

## 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

### **Administrative Positions**

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

Overview:

Report to the Provost with administrative responsibility for graduate and undergraduate education and the research functions of the University in the Arts and Sciences.

Responsible for implementation of academic rules and regulations, academic advising, promotion of academic integrity, undergraduate and graduate curricula, faculty staffing and development, research activities, management of academic resources, and oversight of academic departments, interdepartmental programs, and other academic activities in the Arts and Sciences

Accomplishments:

Increased enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences from 635 students in Fall 2014 to 814 students in Fall 2016.

Developed the first detailed budget for the college and created separate budgets for academic departments.

Instituted the practice of making regular budget reports for the college.

Established partnerships with programs at area community colleges, notably to develop biology and bio-chemistry and an upper-level music concentration in partnership with Temple College. Initiated efforts to forge a partnership between Central Texas College engineering, TEES, and TAMUCT to bring upper-level engineering to Central Texas.

The new BSN program achieved CCNE accreditation in 2015,

Grant awards for the college have increased dramatically since 2014

Recent hires have increased the diversity of the faculty and staff.

Helped secure a nationally-known archival collection with a value of \$700,000 while also adding valuable local collections.

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

Overview:

Provided collaborative leadership on behalf of the department, maintained a collegial environment, and ensured that the department functions efficiently, effectively, and in accordance with TAMUCT rules and standard administrative procedures and System regulations and policies. Reported directly to the Dean.

Accomplishments:

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

Oversaw program review for the M.A. in History. The program compared favorably to similar programs at much larger universities.

Led an effort to rationalize the undergraduate and graduate curriculum in history.

Led the assessment for the programs for initial SACSCOC accreditation.

Encouraged faculty research. Although a small department, Humanities faculty produced more peer-reviewed publications than any other department of the university.

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

Overview:

Responsible for recruiting full-time faculty and hiring part-time faculty. Oversaw course

scheduling and led curriculum development. Reported directly to the Director.

Accomplishments:

Tripled graduate enrollment for the MA in History.

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

Led curriculum development for the program upon separation from Tarleton State University.

Led the first academic symposium at the university, the Central Texas Military History Symposium. The symposium is now in its fourth year. The event hosts nationally prominent keynote speakers and provides a forum for faculty and student paper presentations. The program produces the symposium in partnership with the University of North Texas Military History Center and the National Mounted Warfare Foundation. So far, the event has attracted presenters from TAMUCT, UNT, West Texas A&M, Sam Houston State, TAMUSA, Midwestern State University, Ft. Hood, and Shepard AFB.

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

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

Overview:

Managed the history and political science programs at the Killeen campus. Responsible for recruiting full-time faculty and hiring part-time faculty for History and Political Science. Oversaw course scheduling. Reported directly to the Social Sciences Chair in Stephenville and the Director in Killeen.

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.

Overview: Responsible for faculty hiring and course scheduling. Led all curriculum development. Responsible directly to the academic dean.

Accomplishments:

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

Founded the undergraduate program in history.

Led curriculum development for both programs

Recruited the first adjunct faculty for the program.

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

### **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 nine theses, more than any other member of the faculty at TAMUCT.

Seven of my students have gone to doctoral programs at top universities.

### **Publications**

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.

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

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).

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

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

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**

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

### **Invited Lectures**

Since 2007 I have served as a guest lecturer for the U.S. Naval War College Strategy and Policy course. Some of the 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  
The Russo-Japanese War  
Strategic Miscalculations of the First World War

Televised Lecture, American History TV, CSPAN 3, 29 January 2011, “Woodrow Wilson’s Naval Diplomacy,” The program has 41 million viewers.

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

Paper, “The Naval Battle for Tunisia: Land-Based Air Power, Small Ships, and Mining,” Killeen Texas, 3 October 2013, Central Texas Military History Symposium.

Paper, Texas State Historical Association, 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Spring 2002. “Texas Union Cavalry Regiments and the Rio Grande Campaign.”

Paper, U.S. Naval Academy, Naval History Symposium, Fall 1997. “The American Squadron with the Grand Fleet, 1917-1918.”

### **University 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**

University Council, 2014

Educator Preparation Council, 2009-present

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

University Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2011-2012

Academic Council, 2012-present

Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2010-2013

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**

Judge, Regional History Day Competition, Baylor University, 14 February 2013

Judge, competition for HOT Regional History Fair, November 2009

Scoutmaster, Troop 311, Three Rivers District, Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of American, 2013 to present

Judge, Copperas Cove High School, Political Science project competition, 2005

Pack Committee Member, Pack 311, Three Rivers District, Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2006 to present.

Moderator, City Council Election Debate, Belton Texas, 2003-2005

Judge, Texas History Day regional competition, Harker Heights, 2003

Advisor, Copperas Cove ISD, History Team, 2000-01. The Copperas Cove team placed in the National History Day competition at Washington, D.C. in 2000.

### **Membership in Professional Organizations**

Council for Colleges of Arts and Sciences

Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Society for Military History

United States Naval Institute