

## 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 812 students in Fall 2017.

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). We included faculty from the community colleges in our planning to ensure we have seamless transfer of students to TAMUCT.

In 2016 we established an upper-level music concentration in partnership with Temple College. This involved an MOU between the two institutions to buy-out teaching load for TC faculty to offer courses and ensembles for our music students. Our Bachelor of Music degree (2018) was made possible because of this partnership with Temple 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.

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 (there was no grant activity before 2014). We benefited from a 1.5 million dollar Chancellor's Research Grant to support the research for our first engineer. The grant allowed us to acquire two electron microscopes and other equipment to support both thin-film solar research and bio-medical research. Our new capacity allows us to partner with larger institutions on federally-funded projects. Faculty in the college have secured NSF I/UCRC funding and one Public Scholar NEH grant in the 50K range. In 2016 the Social Work program secured a Title IV – E grant of \$129,000.

I helped secure a nationally-known archival collection with a value of \$700,000 while also adding valuable local collections. With support from the university library I established the Central Texas Historical Archive and serve as its de-facto director. The current collections comprise over one million pages and include the personal papers of political, foreign policy, and military leaders from the Cold War era. The archive includes a growing digital collection that is fully-accessible. Our first graduate assistant working in the archive was hired as an archivist for the National Archives and Records Administration last year. The archive continues to provide opportunities for valuable experience in digital humanities and preservation work.

I have made faculty and student scholarship a priority, following the lead of our Provost. There was significant faculty turnover shortly before I became dean. Half of the faculty in the college have been hired since 2014. We were able to recruit new faculty who arrived with ambitious research agendas, and we worked to retain and support our veteran faculty. The research profile for the college is dramatically higher than previously, and outstrips the rest of the university by a considerable margin.

To support research I established competitive grants with college funds and increased general funding for faculty development. Since 2014 Arts and Sciences faculty have published a number of scholarly books and numerous peer-reviewed articles. Faculty have had support to bring students to regional academic conferences and I established a speaker's series inviting national-level scholars to campus.

I have been closely involved in the construction of our third building, which houses most of the Arts and Sciences programs, the Central Texas Historical Archive, and a bio-chemical research laboratory, two additional teaching laboratories, and a power-laboratory. The building was completed in October 2018.

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

*Overview:*

Served as dean of both colleges for this period until a new dean for Education could be hired. The previous dean filled an important vacancy in the Provost's office.

*Accomplishments:*

Helped 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 development of mutual concern. Worked for budget transparency.

**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 Interim Dean.

*Accomplishments:*

I 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. As an example, we had more graduates in the review period than Georgia Southern University – and more of our graduates entered Ph.D. programs.

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

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 of the School of Arts and Sciences.

*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 seventh 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 Center of Military History and Ft Hood Museums and the National Mounted Warfare Foundation.

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 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

## **Publications**

### **Books**

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

### **Articles and Essays**

"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 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 2018 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

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

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, 106<sup>th</sup> 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**

University Council, 2014-present

Academic Council, 2014-present

Educator Preparation Council, 2009-

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

University Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2008-2010

Academic Council, 2012-present

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**

I have served in leadership positions for the Boy Scouts of America since 2006, including as Scoutmaster, Troop 311, Three Rivers District, Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2013 to 2017.

I have 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.

### **Membership in Professional Organizations**

Council for Colleges of Arts and Sciences

Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences