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History Professor Craig Roell Authors New Book: Matamoros and the Texas Revolution

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Craig Roell, Ph.D., professor in the Department of History, is the author of a new book, *Matamoros and the Texas Revolution*. Published this summer by the Texas State Historical Association Press, the story restores the centrality of Matamoros, the strategic Mexican port city on the turbulent lower Rio Grande, by showing the genuine economic, geographic, social and military value of the city to Mexican and Texas history. The book provides a refreshing reinterpretation of the revolutionary conflict in Texas from a Mexican point of view. Readers will learn how Matamoros figured in the Mexican government's grand designs not only for national prosperity, but also to preserve Texas from threatened American encroachment. A [complete book review](#) is available by visiting the Texas State Historical Association website.

Recently interviewed on Texas Public Radio about his latest book, Dr. Roell discussed *Matamoros and the Texas Revolution* with award-winning journalist David Martin Davies for his weekly news program, "Texas Matters."



Dr. Craig Roell

A Georgia Southern University professor since 1989, Dr. Roell earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a former Georgia Southern University Award for Excellence recipient in Scholarship and in Teaching and Contributions to Instruction. Named Wells/Warren Professor of the Year in 2002 and 2013, Dr. Roell is the 2012 winner of the Ruffin Cup Award in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. He is the author of *The Piano in America, 1890–1940* (University of North Carolina Press, 1989) and *Remember Goliad!* (Texas State Historical Association, 1994). In addition, he has written more than 100 articles on U.S. cultural, business and economic history. Dr. Roell teaches upper-division and graduate-level courses on American economic history, advertising history and consumer culture.