

## MIGUEL CHAVEZ

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### EDUCATION

University of North Texas

**M.A. in History**

**2015**

Thesis: *The Shifting Borders of Egypt*

University of North Texas

**B.A. in History**

**2011**

Minor: Social Studies

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on the evolving usage of literary, geographical, and historical texts in the “othering” of external populations, manifesting ultimately in conceptions of national self-identity. My research is centered on the use of biblical and classical texts as placeholders in the Western mind in imagining the spaces of non-Western lands, specifically those in the Middle East, from the eighteenth through the twentieth century. These “imagined spaces” would eventually demarcate the borders of contemporary nation-states in the region.

### PRESENTATIONS

*“Classical Ghosts: Greco-Roman Influences on Enlightenment Travel Writers in Ottoman Egypt”*

Paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, Boulder, CO.

**2015**

*“From Enlightened to Despot: The Shifting Orientalist Portrayal of Ismail Pasha, the Khedive of Egypt”*

Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Texas A&M History Conference, College Station, TX.

**2014**

*“From Arabia Petraea to the Sinai: The Shifting British Portrayals of the Egyptian-Palestinian Border from the Victorian Era until the 1906 Aqaba Crisis”*

Paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, Boulder, CO.

**2013**

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Adjunct Instructor, American History**

**2015 to Present**

*North Central Texas College*

- Explained the complexity of American history to over 50 students, using integrated lectures, class assignments, and group discussions.
- Guided dual-credit high school students in developing research skills for collegiate success.

**Technical Helpdesk Analyst**

**2008 to 2015**

*Xerox Business Services, LLC.*

- Served as a liaison between Xerox server and network engineers and the end-clients.
- Trained new technicians into the procedures of Xerox technical support, including server reboots, authentication resets, and network monitoring.

#### AWARDS

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Travel Grant, <i>U. of North Texas</i>	<b>2014</b>
History Department Research Grant, <i>U. of North Texas</i>	<b>2013</b>
C.J. Red Davidson Scholarship, <i>U. of North Texas</i>	<b>2010</b>

#### LANGUAGES

English - Native  
Spanish – Speak, read, and write fluently  
French – Read and write with intermediate competency

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Alpha Theta – Alpha Lambda Chapter at UNT  
Southern Historical Association  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society  
Alpha Chi Honor Society