

Western University

DEPT. OF ANTHROPOLOGY

SPENCE LECTURE

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

Weldon Library Community Room
4:30-5:30pm



Dr. Edward González-Tennant
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Digital Technologies for Sympathetic Archaeologies

How can historical archaeologists assist communities whose histories involve traumatic events? How do we confront the legacies of racial thinking? What role do emerging technologies play in answering these questions? This talk addresses these questions by examining case studies from the author's work in Florida and Texas. Dr. González-Tennant highlights his own growth as a scholar moving from community-centered to community-led projects. The paper discusses the common threads which connect historical events like the 1923 Rosewood Race Massacre to ongoing struggles in places like Royal, Florida, where descendants of Black Homesteaders continue to fight for recognition and the *ranchos* of the Lower Rio Grande Valley where a century of Anglo violence erases a previous *Tejano* experience. He also discusses how digital technologies (e.g., photogrammetry, GIS, VR) have revealed new historical truths while supporting public dialogue on these topics.

All are welcome. Reception to follow.

No registration required for in-person attendance.
Zoom registration available online:

