



Annual Action Plan: June 1, 2005–May 31, 2006

Unit: **History and Philosophy**

UTPA Mission: The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) serves the higher education needs of a rapidly growing, international, multicultural population in the South Texas Region. The University preserves, transmits and creates knowledge to serve the cultural, civic, and economic advancement of the region and the state. The University provides students advanced instruction in academic programs offered through innovative delivery systems that lead to professional certification, and baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees. Through teaching, research, creative activity and public service, UTPA prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in the state, nation and world community.

Division: **Academic Affairs**

Unit Head: **Michael Faubion**

Unit Mission: The Department of History and Philosophy fully embraces its role as a component of the University of Texas—Pan American. As such, the Department shares the University's goal of serving the higher education needs of the Rio Grande Valley and is committed to excellence in instruction, student performance, research, scholarly accomplishment and professional service. We join the University in seeking to reflect and respond to the international, multicultural, and multilingual character of the Pan American community; enhance the region's intellectual, cultural, civic, social, economic, and physical environment; maintain services that accommodate and fulfill personal needs and that enrich the academic and social development of students; be involved in the community by providing services, programs, continuing education, cultural experiences, educational leadership, and expertise to the community-at-large; encourage the community-at-large to contribute to the effectiveness of their University; and cooperate with other institutions, schools, communities, and agencies to maximize educational opportunity and effectiveness through resource sharing and collaborative efforts. As individual scholars and teachers, Department members also acknowledge their association in professional communities whose boundaries transcend those of the University and whose missions more fully define the Department's purpose. Historians in the Department embrace their discipline's commitment to promote historical studies through research, teaching, communication with fellow historians and the general public, and communication with decision-makers as delineated in the American Historical Association's various policy and position statements. Philosophers in the Department embrace their discipline's commitment to promote the exchange of ideas among philosophers, to encourage creative and scholarly activity in philosophy, to facilitate professional work and teaching of philosophers, and to represent philosophy as a discipline as delineated in the American Philosophical Association's various policy and position statements. In line with both the University's and their individual disciplines' ideals, Department members engage in teaching, research, and service with a view of expanding the universe of knowledge and helping the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley to appreciate their special place in that universe.

