

Vita

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Educational Background

Ph.D., University of North Texas, October 1995.

Major in History, emphasis on Twentieth Century Military and Diplomatic History. Secondary fields in Modern Europe and Political Science.

Dissertation: "The Operations of U.S. Battleships in World War I, 1917-1918."

M.S., East Texas State University, May 1992. Major in History. Minor in Political Science

B.A., Ambassador University, May 1988. Major in Theology

Faculty Positions

Professor, Texas A&M University Central Texas, 2011 to present.

Associate Professor, Texas A&M University Central Texas, 2009 to 2011. Tenured in 2009.

Associate Professor, Tarleton State University Central Texas
September 2003 to August 2009. Tenured in 2005.

Assistant Professor, Tarleton State University, September 1999 to September 2003

Assistant Professor, University of Central Texas
Spring 1996 to August 1999.

Instructor, Collin County Community College,
Plano, Texas; Fall 1995.

Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas,
Denton, Texas; Spring 1993, Fall 1995.

Instructor, North Central Texas College,
Gainesville, Texas; Fall 1992.

Instructor, Northeast Texas Community College,
Mount Pleasant, Texas; Summer 1992.

Teaching

My areas of specialization are military history, diplomatic history, International Relations, and modern European history.

Accomplishments:

I was appointed to the Academy of Educator Faculty, part of the Texas A&M University System Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Educator Preparation in 2001.

I have directed numerous MA theses, including the first two in the institution's history.

American History TV aired one of my classes on CSPAN 3, 29 January 2011, "Woodrow Wilson's Naval Diplomacy," <https://www.c-span.org/video/?296413-1/president-wilsons-naval-diplomacy>. This was part of their series showcasing academic teaching of history

Administrative Positions

Founding Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – Central Texas, 2014 to 2022.

Accomplishments:

Increased enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences from 635 students in Fall 2014 to 850 students in Fall 2022.

Developed the first detailed budget for the college and created separate budgets for academic departments. Instituted the practice of making budget reports for the college.

Established partnerships with programs at area community colleges.

Until 2015 Mathematics was the only STEM field at the university. Since then we have added the BS in Biology, added a minor in chemistry (2016), and added the BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology (2019).

Our Bachelor of Music degree (2018) was made possible because of this partnership with Temple College. Recently, our MOU expanded to support an Art minor. We also have approval for a Drama minor in collaboration with Central Texas College.

In the Humanities the MA in English was added to our offerings. In the Social Sciences we added the BAAS in Criminal Justice and the MS in Homeland Security, and the BS in Anthropology.

The new BSN program achieved CCNE accreditation in 2015

The BS in Social Work program received their accreditation from CSWE in 2017

Grant awards for the college have increased dramatically since 2014. The size of the tenured faculty increased dramatically during my tenure and our scholarship increased significantly.

With Dr. Luke Nichter I acquired archival collections on the Cold War Era worth at least \$2,000,000 for the history program and the college. Our first graduate assistant working in the archive with these collections was hired as an archivist for the National Archives and Records Administration.

Interim Dean, College of Education, Texas A&M University – Central Texas, March 2016 to June 2016.

Accomplishments:

Directed the Curriculum and Instruction programs to develop policy documents that ensure better compliance with TEA requirements. TEA officials were complimentary about our efforts. Improved collaboration between the two colleges on curriculum developments of mutual concern. Worked for budget transparency.

Founding Chair, Department of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – Central Texas, June 2012 to March 2014.

Accomplishments:

The department had a diverse collection of disciplines, including English, History, Mathematics, and Political Science.

Led an effort to rationalize the undergraduate and graduate curriculum. Our curriculum had been inherited from Tarleton State University.

Program Coordinator for History, Division of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University – Central Texas, September 2009 to May 2011.

Accomplishments:

Tripled graduate enrollment for the MA in History.

Emphasized student research. Dramatically increased the number of student theses produced.

Established the first academic symposium at the university in 2010, the Central Texas Military History Symposium.

Established a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society for history in 2010.

Program Coordinator for Social Sciences, Tarleton State University – Central Texas, September 1999 to August 2009.

Accomplishments:

Doubled enrollment for the program.

Founded the MA in History at Killeen.

Worked with the library to expand dramatically the collections in social sciences and humanities disciplines.

Program Coordinator for Social Sciences, The University of Central Texas, January 1996 to August 1999.

Accomplishments:

Re-established a B.S. program in political Science.

Founded the undergraduate program in history.

Both programs expanded from no courses offered or majors to sixteen courses offered per semester and forty majors.

Publications

Books

U.S. Battleship Operations in World War I, Annapolis: U.S. Naval Institute Press, 1998.

Articles and Essays

“Progressive Presidents, New Empire, and the Enduring Frontier Myth,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 52, No. 3, September 2022, 723-726.

