

# Texas Christian University PhD Program in History

## PROFILES IN SUCCESS

**Dr. Dallas Cothrum** (TCU History PhD, 1999) is Executive Vice President of Masterplan, a consulting company that specializes in obtaining government approval for building, developing, and zoning issues in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Cothrum has provided consultation for Oncor on more than 50 electrical substations and switching stations throughout the state of Texas. He has also worked on drilling, pipeline and compression facilities throughout north Texas and provided representation for the Hunt Consolidated Headquarters and Rosewood Headquarters in downtown Dallas. He has served as a city council appointee to several city boards and commissions.



**Dr. Dorottya Halász** (TCU History PhD, 2000) is Assistant Professor of Modern World History at the University of Miskolc, in Budapest, Hungary, where she teaches courses on twentieth century World history, fascism, the Holocaust, the Cold War, and American history. Her main research interests include Jewish and Holocaust history and also U.S. social history, with a special emphasis on the twentieth century. She has published on subjects pertaining to American social and diplomatic history as well as Jewish studies. Her most recent work deals with the Hungarian Holocaust and the U.S. Refugee Board in WWII.

**Dr. James Garza** (TCU History PhD, 2001) is Associate Professor of History and Ethnic Studies at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a specialist on nineteenth century Mexico during the age of Porfirio Diaz and teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses on Latin American history, Chicano/a history, Mexican history, and the history of borderlands. In 2008, the University of Nebraska Press published his book, *The Imagined Underworld: Sex, Crime and Vice in Porfirian Mexico*. He serves as the Program Director for Nineteenth Century Studies, Program Liaison for Latino and Latin American Studies, and is Assistant Director for the Latino Research Initiative.



**Dr. Steven Bunker** (TCU History PhD, 2006) is Associate Professor of History at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Dr. Bunker specializes in the history of modern Mexico and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on Latin American history, Mexican history, and U.S. relations with Latin America. His research interests include modernity, material culture, consumption, economic, and business history of Mexico and Latin America. The University of New Mexico Press published his book *Creating Mexican Consumer Culture in the Age of Porfirio Diaz, 1876-1911* in 2012. Through case studies of tobacco marketing, department stores, and advertising, the book provides a colorful walking tour of daily life in Porfirian Mexico City.

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**Dr. David Coffey** (TCU History PhD, 1999) is Professor of History at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He teaches courses on United States history in the Antebellum period, the Civil War, and Latin American history. He served as Chair of the Department of History from 2003-2006 and as Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts from 2006-2010. Dr. Coffey is the author of *Sheridan's Lieutenants* (2005) and is currently co-editing a projected six volume *Encyclopedia of American Military History*. In addition to writing and editing several books on Civil War and military history, the University of Tennessee at Martin has recognized him as the Featured Scholar and awarded him the Cunningham Teacher/Scholar



**Dr. Jennifer Royer** (left, TCU History PhD, 2009) and **Dr. Carrie Cothrum** (right, TCU History PhD, 2009) are co-founders of *Success Quest Academic Advocates*, an educational consulting agency. Drs. Royer and Cothrum work with students and their families to help students succeed in an increasingly diverse and competitive college market.

**Dr. Dana Cooper** (TCU PhD, 2006) is Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of Gender Studies at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Dr. Cooper teaches courses on United States history, Women's history, History of Gender, and U.S. Diplomatic history. In the process of finishing her PhD at TCU, she completed a certificate in Women's Studies. She has published widely in the fields of Women's history and has completed a book manuscript on Transatlantic marriages and Anglo-American relations between 1865 and 1945. She is currently working with Claire Phelan (TCU History PhD, 2008) of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on an edited volume on the topic of *Women and War*.



**Dr. Jacob Olmstead** (TCU History PhD, 2011) works for the Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a Curator of Historic Sites in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Olmstead is one of nine curators, including specialists in a variety of academic disciplines, who engage in the important work of researching, preserving, and interpreting these historic places. His work includes traditional historical research and writing, but also historical interpretation for the public. Dr. Olmstead is part of a group that is helping to develop a strategic master plan for the Church's approach to its historic sites for the next twenty years.