

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

**Texas Christian University, Ph.D., 1984, United States History.**  
**Texas Christian University, Master of Arts, 1975, History.**  
**Texas Christian University, Bachelor of Arts, 1973. History**  
**and Political Science.**

### MAJOR FIELDS

**United States History—American West, Texas and the**  
**Southwest, Native American Studies, Twentieth Century**  
**United States, U. S. Diplomatic, American Intellectual, Public**  
**History.**

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Midwestern State University, 1985-present.**  
**Texas Woman's University, 1980-1985.**  
**Brookhaven Community College, Dallas, 1978-1979 (part-time).**  
**The University of Texas at Dallas, 1979 (part-time).**  
**Texas Christian University and Tarrant County Junior College,**  
**Northeast Campus, 1975-1979 (part-time).**

### COURSES TAUGHT

**United States History to 1865**  
**United States History since 1865**  
**American Frontier, 1607-1839**  
**American West, 1803-1890**  
**Texas History**

**Historic Preservation**  
**Practice of State and Local History**  
**American Ideas (U. S. Intellectual Tradition)**  
**Age of Reform, 1877-1919 (Populism and Progressivism)**  
**Plains Indians (Graduate Seminar)**  
**United States Diplomatic History, 1898-1989**  
**Research Methods (Graduate Seminar)**  
**America: From the Jazz Age to the Nuclear Age (1919-1945)**  
**Recent United States History (1945-1989)**

**OTHER RELATED  
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Dean, College of Liberal Arts, MSU, 1999-2004**

**Chair, Graduate Council, MSU, 2001-2002**

**Director, Division of Humanities, MSU, 1992-1999**

**Chair, Steering Committee, Institutional Self-Study for the reaffirmation of accreditation with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, MSU, 1991**

**Executive Director, Historic Preservation Council of Tarrant County, Texas, September 1981-January 1984.**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books:**

***Texas Devils: Rangers and Regulars on the Lower Rio Grande, 1846-1861.* Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008.**

***Tales of Texoma: Episodes in the History of the Red River Border,* ed. Wichita Falls, TX: Midwestern State University Press, 2005.**

***Profiles in Power: Twentieth Century Texans in Washington,* New Edition, ed. With Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. and Patrick Cox. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2004.**

***Profiles in Power: Twentieth Century Texans in Washington.* Ed. by Michael Collins and Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. Arlington Heights, Ill.: Harlan Davidson, Inc., 1993.**

***That Damned Cowboy: Theodore Roosevelt and the American West, 1883-1898.* New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 1989.**

***Cooke County, Texas: Where the South and the West Meet.* Gainesville, TX: Texas Committee for the Humanities and the Cooke County Heritage Society, 1981.**

**Articles and Essays:**

**“The Education of Theodore Roosevelt,” in *A Theodore Roosevelt Companion*, Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2010.**

**“Walter Prescott Webb,” in *Remembering Texas*, University of Texas Press, forthcoming 2010.**

**“The Execution of Private Garcia,” in *Wichita Falls Literature and Art Review*, Wichita Falls: Spring, 2009.**

**“Theodore Roosevelt’s *The Strenuous Life*,” in *American History Through Literature, 1870-1920*, ed. by Tom Quick and Gary Scharnhorst. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2005.**

**“Introduction,” in *Tales of Texoma*, Midwestern State University Press, 2005.**

**“A Place of Smoke and Burning Brimstone: The Battle of the Little Wichita,” in *Tales of Texoma*, Midwestern State University Press, 2005.**

**“Toward the North Star: the Chisholm and Western Trails,” in *Tales of Texoma*, Midwestern State University Press, 2005.**

**“The Hanging Tree: Violence, Vigilantism, and Vengeance in Confederate North Texas,” in *Tales of Texoma*, Midwestern State University Press, 2005.**

**“The Last Surrender: A Story of Geronimo,” in *Tales of Texoma*, Midwestern State University Press, 2005.**

**“Introduction,” in *Profiles in Power: Twentieth Century Texans in Washington*, New edition, ed. With Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. and Patrick Cox. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2004.**

**“For Gallantry in Action: James B. Doshier and the Battle of the Little Wichita,”** *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, LXVIII, 2002.

