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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History: Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, May 1994.

- Areas of specialization
 - Native American
 - Twentieth Century United States
 - 19th Century United States
 - Colonial Latin America
 - Modern Europe
 - Minor: Geography

Master of Arts in History: Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, 1990.

Bachelor of Arts in History and English; Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, May 1986.

EXPERIENCE

(Academic)

Fall 2015-present: Professor of History, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Received promotion to full professor in Fall 2015

Fall 2003-August 2015: Associate Professor of History, University of Texas at
Brownsville,

Brownsville, Texas. (received tenure in Fall 2009)

- Classes Taught
 - U.S. History Survey I and II
 - U.S. History Survey I (online)
 - The Historian's Craft
 - Native American History
 - Diplomatic History
 - 19th Century Europe
 - The Era of Sectional Conflict
 - Formative Period in US History
 - US History Senior Seminar
 - Graduate Seminar in U.S. History---The Market Revolution
 - Graduate Seminar in U.S. History---Antebellum Reform
 - Graduate Seminar in U.S. History---Jefferson and Jackson
 - Graduate Seminar in World History---World Revolutions
 - Graduate Seminar in U.S. History---The Gilded Age
 - Graduate Seminar in U.S. History---Wars in U.S. History

August 1998 to May 1999: Assistant Professor of History, Arkansas Tech University,
Russellville, Arkansas.

- Classes Taught
 - U.S. History Survey I and II
 - U.S. Economic History
 - Latin American History
 - Senior Seminar

September 1994 to July 1998: Assistant Professor of History, Briar Cliff College, Sioux
City, Iowa.

- Classes Taught
 - U.S. History Survey I and II
 - History of American Peace Movements
 - Native American History
 - History of the American West
 - Senior Seminar in U.S. History
 - Liberal Arts Seminar

January 1991 to May 1994: Instructor of American history, Texas Tech University.
Archival assistant, Southwest Collection, Lubbock, Texas, June 1991-June 1992.

September 1987 to May 1990: High school history teacher at Abilene High School, Abilene Texas. Responsible for teaching courses in American and World History.

September 1986 to May 1987: High school history teacher at Dallas South Oak Cliff High School, Dallas, Texas. Responsible for teaching courses in American history and Economics.

EXPERIENCE

(non-academic)

June 1999-June 2003: Director of Internet Operations, Britten Media, Inc. (a national manufacturer of banners and signs).

AWARDS

Houston Endowed Chair for Civic Engagement (2012-2015)

Nominee, CASE Professor of the Year (2012)

N.S.O.D. Excellence Award, 2010, 2011 UTB-TSC.

TOMFRA Best Book Award for The Lipan Apaches, 2010.

Kate Brooks Bates Award for Historical Research, 2011

Nominee, Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award, UTB-TSC, 2005, 2007, 2009.

Herbert Hoover Scholar, 1996.

(recipient of grant to conduct research at the Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa. Resulted in publication of article in *The Historian*)

Best Paper, Professional Category, 28th Annual Dakota History Conference, 1996.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, 1994, Texas Tech University.

Virginia Balch History Scholarship, 1994, Texas Tech University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

American Indians in World War One: At War and at Home (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1997).

A Brief History of the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellon Press, 1999).

The Lipan Apaches: People of Wind and Lightning. (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2009).

The National Council on Indian Opportunity: Quite Champion of Self-Determination (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2014).

Peer Reviewed Articles/ Book Chapters/ Encyclopedia Entries

"The Dismissal of the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, 1880-1914," Fort Concho and South Plains Journal 24 (Autumn 1992): 55-77.

"The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts in the Big Bend," Journal of Big Bend Studies 5 (January 1993): 69-77.

"Changing Land Uses in Carson County: A Microcosm of the Panhandle Experience," Panhandle-Plains Historical Review 66 (1993): 53-72.

"Jim Crow, the Cold War and the Northern Plains: The John Rice Incident in Historical Perspective," Papers of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Dakota History Conference (May 30-June 1 1996): 108-123.

"The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts in Texas," in David A. Williams, ed., Bricks Without Straw: A Comprehensive History of African Americans in Texas (Austin: Eakin Press, 1997), 95-104..

"Hoover and the Indians: The Case for Continuity in Indian Policy, 1900-1933," The Historian (Spring 1999): 519-538.

