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ACADEMIC RECORD

BACHELOR OF ARTS	BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, WACO, TEXAS—MAY, 1988
MASTER OF ARTS	BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, WACO, TEXAS—DECEMBER, 1989 THESIS: "A 'SLOW CIVIL WAR': RESISTANCE TO THE DAVIS ADMINISTRATION IN HILL AND WALKER COUNTIES, 1871" DIRECTOR: STANLEY CAMPBELL
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS—AUGUST, 1996 DISSERTATION: "TOWARDS A TWO-PARTY SOUTH: ALLAN SHIVERS AND TEXAS POLITICS, 1934-1957" DIRECTOR: ROBERT A. CALVERT
MAJOR FIELDS:	SOUTHERN HISTORY TWENTIETH CENTURY UNITED STATES TEXAS HISTORY
MINOR FIELD:	LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY

POSITIONS HELD

Lecturer, Department of History, Texas A&M University, 1997

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sam Houston State University, 1997

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History and Political Science, Southwest Baptist University,
1997-1999

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1999-2005

Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2005-2012

Professor of History, Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2012-present

Head, Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2005-2008

Interim Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2008-2009

Dean, University College, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2009-present

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- “Defying Davis: the Walker County Rebellion, 1871.” *East Texas Historical Journal* XXXII, No. 2 (1993): 34-47.
- “Hill County Rebellion, 1871.” *The Handbook of Texas* (1995)
- “Walker County Rebellion, 1871.” *The Handbook of Texas* (1995)
- “Case Study in Social Neurosis: Quentin Compson and the Lost Cause.” *Papers on Language and Literature* XXXIII, No. 4 (Fall, 1997): 366-391.
- “Republic of Texas,” in John S. Resch, *Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront*. Detroit:Macmillan Reference, 2005.
- “Lawyers, Lions and Lead Men: Allan Shivers’s East Texas Network, 1950,” *East Texas Historical Journal* XLIII, No. 1 (2005): 14-24.
- “Continuities in American Anti-Catholicism: the Texas *Baptist Standard* and the Coming of the 1960 Election,” *Baptist History and Heritage* (February, 2007): 85-93.
- “Academic Early Intervention as a Frontier of Faculty-Student Interaction,” *Proceedings of the Seventh Annual National Symposium on Student Retention*, (2012).

Books and Chapters in Books

- Yellow Dogs and Republicans: Allan Shivers and Texas Two-Party Politics*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2005.
- “Lyndon, We Hardly Remember Ye: LBJ in the Memory of Modern Texas,” in Gregg Cantrell and Elizabeth Hayes Turner, eds., *Myth, Meaning and Historical Memory in Texas*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2007
- “Richard Nixon,” in Nancy Beck Young, ed., *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Presidency*, 6 vols., Facts on File, 2012.

Reviews

- Stephen F. Austin: Empresario of Texas*, by Gregg Cantrell, for H-Texas Discussion List, December, 1999.
- The Shattering of Texas Unionism*, by Dale Baum, interactive review with author participation for H-South Discussion List, September, 2000.
- The Wichita Indians: Traders of the Texas and Southern Plains, 1540-1845*, by F. Todd Smith, for *Agricultural History*.
- The Human Tradition in Texas*, Ty Cashion and Jesus F. de la Teja, editors, for *Journal of Southern History* LXVIII, No. 4. (Nov. 2002), 1014.
- The Dixiecrat Revolt and the End of the Solid South, 1932-1968*, by Kari Frederickson, for H-South Discussion List, January, 2002.

Fort Sam: the History of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, by Eldon Cagle, Jr. for *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* CVII, No. 4 (April 2004), 625.

Harder than Hardscrabble, edited by Thad Sitton, *Agricultural History* LXXIX, No. 4 (Fall 2005): 494-495.

Cowboy Conservatism: Texas and the Rise of the Modern Right, by Sean P. Cunningham, *Journal of Southern History* LXXVII (2011): 1046-1047.

Consulting and Other Publications

Contributing Writer, Two Viewpoints Feature, *Texas and Texans*, Glencoe-McGraw Hill Publisher. (Planned, wrote, and selected illustrations for critical thinking segments in Texas history texts. Textbook approved in 2002. Released, 2003.)

Editor and commentator, *The Civil Rights Movement*, Internet Coursepack, Xanadu.com. (A division of Bell and Howell). (Selected readings, illustrations, and provided commentary and explanatory material for a collection of readings about the Civil Rights Movement. Released in 2002.)

U.S. History Textbook Review, Texas Public Policy Foundation, May-August, 2002. (Read and critiqued four state-approved high school US History Since 1877 texts. Compared books to the state curriculum and offered additional criticism. Testified regarding reviews before State Board of Education, August, 2002.)

