



Curriculum Vita
Fall 2026 / Spring 2027

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Secondary Partnerships & Initiatives

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Communication Response Time: Normally within 48 hours; I will respond to emails received over a holiday or on weekends within 48 hours of the next business day.

EDUCATION

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA

Master of Arts in Security Studies (Civil-Military Relations), 2005

Research focus on US Military Joint Operability, NATO Doctrine, and Media's Role in War with an emphasis in Far East Studies.

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Master of Science in Public Relations, 1998

Research focus on Organizational Communication, Situational Crisis Management and Targeted Media Campaigns & Outreach Programs.

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

Bachelor's of Science in Education, 1988

Research focus and credentialed in English Language Arts, Speech Communications, Journalism and Mass Communications.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dual Credit Speech Instructor – Royse City High School (Texas)
June 2026 – Present

Serves as Adjunct Professor to East Texas A&M University. Designs instructional material and facilitates interactive events in order to develop student oral presentation and slide development skills as they earn credit towards their Associate Degrees and/or Industry Business Certifications.

AP Seminar and AP Research Instructor – Sachse High School (Texas)
August 2023 – May 2026

Designs instructional material and facilitates interactive events in accordance with College Board program requirements in order to prepare AP students for their individual research reports, individual written arguments, team multimedia presentations, individual multimedia presentations, and end-of-course synthesis essay.

English 1 Teacher (Pre-AP/Honors and On-Level) – Sachse High School (Texas)
August 2015 – Current

Designs instructional material and facilitates learning events to help students develop critical thinking, reading comprehension, and college-level writing skills. Prepares students for their annual English 1 STAAR Test.

Gifted & Talented Training Secondary School Liaison – Garland ISD (Texas)
January 2024 – May 2025

Collaborated with District leadership and Elementary School Liaisons to design and deliver Gifted & Talented Training (initial 30-hour and annual 6-hour updates) to teachers from across Garland ISD.

College Board (SpringBoard) National Faculty Member – The College Board
August 2016 – August 2023

Competitively selected and served as 1 of only 76 National Faculty Members charged with designing the SpringBoard curriculum and delivering professional development to users across the United States.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Texas Region 10 Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2023-24
State Semi-Finalist, HEB “Excellence in Education Awards”, 2023-24
Garland Independent School District Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2023-24
Sachse High School Teacher of the Year, 2022-23
SpringBoard National Teacher of Distinction, 1998