"Indian Cowboys of the Northern Plains," in Paul H. Carlson, ed., The Cowboy Way: An Exploration of History and Culture (Lubbock: Texas Tech University Press, 2000), 45-62.

"The Creek Draft Rebellion of 1918: Wartime Hysteria and Indian-Baiting in WWI Oklahoma," The Chronicles of Oklahoma (Summer 2001), 200-215.

- “The Sergeant John R. Rice Incident and the Paradox of Indian Civil Rights,” co-authored with Larry Burt, Annals of Iowa 63 (Summer 2004): 279-310.
- “Native Americans in the United States Military,” in Peter Karsten ed., The Encyclopedia of War and Society vol. II (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2006), 579-582.
- “U.S. Indian Policy, 1877-1934,” in Encyclopedia of United States Indian Policy and Law.
Paul Finkelman and Tim Alan Garrison eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2008.
(and 8 other entries)
- “Using Student Response Systems (Clickers) in the History Classroom.” *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods* 36 (Spring 2011), 14-21.
- “The Indian Wars of Texas: A Lipan Apache Perspective.” In Texas and War: New Interpretations on the Military History of the Lone Star State, Charles D. Grear and Alexander Mendoza eds., (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2012), 17-37.
- “American Indians in the U.S. Military,” in *The Routledge Handbook of U.S. Military and Diplomatic History*, ed. By Christos Frenzos **and** Antonio Thompson. Routledge Press, 2013.
- “The Indians of West Texas.” West Texas: A History of the Giant Side of the State, By Paul Carlson and Bruce Glasrud, University of Oklahoma Press, 2014 pp. 91-106.
- “The State of Nevada v. Eugene Austin: A Tragic Story of Homicide and Incarceration in the American Southwest,” *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 38 (2014): 111-134.

Other Journal Publications

- "The Sioux City Soos Debate: The Issue of Indian Mascots in Professional Sports," Briar Cliff Review 8 (Spring 1996): 9-13.
- “Peyote: Sacred Sacrament of the Rio Grande Valley,” in Milo Kearney *et al* eds., Studies in Rio Grande Valley History (Brownsville: University of Texas at Brownsville Press, 2005), 107-113.
- “Adios Harlingen A.F.B.: A Community’s Response to the Closing of Harlingen Air Force Base, 1962-1972,” in Milo Kearney *et al*, ed., Further Studies in Rio Grande Valley History 7 (2006), 257-263.
- “Teaching About Texas Indians Before 1836.” Texas Insights 3 (August 2012).

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Fatal Victories, by William Weir, *The Historian* (1995).
- Review of The Cherokee Cavaliers, by Edward Everett Dale and Aston Litton, *Great Plains Newsletter* (1995).
- Review of Why the Allies Won, by Richard Overy, *The Historian* (1996).
- Review of Indians in the American West in the Twentieth Century, by Donald L. Parman, *Annals of Iowa* (1997).
- Review of White Man's Wicked Water: The Alcohol Trade and Prohibition in Indian Country, 1802-1892, by William E. Unrau, *Annals of Iowa*, (1997).
- Review of Black Valor: Buffalo Soldiers and the Medal of Honor, 1870-1898, by Frank N. Schubert, *Western Historical Quarterly* (1998).
- Review of Theodore Roosevelt and Six Friends of the Indian, by William Hagan, *Annals of Iowa*, (Summer 1998).
- Review of The Newspaper Indian: Native American Identity in the Press, 1820-1890, by John M. Coward, *The Historian*, (December 2000).
- Review of The Allegany Senecas and Kinzua Dam, by Joy A. Bilharz, *American Indian Quarterly*, (2000).
- Review of American Indian Population Recovery in the Twentieth Century, by Nancy Shoemaker, *American Historical Review* (2000).
- Review of Across the Wide River, by William Hewitt, *Annals of Iowa* (Summer 2004).
- Review of Fort Bowie, Arizona: Frontier Post of the Southwest, by Douglas C. McChristian, *Choice* (September 2005).
- Review of The Cherokee Nation: A History, by Robert J. Conley, *Choice* (November 2005).
- Review of The Captured, by Scott Zesch, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 2006).
- Review of The Shawnees and Their Neighbors, 1795-1870, by Stephen Warren, *Choice* (April 2006).
- Review of Isabella Greenway: An Enterprising Woman, by Kristie Miller, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (2005).

