

Sarah R. Coleman

Academic Positions

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Assistant Professor of History, 2019-present

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Presidential History, 2016-2018

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D. in History, 2016

M.A. in History, 2012

University of Cambridge

M.Phil. in Modern European History, 2006

Yale University

B.A. in History, 2005

Academic Publications

Book

The Walls Within: The Politics of Immigration in Modern America, (Princeton University Press, Politics and Society in Modern America Series, 2021)

- Winner, Theodore Saloutos Award, for best book on any aspect of the immigration history of the United States, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
- Winner, Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize, for best scholarly monograph, Western Association of Women Historians

Chapters

“A Promise Unfulfilled, An Imperfect Legacy: Obama and Immigration Policy,” *The Presidency of Barack Obama: A First Historical Assessment*, Julian Zelizer ed. (Princeton University Press, March 2018)

Reviews

Review of *The Deportation Express: A History of America by Forced Removal*, by Ethan Blue. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 126, no. 1 (2022).

Awards, Fellowships and Honors

- 2022 Outstanding Achievement Award for Scholarly Activity, College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University
- 2022 Winner, Theodore Saloutos Award, for best book on any aspect of the immigration history of the United States, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
- 2022 Winner, Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize, for best scholarly monograph, Western Association of Women Historians
- 2017 Outstanding Dissertation Award, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
- 2015 Miller Center National Dissertation Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2014 Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Fellowship, Eisenhower Institute
- 2014 Woodrow Wilson Scholars Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2014 Dissertation Research Award, History Department, Princeton University
- 2014 Hagley Library Research Grant, Hagley Library and Museum
- 2013 Woodrow Wilson Scholars Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, History Department, Princeton University

Public Engagement

- 2024 Laura Coates Show, Sirius XM Radio, "Immigration and the 2024 Elections"
- 2023 Texas Tribune Festival, "What Immigration Means to America"
- 2021 Texas Book Festival, "A Nation of Immigrants"
- 2021 Commonwealth Club of California, "The Politics of Immigration in Modern America,"
- 2021 This is Democracy Podcast, "Immigration Since 1965"
- 2021 Majority Report with Sam Seder, How Domestic Policy Has Limited Immigrant Rights in Modern America
- 2021 Townhall Seattle's In the Moment, "The Walls Within"
- 2021 Politics and Polls Podcast, "Can Immigrants Still Chase the American Dream?"
- 2021 KERA Think with Kris Boyd, "The Walls Within"
- 2021 The Past, The Promise, The Presidency Podcast, "Race & The American Legacy"

Public Writing

"Immigration since 1965," *The American Historian*, January 2022, Organization of American History

"Biden will allow undocumented students to access pandemic relief," *Washington Post*, June 1, 2021, (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/06/01/biden-will-allow-undocumented-students-access-pandemic-relief/>)

"Sorry, Trump. Ike's shameful program failed", *CNN.com Opinion*, Thursday, November 12, 2015, (<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/12/opinions/coleman-operation-wetback/>)

Courses Taught

History 3369Z: Immigration and US History

History 3371: History Behind the Headlines: Politics and Policy
History 1320: United States History 1877-Present
History 5345: Graduate US Immigration History
History 5301: Instructional Methods

Academic Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- 2023 “Explaining Immigration and Alienage Federalism in the United States,” Social Science History Association, Washington, DC
- 2023 “The Walls Within,” Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, MacMillian Center, Yale University
- 2023 “30 Years After Proposition 187,” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 “From the Border to the Heartland: Local Immigration Enforcement and Immigrants’ Rights,” Western Historical Association Annual Meeting
- 2020 “‘To Reward the Wrong Way Is Not the American Way’: Welfare, Immigrants’ Rights, and the Battle over Benefits,” American Historical Association, New York, NY
- 2017 “Iowa, Local Immigration Enforcement and Immigrants’ Rights,” Newberry Library Borderlands and Latino/a Studies Seminar, Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Clinton, Congress and the Battle over Immigrants’ Benefits,” The Nineties in Historical Perspective, Purdue University
- 2016 “Politics of Immigration Policy,” Gilder Lehrman Institute Workshop, “After the Cold War,” Southern Methodist University
- 2016 “‘To reward the wrong way is not the American way:’ Welfare, Immigrants’ Rights and the Politics of Immigration 1990 -1997,” Policy History Conference, Nashville, TN
- 2016 “‘To reward the wrong way is not the American way:’ Welfare, Immigrants’ Rights and the Politics of Immigration 1990 -1997,” University of Pennsylvania Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism
- 2015 “Employer Sanctions: the Politics of Proposal and Passage,” Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University
- 2015 “The Politics of Immigration Policy,” Eisenhower Institute, Gettysburg College
- 2014 “‘A subclass of illiterates:’ *Plyler v. Doe* and the politics of undocumented immigrant education 1975-1982,” Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio

2014 “‘A subclass of illiterates:’ *Plyler v. Doe* and the politics of undocumented immigrant education 1975-1982,” Modern America Workshop, Princeton University

Professional Leadership and Service

Scholarly Review Panel, LBJ Presidential Library, 2024-Present

Library Research Grant Committee, LBJ Presidential Library, 2023-Present

Immigration Exhibit Review Committee, LBJ Presidential Library, 2024-2025

University Humanities Research Award Committee, Texas State University, 2024

Saloutos Book Award Committee, Immigration and Ethnic History Society, 2023-2026

Keller-Sierra Book Award Committee, Western Association of Women Historians, 2023-2025