Contributor, Texas Course Redesign Project, American History I, 2006-2007 (Collaboration to redesign first semester American survey. Funded by legislative grant and joint project with other institutions conducted through the University of North Texas.)

Contributing Writer, Texas Course Redesign Project, American History II, 2007. (Collaboration to redesign second semester American survey. Funded by legislative grant and joint project with other institutions conducted through the University of North Texas.)

Contributor, Texas A&M University System Public School Initiatives, 2007. (Produced study guides for state certification examination in 8-12 History and 4-8 Social Studies. Irma Harper, contact.)

Member, Statewide P-16 Vertical Team for Social Studies, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2007-2008. (Producing college readiness standards for Texas public school students in subject area. Evie Hyatt, contact.)

Curriculum Reviewer, Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd University (Saudi Arabia), for Texas International Education Consortium, 2011-2012.

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Far Right in Dallas
Retention and Course Specific Variables
Student Attitudes Toward the Discipline of History and Success in US Survey

COURSES TAUGHT

At Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1999-Present:

HIS 595 Research Literature and Techniques
HIS 590 Historiography and Methods
HIS 553 Readings in U.S. History 1850-1920
HIS 550 Readings in Modern Texas History

HIS 550 Readings in History of the South
HIS 435 Texas and the West
HIS 425 History of the South
HIS 415 History of Texas
HIS 410 Civil Rights Movement
HIS 407 History of the United States, 1877-1914
HIS 405 Civil War and Reconstruction
HIS 375 Mexico and Central America
HIS 122 U.S. History Since 1877 (Honors and Regular sections)

LAC 302 Latin American and Caribbean Culture and Civilization, II
LAC 301 Latin American Caribbean Culture and Civilization, I

MASTER'S THESES DIRECTED

Merry Ressler, "Desegregation of Cooper, Texas Independent School District: What Took So Long?," Summer, 2009.

James Blackshear, "The Fight for Land and Honor in Las Vegas, New Mexico," Summer, 2008.

Kathy White, "A History of the Greenville-Peniel Holiness Community," Summer, 2006.

Debra Cavett, "America First Committee in Houston, Texas," Summer, 2003.

Jane Spring, "The Impact of the Lost Cause on Texas School Mascot Choices," Fall, 2002.

PAPERS PRESENTED AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Defying Davis: the Walker County Rebellion, 1871," presented to the Walker County Historical Association, Huntsville, Texas, December 1993.

"Allan Shivers and the Use of Race in Texas Politics," presented at the Southwest Social Science Association, Dallas, Texas, March 24, 1995.

"What About Us?: White Government, Tejano Rights and African American Aspirations in Texas, 1943-1952," presented at the Southwest Social Science Association, Houston, Texas, March 22, 1996.

Commentator, "Examples of Minority Power: Women, Police and Military," Phi Alpha Theta Session, Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 19, 1998.

Commentator, "*Ellen Foster* and Film," Friends of Polk County Library Book and Film Discussion Series, February 24, 1999, Bolivar, Missouri.

Commentator, "Urban Texas in the Early Twentieth Century," Phi Alpha Theta Session, Southwestern Social Science Association, Galveston, Texas, March 18, 2000.

Chair and Commentator, "Antebellum Politics," Southwestern Social Science Association, Galveston, Texas, March 17, 2000.

Panel Chair, Fifth Annual Cotton History Conference, American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas, April 28, 2000.

Chair, "Texas Freedman's Settlements," East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 30, 2000.

- Teacher Workshop Coordinator, "Frontiers in History," History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, October 28, 2000.
- "Home Front," Korean War Lecture Series, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, November 18, 2000
- "Lessons and Legacies of the 1952 Presidential Campaign in Texas," Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 7, 2002.
- "Quentin Compson, Race and the Lost Cause," Plenary Address, EGAD Conference, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas, April 6, 2002.
- "Understanding Watergate: Nixon's Personality in Context," Teaching of History Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, September 20, 2003.
- "Allan Shivers's East Texas Network," East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 26, 2003.
- "Richard Nixon and Watergate," Presentation for Richardson ISD Social Studies Teachers, Richardson, Texas, February 12, 2004.
- "Origins of the 'Southern Strategy': Richard Nixon's Southern Campaign, 1960," Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 18, 2004.
- "When Anti-Communism Meets Anti-Catholicism: Texas Baptists React to the Cold War and John F. Kennedy," Mid-America Historical Association, Springfield, Missouri, October 2, 2004.
- "Allan Shivers and Texas Politics in the 1950s: A Window Onto the Present," East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 17, 2005.
- "Where's Lyndon When You Need Him: the Vanishing Memory of Lyndon Johnson," Luncheon Address, East Texas Historical Association, Huntsville, Texas, February 18, 2006.
- "Historian's Stake in the Public School Culture Wars," Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 2007.
- "Roundtable Discussion: 20th Century Texas Politics," East Texas Historical Association, Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, Texas, September, 2007.
- "Dallas Republicans and the Adolphus Hotel Incident of 1960," Urban History Association, Houston, Texas, November 7, 2008.
- "Academic Early Intervention as a Frontier of Faculty-Student Interaction," National Symposium on Student Retention, Charleston, South Carolina, November, 2011.
- "Beyond Trial and Error: Using Assessment to Improve Capstone Experiences in Residential Scholarship Programs," with Raymond Green, Fifteenth Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference, College Station, Texas, February 23, 2015.
- Chair, "From the Fields to the Store," Texas Oral History Association Conference, Commerce, Texas, April 25, 2015.
- "The Cold War in the United States," College of Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts, Professional Development Day, Dallas, Texas, November 13, 2015.