- Review of From Dominance to Disappearance: The Indians of Texas and the Near Southwest, 1789-1759, by F. Todd Smith, *Choice* (June 2006).
- Review of *Seldom Heard: Ranchers, Ranchos and Rumors of the South Texas Brush Country*, by Dian L. Malouf, *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (2006).
- Review of José María Jesús Carvajal: The Life and times of a Mexican revolutionary, by Joseph E. Chance, *Choice*. (March 2007)
- Review of The Red Man's on the Warpath, by Scott Sheffield, *American Review of Canadian Studies* (Summer 2006).
- Review of Tio Cowboy: Juan Salinas, Rodeo Roper and Cowboy *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (2007).
- Review of White Man's Paper Trail: Grand Councils and Treaty-making on the Central Plains, by Stan Hoig, *Choice*. (August 2007)
- Review of The Rise and Fall of Indian Country, 1825-1855, by William Unrau, *Choice* (April 2008)
- Review of No One Ever Asked Me: The World War II Memoirs of an Omaha Indian Soldier, by Hollis Stabler, *Annals of Iowa*, 2007.
- Review of The Choctaws in Oklahoma, From Tribe to Nation, 1855-1970, by Clara Sue Bidwell, *Choice* (June 2008)
- Review of American Indians and State Law: Sovereignty, Race, and Citizenship, 1790-1880, by Deborah A. Rosen. *Choice*. (November 2008).
- Review of Historic Native Peoples of Texas, by William Foster. *Choice* (October 2008).
- Review of On the Border with Mackenzie or Winning West Texas from the Comanches, by Robert G. Carter. *East Texas Historical Journal* (Spring 2009).
- Review of Dolph Briscoe: My Life in Texas Ranching and Politics, By Dolph Briscoe and Don Charleton. *East Texas Historical Journal*. (Spring 2009).
- Review of North American Indians in the Great War, by Susan Applegate Krouse. *Great Plains Quarterly* (Winter 2009).
- Review of Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War, by John W. Hall. *Choice* (July 2010).
- Review of Bloodshed at the Little Bighorn: Sitting Bull, Custer, and the Destinies of Nations, by Tim Lehman. *Choice* (November 2010).

- Review of Inkpaduta: Dakota Leader, by Paul N. Beck. *Choice* (September 2009).
- Review of Medicine Bags and Dog Tags: American Indian Veterans from Colonial Times to the Second Iraq War, by Al Carroll. *Great Plains Quarterly* (Spring 2010).
- Review of Chief Loco: Apache Peacemaker, by Bud Shapard. *Journal of Southern History* (November 2011).
- Review of The Killing of Crazy Horse, by Thomas Powers. *Choice* (April 2011).
- Review of War Party in Blue: Pawnee Scouts in the U.S. Army, by Mark van de Logt. Foreword by Walter R. Echo-Hawk. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2010. *Annals of Iowa* (Summer 2011): 270-271.
- Review of Drumbeats from Mescalero: Conversations with Apaches Elders, Warriors, and Horseholders. By H. Henrietta Stockel with Marian D. Kelley. *New Mexico Historical Review* (Fall 2012).
- Review of The Gods of Prophetstown: The Battle of Tippecanoe and the Holy War for the American Frontier. By Adam Jortner. *The Historian* (Fall 2012), 841-842.
- Review of Winona LaDuke, The Militarization of Indian Country (Honor the Earth, 2011). *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 37 (2013).
- Review of A Separate Country: Postcoloniality and American Indian Nations. By Elizabeth Cook-Lynn. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (July 2013): 96-97.
- Review of Kindred by Choice: Germans and American Indians since 1800. By Glenn Penny *Annals of Iowa* (Winter 2014), 70-71.
- Review of Dragoons in Apacheland: Conquest and Resistance in Southern New Mexico, 1846-1861. By William S. Kiser *The American Historical Review* (2014): 183-184.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- Review of For King and Kanata: Canadian Indians in the First World War. By Timothy C. Winegard. *American Review of Canadian Studies*.
- Review of Geronimo. By Robert M. Utley. *Choice*.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- "Franz von Papen and His Struggle for Dual Greatness," 1989 Social Science Convention, Dallas, Texas.
- "The Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts in the Big Bend," 1991 West Texas Historical Society Convention, Alpine, Texas.
- "Indian Doughboys: Native American Service in World War I," 1994 YWCA Llano Estacado Native American "Gathering on the South Plains" Pow-Wow, Lubbock, Texas.
- "Preservationist or Assimilationist?: Joseph K. Dixon and the Issue of Segregating Indian Soldiers," March 10, 1995, 38th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska.
- "The Sioux City Soos Debate of 1992," October 1995, 1st Annual Great Plains Popular Culture Conference, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa.
- "Jim Crow, the Cold War, and the High Plains: An Examination of the John Rice Incident," May 31, 1996, 28th Annual Dakota History Conference, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- "The Assault on Indian Sovereignty in the Modern Era," December 9, 1996, International Human Rights Day, Wilbur-Aalfs Library, Sioux City, Iowa.
- "Treacherous, Deceitful, or Just Plain Smart? Lipan Apache Warfare in Spanish Texas," April 1-2, 2005, 82nd Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association, Alpine, Texas.
- "Lipan Apache Socio-Cultural Adaptations in the 18th and 19th Centuries," May 2-4, 2006, 110th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas.
- Editor's Report, November 2, 2007, 55th Annual Meeting of the South Texas Historical Association, San Ygnacio, Texas.
- "The NCIO and Indian Self-Determination," March 4-5, 2011, 114th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, El Paso, Texas.
- The NCIO—CLA Colloquium, UTB (November 2011)
- "Andrew Jackson and Indian Removal," Humanities Texas Seminar (June 2012)
- "Native Peoples of Spanish Texas," (keynote speaker) Region XIII Conference, Austin, Texas (August 8, 2012).

