The Department of History at Texas State University is strongly committed to excellence in scholarship and teaching. We strive to facilitate our students’ intellectual and professional growth by: (1) sharing with them knowledge about the past that helps explain the defining aspects of contemporary life; (2) introducing them to patterns of global diversity, past and present, as well as the historical foundation of inequity, stereotyping, and mythologizing; (3) challenging them to think critically in order to formulate educated, evidence-based opinions about the past; and (4) helping them develop and refine research, analytical, communication, and social skills. Our faculty’s research, shared with the scholarly community and the public through publications and presentations, aims to broaden and disseminate our understanding of the past and increase general interest in history.

Successful graduates enter doctoral programs or find jobs in the public and private sector. Our students have gone on for further study to universities across the country, from the University of California at Berkeley to the University of Michigan to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, to the University of Pennsylvania. A number have secured academic appointments. Other students have utilized their training in positions at Dell, General Motors, and many other major corporations. Public history students have earned appointments with national and regional governmental agencies while others have used their teaching and research skills in secondary schools.

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