"From Backwater to Powerhouse: Texas on the National Stage," Exploring Texas Workshop Series, Region X Educational Service Center and Texas State Historical Association, Richardson, Texas, February 2, 2016.

HONORS AND GRANTS

Guittard Fellowship, Baylor University, 1989

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Kappa Phi

C. K. Chamberlain Award, Best Article in the *East Texas Historical Journal*, East Texas Historical Association, 1994

Nominated for MacDonald Excellence in Teaching Award, Texas A&M University, 1994 and 1995

Travel Grant, Harry S. Truman Library Foundation, 1995

Travel Grant, Texas A&M University History Department, 1996

Faculty Development Grant, College of Education and Social Sciences, Southwest Baptist University, 1998

Research Mini-Grant, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Graduate School, 2001

Star Award for Teaching, Texas A&M University-Commerce, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001

Organized Research Grant, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2002-2003

Traveling Texas History Institute, Grant from Texas A&M University System's Academy for Educator Development in conjunction with Institute for School-University Partnerships.

Research Mini-Grant, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Graduate School, 2004.

Ottis Lock Award for Best Book, East Texas Historical Association, 2005

Organized Research Grant, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2005-2006

Dean's Award for Service, College of Arts and Sciences, 2008

Nominated for Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Senate, Neil Humfeld Distinguished Faculty Award for Service, 2014.

Nominated for Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Senate, Outstanding Administrator Award, 2014.

Nominated for Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Past Member, Southern Historical Association

Past Member, Texas State Historical Association

Served on 2005 Program Committee
Served on 2011 Program Committee

Past Member, East Texas Historical Association
Served on 2004 Membership Committee
Serving on Fall, 2007 Program Committee
Served on Board of Directors

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

18th and 19th Century France Search Committee, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2000

20th Century United States Search Committee, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2001

Scholarship Committee, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1999-2003

Alternate Delegate for Faculty Senate, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1999-2004

Regional Coordinator, History Day, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1999-

Scholarship and Housing Student Appeals Committee, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2001-2005

Academic Affairs/ Undergraduate Student Appeals Committee, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2001-2005

Academic Practices Committee, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2001-2005

Co-Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2002-2003

Colonial American Search Committee, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2002-2003

Committee on Admission and Retention in Teacher Education, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2003-2005

History Department Senator, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2004-2005

Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2004-2005

Sam Rayburn Statue Committee, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2004-2005

Editorial Advisory Board, Sam Rayburn Series on Rural Life, Texas A&M University-Commerce and Texas A&M University Press, 2005-2008

Chair, Modern European Search Committee, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2006.

Council on Educator Preparation, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2005-2008

Chair, Task Force on University Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2006-2007

Member, Task Force on Creating an Honor's College, Office of the Provost/VPAA, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2006-2007

Organizer, Vietnam Era Focus Series, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2006.

Member, Strategic Enrollment Management Committee, 2008-2009

Chair, University Studies Council (Core Curriculum), 2008-2011

Member, A&M-Commerce Quality Enhancement Plan Committee, 2008-

Member, Budget Review and Development Council, 2009-

Member, University Compliance Committee, 2009-2011

Member, Behavioral Intervention Team, 2009-

Member, Search Committee for Dean of College of Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts, 2010-2011

Member, Texas A&M University System Task Force on Student Success Metrics, 2011-2012

Member, Texas A&M University System Common Student Learning Outcomes Task Force, 2012-2013

Member, A&M-Commerce Marketing Committee, 2011-

Chair, Search Committee for Associate Vice-President for Student Access and Success—Student Affairs, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2012.

Member, Texas A&M University System Academic Advising Task Force, 2012-

Member, Texas A&M University-Commerce Strategic Planning Task Force, 2014-2015

Chair, Student Success Subcommittee, Texas A&M University-Commerce Strategic Planning Task Force, 2014-2015

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Dean, Honors College, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2015

Chair, Search Committee for Global Programs Abroad Coordinator, 2015

Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Vice-President of Student Access and Success/Dean of Campus Life and Student Development, 2015.

REFERENCES

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