

Cassandre R. Durso

Academic background:

-M. A. in History August 2012: Lamar University, Beaumont, Tx: focus in modern European as well as Italian-American history. Thesis focusing on the Italian immigrant experience in Texas and Louisiana from 1880-1925.

-B. A. May 2010: Lamar University, Beaumont, Tx Major: History, Minor: Communications

Experience:

-Instructor, Lamar State College-Port Arthur: History 1301/1302 spring 2014 to present

-Instructor, Lamar University: Lamar 1101 University Success Seminar fall 2012; History 1301/1302 spring 2013 to present

-Instructional Associate, Instructional Connections in association with Lamar University: History 1301 & 1302, Summer 2012 to present

-Graduate Assistant, Lamar University fall 2010 to spring 2012

-Member of University Grievance Committee fall 2010

-Member of Faculty, Student Relations Committee fall 2010-2012

-Volunteer, judge, and assistant to coordinator for the regional National History Day competition, 2011- 2014

-Volunteer at Organization of American Historians annual conference, March 2011

-Volunteer at Texas State Historical Association annual conference, March 2010

Academic Awards and Honorariums:

-Accepted to Phi Beta Delta, International Scholars Honor Society, April 2012.

-Accepted to National Scholars Honor Society, May 2009.

-Accepted to Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society, April 2009.

-Recipient of Dr. Howell H. Gwin, Jr., Endowed Scholarship, spring 2012.

Professional Membership:

-Member, Italian American Studies Association (formerly American Italian Historical Association) January 2011 to present.

Presentations and Publications:

-Organized program session “Women’s Suffrage and Racial Ambiguity in Progressive Era Texas” as well as presenting the paper, “Texas as a Safe Haven and the Dangers of Racial Ambiguity” for the 2014 Texas State Historical Association conference.

-“Two States with One Goal: Texas and Louisiana Recruit Italians,” published in *Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record* November 2012

-Presented the paper, “Two Deaths that Reversed Destiny: How the Murders of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino Changed the City of Palermo,” at the Phi Alpha Theta national biennial conference, January 2012.