**“The Texas Devils: McNelly’s Rangers and the Palo Alto Fight of 1875,”** in *Proceedings of the Second Annual Palo Alto Conference*, Washington, D.C.: The National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1997.

**“Foreword,”** in *Chief Executives of Texas*, by Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. College Station: Texas A&M Press, 1995.

**“Jedediah Strong Smith: Mountain Man, Explorer, Wandering Spirit,”** in *Midwestern State University Faculty Papers*, Series 3, Vol. XII, 1995.

**“Woodlake,”** in *The New Handbook of Texas*. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1994.

**“Lloyd Bentsen,”** in *Profiles in Power: Twentieth Century Texans in Washington*, ed. by Michael Collins and Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. Arlington Heights, Ill.: Harland Davidson, Inc., 1993.

**“Ralph Yarborough,”** in *Profiles in Power: Twentieth Century Texans in Washington*, ed. by Michael Collins and Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. Arlington Heights, Ill.: Harland Davidson, Inc., 1993.

**“Statehood, 1845-1860,”** in *The Texas Heritage*, ed. by Ben Procter and Archie McDonald. Second edition. Arlington Heights, Ill.: Harlan Davidson, Inc., 1991 (also reprinted in third and fourth editions, 1998, 2003).

**“A Few Scattered Disciples,”** in *A Centennial History of the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, Texas*. Wichita Falls: First Christian Church, 1990.

**“The Church that Faith Built,”** in *A Centennial History of the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, Texas*. Wichita Falls: First Christian Church, 1990.

**“Theodore Roosevelt,”** in *Historians of the American Frontier*, ed. by John R. Wunder. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1988.

**“Big Tree and the Kiowa Red River Raid of 1868,”** *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, LXIV, 1988.

***Those Daring Young Men: A History of the Automobile Pioneers of Fort Worth, 1902-1939.*** Fort Worth: Frank Kent, 1985.

***A Paradise Lost: The Story of Woodlake.*** Sherman, Texas: Southwestern Library Association, 1981.

**“An Infidel in Zion, H. L. Mencken and the Great Monkey Trial,”** *North Texas Historian*, Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1977.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**“The Story of Wichita Falls, Texas: From the Old Frontier to the New,”** projected completion for film documentary, summer 2010.

**“A Crooked River: Rustlers and Rangers on the Lower Rio Grande, 1870-1877,”** projected completion of book for the University of Oklahoma Press, summer, 2011.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

**Review of *Class and Race in the Frontier Army: Military Life in the West, 1870-1890*, by Kevin Adams, *East Texas Historical Review*, forthcoming spring, 2010.**

**Review of *Salt Warriors: Insurgency on the Rio Grande*, by Paul Cool, *East Texas Historical Review*, winter 2009.**

**Review of *Claytie: The Roller-Coaster Life of a Texas Wildcatter*, by Mike Cochran, *The Western Historical Quarterly*, winter 2009.**

**Review of *The Imaginary Line: A History of the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey, 1848-1857*, by Joseph R. Werne, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, summer, 2008.**

**Review of *Jose Maria De Jesus Carvajal: A Mexican Revolutionary*, by Joseph Chance, *East Texas Historical Review*, winter 2007.**

**Review of *The Progressive Era and Race: Reaction and Reform, 1900-1917*, by David W. Southern, *Journal of Southern History*, fall, 2006.**

Review of *Texas Roots: Agriculture and Rural Life Before the Civil War*, by Allan Jones, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, summer, 2006.

Review of *One Ranger: A Memoir*, by H. Joaquin Jackson and David Marion Wilkinson, *East Texas Historical Review*, forthcoming spring, 2006.

Review of *Nevin's History: A Novel of Texas*, by Jim Sanderson, *East Texas Historical Review*, spring, 2005.

