History Professor Wins Award for Book on the Texas Revolution

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Georgia Southern University’s Department of History Professor, Craig H. Roell’s, Ph.D., 2013 book, Matamoros and the Texas Revolution, was named the first place winner of the 2015 Presidio La Bahía Award.

Matamoros and the Texas Revolution explores the importance of the Mexican city Matamoros, located just across the Rio Grande and on the modern-day border of Mexico and Texas, and its impact on the 1836 Texas Revolution.

Roell is a Texas native and received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1986. He has won several awards for his teaching at Georgia Southern including the Ruffin Cup from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the Georgia Southern University Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has twice been named the Wells/Warren Professor of the Year, presented annually by members of the Gamma Beta Phi honor society.


The Presidio La Bahía Award seeks to promote research into Texas heritage and the influence of the Spanish Colonial period on Texas culture, laws, customs, architecture, religion, and art.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas consists of members who have direct lineage to the settlers of the Republic of Texas prior to being annexed by the United States and joining as the 28th state in 1846.

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