“Presidential Decisions in War and Peace,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 49, No. 2, June 2019, 464-466.

“The Naval Battle of Paris,” *Naval War College Review*, Vol. 66, Spring 2009, 77-89

Reviews

Review of Dunn, Steve R., *Battle in the Baltic: The Royal Navy and the Fight to Save Estonia &*

Latvia 1918–1920, in *History: Reviews of Books*, Volume 49 (2021), No. 1.

Review of Lawrence Sondhaus, *The Great War at Sea: A Naval History of the First World War*, in *History: Reviews of New Books*, Vol. 44 (2016), No. 3.

Review of, *Buffalo Soldiers in the West: A Black Soldiers Anthology*. Edited by Bruce A. Glasrud and Michael N. Searles, in *The Journal of Southern History*, Vol. LXXV (2009), 469-470

Review of Michael R. Waters, *Lone Star Stalag: German Prisoners of War at Camp Hearne*, and Dawn T. Bunyak, *Our Last Mission: A World War II Prisoner in Germany*, in *Military History of the West*. (Spring 2005).

Book Note, on Sy Kahn, *Between Tedium and Terror: A Soldier's World War II Diary, 1943-1945*, in *Military History of the West*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (Spring 1994).

Other

Biographical sketch, "Admiral Royal Rodney Ingersoll," *American National Biography*, 20 vols., Oxford University Press, 1998.

Board of Editors, *The Journal of Intercultural Disciplines*, 2005 to 2008.

Invited Lectures

From 2007 to present I have served as a guest lecturer for the U.S. Naval War College Strategy and Policy course in their Fleet Seminar. The Strategy and Policy course is one of three core courses for the program. The lectures not only summarize those conflicts, but they also highlight lessons that might apply to current and future conflict. I also analyze the ideas of the contemporary military theorists, such as Sir Julian Corbett and Alfred Thayer Mahan. Some of my past topics include:

Torch and Overlord: The Power of Maritime Coalitions
War Plans and Strategic Decisions of the Pacific War
German Foreign and Military Policies from Bismarck to the First World War
Plans and Miscalculations of the Great War
The Russia-Japanese War: A Contrast in Military Systems and Theory

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Paper, "The End of American Empire in the Southern Philippines, 1942." South Dakota State University, Faces of War Symposium, 15 March 2023.

Paper, "The Ordeal of U.S. and Filipino Prisoners of War After the Fall of Mindanao," South Dakota State University, Faces of War Symposium, 19 September 2018.

Paper, "Naval Operations in the Great War," Killeen Texas, Central Texas Military History Symposium, 14 October 2017.

Paper, "The Naval Battle for Tunisia: Land-Based Air Power, Small Ships, and Mining," Killeen Texas, Central Texas Military History Symposium, 3 October 2014

Paper, "Texas Union Cavalry Regiments and the Rio Grande Campaign," Texas State Historical Association, 106th Annual Meeting, Spring 2002.

Paper, "The American Squadron with the Grand Fleet," U.S. Naval Academy, Naval History Symposium, Fall 1997.

Faculty Leadership

Chair, University Curriculum Committee, 2011-2012

Speaker, Faculty Senate, 2010 – 2011

Chair, ad-hoc committee on Tenure and Promotion Policy, 2010-2011

Chair, Tarleton CT Library Committee, 2000 to 2002.

Chair, UCT Policy and Curriculum Committee, 1997-98

University Service

Faculty Senate, 2023-

University Council, 2014-2022

Academic Council, 2012-2022

Educator Preparation Council, 2009-2016

President's search committee (2010), Provost's search committee (2011), Dean's search (2013)

University Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2008-2010

Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2010-2012

Graduate Council, 2009-2012

University Handbook, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2008-09

Academic Planning Committee, 2008-09

Distance Education Committee, 2008-09

CT Library Committee, 2000-2009 (also TSU Library Committee to 2009)

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Tarleton CT, 2006 to 2007

Secretary, UCT Faculty Affairs Committee, 1998-99

TSU ROTC Advisory Committee, 2002 to 2009

Community Service

Helped organize the African American History Symposium from 2010 to 2022. This event has alternated between our campus and Central Texas College.

Served as a judge in Regional History Day competitions and was advisor to the Copperas Cove ISD team in 2000-2001 when they placed in the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C.

2006 to 2017 Leadership positions in Troop 311, Hamilton Texas, Longhorn Council, BSA.
Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Den Leader.

Membership in Professional Organizations

The Society for Military History

References

Dr. Peg Gray-Vickrey
Provost, TAMUCT

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Dr. Allen Redmon
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
TAMUCT

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Dr. John Idoux
Former Executive Director of Tarleton-CT and Partner-In-Residence, NSF STEP Grant Principal Investigator at the Texas Bioscience Institute

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More references upon request.