

## Michael Perri

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**Position:** Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University--Texarkana, 2004-present.

### **Education:**

May, 2004: Ph.D. in History at Emory University. Dissertation: *The Spanish Conquest of the Pearl Coast and the Search for the Province of the Meta*.

Major Field: Colonial Latin American History. Sub-Field: Early Modern European History.

1993: Master of Arts in Latin American and Iberian Studies, the University of California, Santa Barbara.

1988: Bachelor of Arts with Honors in History and German, the University of California, Santa Barbara.

### **Publications:**

May, 2009: *Environment and History* (<http://www.ericademon.co.uk/EH.html>):  
"Ruined and Lost:" Spanish Destruction of the Pearl Coast in the Early Sixteenth Century,  
Vol.15 No.2, May 2009.

Accepted and pending: *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods*  
(<http://www.emporia.edu/socsci/journal/>)  
*Refocusing on Reading: Strategies to Enhance Reading and Analytical Skills in History Courses*

Accepted and pending: *Manuel de la Peña y Peña* (encyclopedia entry) ABC-CLIO, INC. (Military History Project.)

2006: *December*. Review of Carlos Aguirre's *The Criminals of Lima and their World: The Prison Experience, 1850-1935*, in the *Journal of Social History*.

### **Conference Papers:**

2009: "'Ruined and Lost:' Spanish Destruction of the Pearl Coast in the Early Sixteenth Century" at the Southwestern Historical Association Conference (an affiliate of the Southwestern Social Science Association), May 2009.

- 2008: “Tragedy of the Commons in Eastern Venezuela: Spanish Overexploitation of Oyster Beds and Native Peoples along the Pearl Coast in the Early Sixteenth Century” at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) conference in Flagstaff, Arizona.
- 2007: “Sanctioning Freedom: An Examination of *Composiciones de Mulatos* in Early Colonial Venezuela” at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 2006: “What are the Main Points? Using the Web and Class Discussions to Enhance the Teaching of Active Reading,” at Pedagogies and the Profession Panel at the Southwest/Texas Popular/American Cultural Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2005: “The Rise and Fall of Cubagua and the Destruction of the Pearl Coast,” at *The VACARGA Seminar in Latin American Colonial History*, Florida State University.
- 2002: “Slavery and Race Relations in Colonial Venezuela,” at *The African World Studies Symposium*, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA.
- 2001: “Slavery and Manumission in Sixteenth-century Venezuela,” at *The Sixth Annual Emory Graduate History Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2000: “An Examination of *composiciones de mulatos*, Manumission and the Development of Social Space for Free People of Color in Early Colonial Venezuela,” NEH-sponsored conference, *From Slavery to Freedom: Manumission in the Atlantic World*, Charleston, SC.
- 1997: “Permission to Trade: A History of Canarian Transatlantic Trade in the Sixteenth Century,” The Twelfth Annual Virginias-Carolinas-Georgia Latin American Colonial History Seminar, Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1996: “Cosmopolitan Archipelago: The Population History of The Conquest and Colonization of the Canary Islands,” Cuttino Seminar, Emory University.

### **Teaching:**

#### **\* Teaching Positions:**

- 2004-present: Texas A&M University-Texarkana (tenure track position)
- 2002-2004: University of Minnesota at Morris (sabbatical-replacement and adjunct instructor)
- 2001-2002: Dillard University (instructor through the Emory-Dillard Teaching Fellowship)
- 1996-2000: Emory University (adjunct instructor)
- 1996-1998: Reinhardt College (adjunct instructor)

#### **\* Undergraduate Courses Taught:**

- World History II
- Western Civilization I & II

- Introduction to Latin American History
- Colonial Latin America
- Modern Latin America
- The Culture and History of Mexico
- History of the Caribbean
- The Cowboys of the Americas: A Comparative History
- Bibliographical Tools for Latin American Area Studies
- American Social and Intellectual History
- The Cultural History of Texas
- The Ancient World
- Modern European History I & II

\* **Graduate Courses Taught:**

- Latin American History Through Film
- Methods and Principals of Historical Research
- Readings in Mexican History
- Spanish Colonial America
- Early Texas History and the U.S.-Mexican War
- Historiography

\* **Website:** The power-point presentations and syllabi for many of the courses I teach at Texas A&M University—Texarkana can be viewed at <http://www.tamut.edu/academics/mperri/home.htm>.

\* **Travel Abroad Teaching Experience:** In the summer of 2005, I traveled to Mexico City where I initiated and helped to establish an official affiliation with Mexico's La Salle University. Later that summer, I took students to Mexico City, where I had previously arranged educational tours in conjunction with teaching my course *The Culture and History of Mexico*.

**Grants and Fellowships:**

2006-07: A&M-Texarkana Research Enhancement Grant Request.

2006-07: The Bennie Walthall Research Grant.

2001-02: Emory-Dillard Teaching Fellowship.

1998-99: Fifth-year Funding Research Fellowship, Emory University. I used this money to conduct research at the *Archivo General de las Indias* (AGI) in Seville, Spain.

1998-99: Grant to participate in The Program in Teaching and Technology, sponsored by the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation and Emory University's Center for Teaching and Curriculum. (Currently at <http://chnm.gmu.edu/worldhistorysources/r/31/whm.html> and <http://faculty.smu.edu/bakewell/>.)

1998: Grant from the Office of International Affairs, Emory University. I used this money to conduct research in Seville, Spain.

1995 & '97: Summer Research Funding from the Department of History, Emory University. I used this money to conduct research in Caracas, Venezuela.

**Current and Future Research Plans:**

- I am drafting a book based on the research I did for my doctoral dissertation. The book will examine the conquest and colonization of eastern Venezuela in the sixteenth century.
- I plan to write a second book about slavery and fugitive slave communities in colonial Venezuela.
- I am researching a paper on Manuel de le Peña y Peña, Supreme Court Justice and President of Mexico in the nineteenth century.

**Languages:** I am fluent in Spanish and German.