction of Dr. Anne Hardgrove at the University of Texas at San Antonio, teaching the History of India. Spring, 2014

Graduate Assistant Debate Coach at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Fall, 2012 – Spring, 2013

Volunteer Assistant Debate Coach under the direction of Halli Tripe at Winston Churchill Highschool, San Antonio, Texas. Fall, 2013 – Spring, 2015

Thirty hours of observation and student assistance at Classen School of Advanced Studies, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Fall, 2009

Scholarships/Fellowships

UTSA Department of History Travel Grant Fall, 2014

Nau Teaching Assistant Fellowship Fall, 2013 – Spring, 2014

Carlos and Malu Alvarez Graduate Student Research Scholarship January, 2014

Skip and Judy Eno Debate Scholarship Fall, 2010 – Spring, 2012

UCO Debate Team Scholarship 2007 – 2010

Awards

3rd Place – College of Liberal and Fine Arts Graduate Research Paper Competition– “Disinterestedness at Willowbrook” Spring, 2014

3rd Place – Phi Alpha Theta Research Competition – University of Texas at San Antonio – “Race in Special Education” Spring, 2014

UTSA Top Speaker Award, UTSA Debate Team Spring, 2012

Doug Duke Debater of the Year Award, UCO 2008, 2009

Publications/Presentations

“The Joy of Debate: An Interview with Claire Colebrook” for kDebate Online Journal. Fall, 2011

“The Moment You Name a Revolution: An Interview with David Deamer” for kDebate Online Journal. Fall, 2011

“The Suicidal State and the State of Debate: An Interview with Ian Buchanan” for kDebate Online Journal. Fall, 2012

Guest Lecture with Dr. Anne Hardgrove, “Cultural Memory” at the University of Texas San Antonio Spring, 2013

College of Liberal and Fine Arts Conference at the University of Texas San Antonio, “Disinterestedness at Willowbrook.” Spring, 2014

Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University, “From Discipline to Control Societies.” Fall, 2014

Book Review, “History and Sociology of the Willowbrook State School,” in the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability June, 2015

Research Experience

Three years primary research at the University of Central Oklahoma Debate Team, under the direction of Jeff Roberts. Fall, 2007 – Spring, 2010

Three years primary research at the University of Texas San Antonio Debate Team, under the direction of Roy Eno. Fall, 2010 – Spring, 2013

Research in the Diana McCourt and Frank Wilkins Collections at the CUNY Staten Island Library Willowbrook Archives January, 2014 and Fall, 2014

Research Assistant at the Community and Business Outreach Center for the University of Texas at San Antonio May, 2014 – June, 2014

Research at the Austin History Center Public Archives Summer, 2014

Administrative Experience

Graduate Student Coordinator for the Humanities Texas Summer Teacher Institute Summer, 2014

Interests

History of Science and Medicine, particularly in institutional medicine and deinstitutionalization in the middle to late twentieth century.

History of the persons understood to have disabilities, particularly people labeled as clinically insane or mentally retarded.

Intersectionality in history, with particular attention to postmodern philosophy, anthropology, sociology, and urban policy.

Professional Organizations

Member of Phi Alpha Theta.

References

Gabriela Gonzalez, PhD

Associate Professor, University of Texas San Antonio, Department of History, 210-838-4906

Jerry Gonzalez, PhD

Assistant Professor, University of Texas San Antonio, Department of History, 210- 458-5934

Anne Hardgrove, PhD

Graduate Advisor of Record, University of Texas San Antonio, Department of History, 210-458-7402

Jeff Roberts, MA

Assistant Director of Debate, George Mason University, 210-218-4198

Halli Tripe, M.A.

Director of Debate, Winston Churchill High School, 210-200-9831