

Sarah Nicole Saffa

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2025–present Research Associate. Center for Rural Health, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.

2023–2025 Postdoctoral Fellow for the Native American Primary Care Center of Excellence. Office of American Indians in Medicine and Science, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.

2020–2023 Adjunct Research Associate. Department of Philosophy, Anthropology, and Religion, Central Michigan University.

2019–2020 Visiting Scholar. Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University.

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D. Anthropology. Tulane University.

2009 M.A. Latin American Studies. University of Kansas.

2007 B.A. Spanish and Latin American Studies. University of Arkansas.

PUBLICATIONS

accepted Saffa, Sarah N. "Nursing a School and a Profession at Kiowa Indian Hospital." *Ethnohistory* (invited)

2024 Saffa, Sarah N. "Parent-Child Incest and the Culture of Marriage in Colonial Guatemala." *Ethnohistory* 71(2): 173-194.

2021 Saffa, Sarah N. *Kinship and Incestuous Crime in Colonial Guatemala*. New York and Oxon: Routledge.

2019 Saffa, Sarah N. "She Was What They Call a "Pepe": Kinship Practice and Incest Codes in Late Colonial Guatemala." *Journal of Family History* 44(2): 181-199.

PUBLIC HUMANITIES PROJECTS

2025 "Kiowa School of Practical Nursing, 1935–1955" (Display). Office of American Indians in Medicine and Science, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2025 Brick Builder Grant, Scholar Rx
2025 H-15 Research Grant, American Association for the History of Nursing
2024 Office of the Vice President of Research Seed Grant, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
2024 Duane H. King Short-Term Fellowship, Helmerich Center for American Research, Gilcrease Museum
2017 School of Liberal Arts Summer Merit Fellowship, Tulane University
2016 Mesoamerican Ethnohistory Fund, Tulane University
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2013 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Institute in Spanish Paleography Summer Fellowship, Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies
2012 Mesoamerican Ethnohistory Fund, Tulane University
2012 Nominations for two papers for the Stone Center Award for Best Campus-Wide Graduate Paper on a Latin American Topic, Tulane University
2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Tulane University
2010 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Tulane University
2010–2013 School of Liberal Arts Fellowship, Tulane University

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2025 From Ward Attendant to Practical Nurse in the United States Indian Service. Joint Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) and Agnes Dillon Randolph Nursing History Conference, March 13-15.
2024 Indigenous Women and the Licensed Practical Nurse. The American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, September 18-21.
2023 Deincestualizing Incest in Colonial Guatemala. The American Anthropological Association Conference, November 15-19.
2021 Incest and the Nuclear Family in Colonial Guatemala. The American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, November 10-14.
2019 Sex, Incest, and Revenge: Cuckolded Men and Female Kin in Colonial Guatemala. The American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, September 25-29.
2018 *Halagos de Padre*: The Role of Kin Norms in Incestuous Crime and the Legal Process in Late Colonial Guatemala. The American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, October 11-13.
2016 “*En quien la ignorancia y rusticidad caminan juntas*”: Incest, Ethnicity, and Criminality in Late-Colonial Guatemala. The American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, November 9-12.

2016 “I Am Not Your Father”: Malleability, Relativity, and Deviance in Colonial Guatemalan Kin Relations. The American Anthropological Association Conference, November 16-20.

2013 “‘A Place of Weeping, A Place of Sorrow’: The Ethnohistory of People and Tears in Colonial Central Mexico.” The American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, September 11-14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2013–2015 Anthropology of Women and Men (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015), Tulane University, Instructor of Record

Formal Pedagogical Training

2025–2026 Cowboy Academy of Teaching Excellence, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

2020 Teaching Academy Certificate of Completion Program, Johns Hopkins University