

Ellen D. Tillman.

Bio:

I received my PhD from University of Illinois in 2010, focusing on US military interventions in Latin America. I have been a professor at Texas State University since 2011, following a year teaching at the US Military Academy at West Point. During my graduate studies I joined the Society for Military History, of which I have been an active member and contributor since, including as SW Regional Coordinator and then as a Trustee of the society; this has defined my career. As the only military historian at Texas State, I've been an advocate for veterans groups from the student-led Veterans Alliance to programs initiated by professors, as well as a close ally to our Army ROTC program and military and veteran groups in the region. The book that came out of my dissertation, *Dollar Diplomacy by Force: Nation-Building and Resistance in the Dominican Republic* (2016) was the 2014 winner of the SMH Coffman Award. In my time at Texas State, I have also been one of the most active members of our department in advising graduate students and mentoring our students and colleagues.

Personal Statement:

There is no way to encapsulate what this society has meant to my career, let alone those of my many students. What amazes me most is how easy it is to recruit people to this organization, and the praise they have for it. They are lasting members, as am I, for all the best reasons. The Society for Military History, which I joined and of which I have been a member and then sustaining member for well over 15 years: Nowhere in my professional career have I met more focused scholars, more people who bring to bear the difficulties of this very difficult field. There is no area of this nation or others, and no group of people, who are not touched by military history. The drive toward young scholars and new approaches that I have witnessed as Regional Coordinator for 7 years and then Trustee these past 4 years indicates a promising future for the Society. Encouraging growth and offering opportunities for aspiring historians, as what the SMH has provided for me these past 15 years, is what inspires me to be honored by this nomination. In leadership, I will extend the diversity of the Society for Military History and help us to reach the goal of continuing all we do best while also helping to broaden the field—with attention to War and Society, gender studies, the Global South, and so much more—without losing track of what we have done so well for almost a century.

Ellen D. Tillman, Associate Professor of History

EDUCATION:

PhD 2010 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Latin American History
Committee: Nils Jacobsen, John A. Lynn II, Kristin Hoganson, Michel Gobat
BA 2002 Millikin University, *Summa cum laude*. Double major, History and Spanish.
US Army TRADOC Military History Instructors' Course, Leavenworth, 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Associate Professor, History | Texas State University, San Marcos | 2017-present |
| Assistant Professor, History | Texas State University, San Marcos | 2011-2017 |
| Assistant Professor, History | US Military Academy at West Point | 2010-2011 |
| Teaching Fellow, History | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 2010 |
| Adjunct, History | Millikin University | 2008-2010 |
| Teaching Assistant, History | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 2005-2009 |

SCHOLARLY WORK:

Dollar Diplomacy by Force: Nation-Building and Resistance in the Dominican Republic,
University of North Carolina Press, 2016.

2014 winner of the Society for Military History's Edward M. Coffman First Manuscript
Prize in Military History.

“Militarizing Dollar Diplomacy in the Early Twentieth-Century Dominican Republic:
Centralization and Resistance,” *Hispanic American Historical Review* 95:2, (May, 2015),
269-297.

“Dominican Republic: From Military Rule to Democracy,” in: *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of
Politics*, William R. Thompson, ed. Oxford University Press, Feb. 23, 2021. doi:
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1811>

“Woodrow Wilson in the Caribbean,” in: *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American
History*, Guillermo Palacios, ed. Oxford University Press, 2022.

“War and Society in Latin America,” in: *The Routledge History of Global War and Society*,
Matthew S. Muehlbauer and David J. Ulbrich, eds., Routledge, 2018.

“Imperial Interventions Abroad, 1880-1939,” in: *Oxford Handbook of American Military
History*, Samuel Watson, ed., Oxford University Press, (forthcoming).

