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Grad Research: PhD student featured on television series 'American Canvas'

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We are thrilled to be able to draw your attention to the great work our graduate students do both on and off campus. PhD student **Kirsten Ronald**, who is writing a dissertation about social dance, gentrification, and cultural preservation, is featured in a segment that was recently

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filmed for the program *American Canvas* on the cable channel Ovation TV. The segment follows Ronald as she leads two-step dance lessons at The White Horse in Austin. The episode airs this Wednesday, March 18, at 9pm Central Time. You can find the channel number for your cable provider [here](#).



Ronald shared the following with us about her research about and through dance:

Most of us in American Studies are lucky enough to study what we love, and I'm no exception – I've been an avid two-stepper almost since I set foot in Texas, and I research and write about social dance, gentrification, and cultural preservation in Austin. I also teach beginning two-step classes at a few bars around town. My co-teacher Houston Ritcheson and I were



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thrilled when the folks from American Canvas, a new cultural travel show on Ovation TV, asked if they could come film our class at The White Horse for their pilot, and now we're super psyched to announce that the Austin episode is airing, and we're in it! With fingers crossed that they made us look far cooler than we actually are, please check it out: March 18th at 9pm on Ovation.

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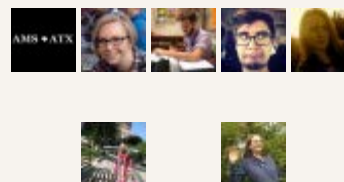
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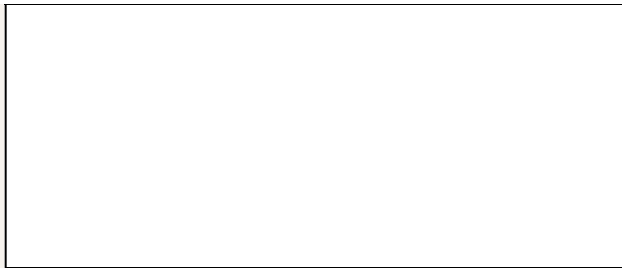


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