“Manifest Destiny and Indian Wars,” Humanities Texas Seminar (February 2014).

MISCELLANEOUS

On-camera expert scholar on Indians in WWI and the John Rice incident. *Way of the Warrior*, PBS. Aired in November 2007.

Certified Texas Teacher, 1986-present, High School History and English.
Certificate #378862037

Board of Directors, Sioux City American Indian Center.
Secretary, February 1997-June 1998

Army National Guard, 1982-86, 1997-2000. Received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in Iowa Army National Guard, August 1999. Honorable Discharge.

On-camera expert scholar on Indian service in the military. *People of the Pines*—California Native American Series, PBS. Filmed in August 2009.

SERVICE

Department

- * Chair, 2013-present
- * Personnel Committee
- * Curriculum Committee
- * New faculty mentor
- * Department website manager
- * Graduate Advisor
- * Co-sponsor of NEH Grant application re: local history in the curriculum
- * UTB-UTPA Department Consolidation Committee (2014)

College

- * Dean of Liberal Arts Search Committee (2006-07)
- * Graduation Commencement Committee (2006-07)
- * 9th Annual Assessment Conference attendee—Texas A&M University (February 2009)
- * Integrated Learning—only member of CLA to teach a “linked course” (Fall 2009-present)
- * CLA Personnel Committee (2011-2013)
- * Right-sizing Committee (2012)

University

- * Presenter—Distance Education Faculty Workshop (August 2007)
- * Live trial of *TurningPoint* response system, 2006-2008.
- * Presenter—Teaching with Clickers—Center for Teaching and Learning (September 2009; January 2013)
- * Presenter—Critical Thinking Activities—First Year Experience workshop (January 2013)
- * Interim Director—Border Studies Initiative (2009-2010)
- * Critical Thinking Workshop, Northwestern Michigan College (2010)
- * CAT Test Administrator and Scoring Session Leader (2010-2013)
- * Regent’s Award Selection Committee (2011-2012)

Community

- * B.I.S.D. History Fair judge
- * Harlingen Rotary Club Speaker, May 2013.

Region

- * Editor—*Journal of South Texas* (2006 to 2010)
- * Guest lecture on Lipan Apache history at Kenedy Ranch Museum Fair, November 2011
- * Texas Quiz Show organizer (UTB, Spring 2012 to present)
- * Presenter: Humanities Texas Teacher Professional Development Workshop, Edinburg, Texas, February 5, 2014
- * Presenter: Humanities Texas Teacher Professional Development Workshop, Corpus Christi, Texas, February 6, 2014

Profession

- * Evaluated Summer Intern grant proposal for St. Joseph’s College, New York (Fall 2011)

MEMBERSHIPS

Texas African-American Heritage Organization
Phi Alpha Theta
West Texas Historical Association
Texas State Historical Association
South Texas Historical Association

REFERENCES

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