Book Reviews for *The Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Military History*, *Passport*
(Review Essay), *First World War Studies*, *The Journal of American History*, *American
Historical Review*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, *The*

Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, A Quarterly Review of Latin American History, H-War

7 encyclopedia entries: McPherson, Alan, ed. *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Military Interventions in Latin America*, (ABC-CLIO, 2013)

20 encyclopedia entries: Leonard, Thomas, ed. *Encyclopedia of U.S.-Latin American Relations*, (CQ Press, 2012)

I have presented original papers, organized panels, and given invited talks at the Society for Military History, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Texas A&M Central, the US Army War College, the International Commission of Military History, Phi Alpha Theta chapters, the Conference of Midwest Association for Latin American Studies, and various local veteran and military history groups in San Marcos.

I currently serve on the editorial boards for Cornell University Press's "Battlegrounds" Series and Sage Open. I've reviewed manuscripts and articles for Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield, Oxford, Macmillan, Pearson, Bedford/St. Martin's, the U.S. Army Center of Military History, *The Journal of American History*, *The Black Scholar*, *Sage Publications*, *U.S. Military History Review*, *the Journal of Military History*, *American Nineteenth Century History*, *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, *Caribbean Studies*, *The Journal of Southern History*.

TEACHING:

Graduate and Honors Theses and Exit Committees:

PhD Dissertation Committee Member: 1
Master's Thesis Chair: 12
Master's Thesis Committee Member: 10
Master's Comp Exam Committee, Chair: 5
Master's Comp Exam Committee, Member: 4
Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Chair: 4

Courses Taught:

Military Theory and its Historical Application, Graduate Seminar (HIST 5390)
US Navy between the Spanish-American War and the Cold War, Graduate Seminar (HIST 5390)
Modern Military Occupations, Graduate Seminar (HIST 5362)
Latin American Military History, Graduate Seminar (HIST 5362)
Historiography and Methods (HIST 5361)
Caribbean Transnationalism and Diplomacy, Graduate Seminar (HIST 5341B)
War and Society (HIST 4368)
US Military History (HIST 4364)
The Great War (HIST 4350W)
US-Cuban Relations (HIST 3368U)
Militarism in Latin America (HIST 3325 F)
Western Civilization, 1715 to date (HIST 2320)

History of the United States, 1877 to date (HIST 1320)
History of the United States to 1877 (HIST 1310)

Professional and Relevant Service:

Board of Trustees, Society for Military History, 2021-2025
Regional Coordinator for Region VII: Southwest, SMH, 2014-2021
SMH Graduate Student Prize in Applied Military History Committee. 2017-2018
US Commission on Military History's International Committee on Military History Paper
Proposal Committee. 2016, 2017
SMH Allan R. Millett Dissertation Fellowship Committee. 2014-2018
Faculty Representative, Veterans Alliance for Texas State. 2014-2016
Student Awards Committee, U.S. Military Academy at West Point. 2011
Military Education Council, University of Illinois. 2007-2008
Graduate Students Women's Caucus Representative, University of Illinois. 2007-2008
Faculty Advisor, Vetswhatsnext, AY 2020-2021
University Common Experience Planning Committee for AY 2016-2017
Faculty Advisor to the Veterans Alliance of Texas State 2014-2017

Selected Awards and Honors:

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| Alpha Chi "Favorite Professor," Texas State University | 2014, 2015, 2016 |
| Teaching Excellence Award, US Military Academy at West Point | 2011 |
| William C. Widenor Teaching Fellowship, University of Illinois | 2010 |
| Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Graduate Teaching Assistants, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | 2010 |
| Graduate College Outstanding Mentoring Award, Texas State University, 2022-2023 | |
| College of Liberal Arts Achievement Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity, Texas State University, 2017. | |
| Veterans' Alliance of Texas State "Above and Beyond" Award, 2015-2016. | |
| SMH Edward M. Coffman First Manuscript Prize in Military History, 2014. | |

Professional Memberships:

Society for Military History
The Society for History of American Foreign Relations