Review of *Captain John Rogers: Texas Ranger*, by Paul Spellman, *Journal of the West*, fall, 2004.

Review of *Captain L. H. McNelly, Texas Ranger: The Life and Times of A Fighting Man*, by Chuck Parsons and Marianne E. Hall Little, *Journal of Southern History*, fall, 2002.

Review of *Standing in the Gap: Army Outposts, Picket Stations, and the Pacification of the Texas Frontier, 1866-1886*, by Lloyd Uglow, *Journal of the West*, fall, 2002.

Review of *Defending the Borders: The Texas Rangers, 1848-1861*, by Frederick Wilkins, *East Texas Historical Review*, fall, 2002.

Review of *A Texas Frontier: The Clear Fork Country and Fort Griffin, 1849-1887*, by Ty Cashion, *Journal of the West*, spring, 1997.

Review of *North of the River: A Brief History of North Fort Worth*, by J'Nell Pate, *Locus*, spring, 1995.

Review of *Memories: A West Texas Life*, by Salvador Guerrero, *Journal of the West*, January, 1994.

Review of *Rise of the Lone Star*, by Andreas Reichstein, *Pacific Historical Review*, August, 1991.

Review of *Urban Texas: Politics and Development*, ed. by Char Miller and Heywood T. Sanders, *Gulf Coast Historical Review*, Vol. 6, No. 1, fall, 1990.

Review of *Red Scare! Right-Wing Hysteria, Fifties Fanaticism, and Their Legacy in Texas*, by Don E. Carlton, *Louisiana History*, Vol. 27, No. 2, 1986.

**Review of *Saloons of the American West*, by Robert Brown, *The Pacific Historian*, Vol. 25, No. 2, summer, 1981.**

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

**“The Devil’s Horsemen: Colonel James Duff’s 33<sup>rd</sup> Texas Cavalry, CSA,” to be presented at the West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, February, 2010.**

**“On the Trail of Walter Prescott Webb: A Revisionist Review of the Texas Mounted Rangers, 1846-1861,” delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March, 2008.**

**“The Thieves of Bagdad: Confederate Cotton, Commerce, and Corruption on the Lower Rio Grande,” presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, March, 2008.**

**“The Legend of Old Rip: John S. Ford and the Making of the Texas Mounted Rangers,” to be presented at the MSU Faculty Forum, Wichita Falls, Texas, October, 2006.**

**“Researching Historic Properties: Uncovering the Layers of Local Landmarks,” presented at the Public History Symposium sponsored by the Center for Texas History, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, October 2006.**

**“I Never Saw Such Times: The Life and Death of Spottswood W. Lomax,” delivered at the Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, Texas, April, 2006.**

**“The Last Surrender: An Untold Story of Geronimo,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association of Texas, Wichita Falls, Texas, November, 2005.**

**“An Evening with Cactus Jack: John Nance Garner, Patriarch of the Texas Power Elite on Capitol Hill,” presented at the annual John Nance Garner Symposium, co-sponsored by the University of Texas Center for American History and the Friends of John Nance Garner, Uvalde, Texas, November, 2004.**

**“Crossing the Rubicon: Sam Houston and the Proposed Protectorate Over Mexico,”** presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 2002.

**“Trial By Torchlight: the Lynching of Anthony Bewley and the Summer of the Great Fear,”** presented at the Annual Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, September, 2001.

**“For Gallantry in Action: James B. Doshier and the Battle of the Little Wichita,”** presented at the Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association, Wichita Falls, Texas, March, 2001.

**“Making Peace With the Legend: The Texas Rangers Reassessed and Revised,”** presented as part of the MSU Faculty Forum series, March, 1999, Wichita Falls, Texas.

**“Trial By Fear: Violence, Vigilantism, and the Confederate Experience in North Texas,”** presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 1995.

**“The Texas Devils: McNelly’s Rangers and the Palo Alto Fight of 1875,”** presented at the Second Annual Palo Alto Conference, Brownsville, Texas, February, 1994.

