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Brief Biography

Ms. Peñuelas earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995 from the University of Texas at Austin and her Master of Arts in Medieval History in 2002 from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to teaching both US Surveys at Northern Oklahoma College, Ms. Peñuelas is currently a doctoral candidate in the History Department at the University of Oklahoma. Her dissertation, entitled *To Draw a Warrant for the Same: Fiat Currency and the Cherokee Golden Age, 1866-1913*, looks at how, over the course of the nineteenth century, the Cherokee ruling elite developed a sophisticated fiscal and monetary policy, based on fiat currency, to support their national government, fund and maintain a progressive welfare state, fuel economic development and facilitate quotidian commercial transactions.