

WENDI KAVANAUGH

The University of Texas at Dallas: Hobson Wildenthal Honors College
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Educational History

Ph.D., Expected Fall 2024, The University of Texas at Dallas, Humanities: History Focus
MFA, December 2010, The University of Texas at Dallas, Sound & Game Design
MA, May 2004, The University of Texas at Dallas, Photography
BS, August 2000, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Radio & Television

Academic Employment

Lecturer, Clark Summer Research Program, The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), Summers 2023, 2022, 2019
Assistant Director, National Merit Scholars Program, Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, September 2017 – Present
Administrative Assistant, Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, June 2015 – September 2017

Research Interests

U.S.-Mexican relations during World War II, particularly issues and communications by the FBI and OCIAA
Twentieth-century Mexican history, propaganda, popular culture, and war
U.S.-Latin American relations during World War II and history of travel writing

Distinctions, Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

The UTD CARE Award, Spring 2023
The UTD Staff Council Endowed Scholarship, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Papers Presented at Conferences

1. "Journeys: Historic and Current Trends in Latin American Travel Writing," Annual Conference of The Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, March 2023.
2. "Friend or Foe? Two U.S. Government Offices and Mexico," Annual Conference of The Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, March 2022.
3. "Preventing Destiny: The Mexican Identity as Defined by the United States During the Mexican-American War," Annual Conference of The Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, March 2020.
4. "Cartographic Propaganda: Forged and Secret Maps of World War II," Annual Conference of The Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, March 2019.
5. "Creating Fear: Maps and the FBI during World War II," RAW: Research, Art, Writing Graduate Conference, February 2019.

6. "Case Study: The Thursday Next Series," *Storytelling: Global Reflections on Narrative*. *Inter-Disciplinary.Net A Global Network for Dynamic Research and Publishing*, May 2014.
7. "Maps & Monsters: Real and Unreal," *RAW: Research, Art, Writing Graduate Conference*, March 2014.

Invited Talks, Workshops, and Presentations

1. "How to Create & Present a Poster," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, February 2022, March 2023.
2. "Business & Dining Etiquette," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, February 2022, February 2023.
3. "Everyday Etiquette & Digital Manners," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, January 2022.
4. "Integrity and Avoiding Academic Dishonesty," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, October 2021.
5. "Four-Year Plan," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, September 2021.
6. "University Etiquette," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, August 2021.
7. "Design Your Life" Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, July 2021.
8. "Dallas Food Tour," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, June 2021.
9. "Integrity and Academic Integrity," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, October 2020.
10. "History Walk of Dallas," Hobson Wildenthal Honors College, UTD, September 2020.
11. "Fear Thy Neighbors:" *World War II and Dallas*," *Confronting the Past: The History of Racism and Hatred in Dallas*, November 2018.
12. "Creating Effective Rules," *Workshop at International Academic Conference on Meaningful Play*, October 2014.

Professional and University Citizenship

CRM Steering Committee, The University of Texas at Dallas – Member, 2023

American Historical Association – Member, 2023

A&H Association of Graduate Students: RAW Prize Committee – Member, Spring 2022

UT Dallas Teach-In Collective – Member, Fall 2020 – Present

The Center for US-Latin America Initiatives, The University of Texas at Dallas – Delegad@ Fall 2019 – Present

The Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies – Member 2019 – Present

Additional Volunteer Work

Richardson Corporate Challenge Volunteer – 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023

The University of Texas at Dallas Commencement Volunteer