**“Among Demons of Anarchy: Violence, Vigilantism, and the Confederate Experience in Texas,”** delivered at the Faculty Forum, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, February, 1993.

**“Senator, You’re No Lyndon Johnson: Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.”** Texas Democrat,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern History Association, Fort Worth, Texas, November, 1991.

**“On the Other Side of the Mountain: Jedediah Strong Smith and the Southwestern Expedition of 1826,”** luncheon address delivered at the Central Texas Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta, Stephenville, Texas, April, 1991.

**“Rustlers, Rangers, and Regulars: The Robb Commission and an American Response to Depredations Along the Mexican Border,”** delivered at the Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, March, 1991.

**“Los Diablos Tejanos: McNelly’s Rangers and the Las Cuevas War of 1874,” delivered at the Faculty Forum, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, March, 1990.**

**“Big Tree and the Kiowa Red River Raid of 1868,” delivered at the West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Cisco, Texas, April, 1988.**

**“Trial By Fear: the Great Gainesville Hanging of 1862,” delivered at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March, 1985.**

**“A Forgotten Pioneer Among Historians: Theodore Roosevelt and the American West,” delivered at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, March, 1980.**

**“Sam Rayburn and the New Deal,” delivered at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, April, 1978.**

**“The Twilight of Personal Power: Colonel Edward M. House and the Forlorn Peace of Versailles,” delivered at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March, 1978.**

**“An Infidel in Zion: H. L. Mencken and the Great Monkey Trial,” delivered at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Wichita Falls, Texas, April, 1977.**

## **PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

**Chair and Moderator, “Charles Darwin at 200,” Faculty Forum Series, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, to be held November, 2009.**

**Panelist and discussant, “Sam Rayburn and the Texas Congressional Delegation,” Sam Rayburn Symposium, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, October, 2009.**

**Chair, “Activism in Twentieth Century Milwaukee,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March, 2008**

**Chair and Discussant, “American Cultural History,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March, 2007.**

**Chair and Discussant, session entitled “The Native American Experience,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April, 2006.**

**Chair, session entitled “Hyperbole and the Arts,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association of Texas, Wichita Falls, Texas, November, 2005.**

**Chair and Discussant, session entitled “The American Civil War Revisited,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 2005.**

**Chair, session entitled “Religion, Politics, and Colt .45 Justice,” Annual Meeting of the West Texas Historical Association, Abilene, Texas, April, 2004.**

**Chair and Discussant, session entitled “Manifest Destiny, Mission, and U.S.-Mexican Relations,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March, 2004.**

**Chair and Discussant, session entitled “Mexico, the Caribbean Basin, and the United States,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 2003.**

**Discussant, “Phi Alpha Theta Session,” Annual Meeting of the Southern History Association, Baltimore, Maryland, November, 2002.**

**Chair and Discussant, session entitled “The Early Cold War,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 2002.**

**Discussant, session entitled “The Native American and the Reservation Experience,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Fort Worth, Texas, March, 2001.**

**Discussant, session entitled “Culture, Politics, and Scandal in the Preservation of the Past: the Case of the Texas Archives,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, March, 1999.**

**Chair, session entitled “The Politics of Peace in Contemporary Texas,” American Studies Association of Texas Annual Meeting, Wichita Falls, Texas, October, 1998.**

**Chair and Discussant, session entitled “Industry, Technology, and Change in Modern America,” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 1997.**

**Commentator, session entitled “Changing Images of the American West,” (Phi Alpha Theta Session), Western History Association Annual Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, October, 1996.**

**Commentator and Chair, session entitled “Twentieth Century Texas Politics,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, Texas, March 1996.**

**Commentator and Chair, session entitled “Politics and Ideology in Jacksonian America,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Dallas, Texas, March, 1995.**

**Commentator, session entitled “revisionism and the American West,” (Phi Alpha Theta Session), Annual Meeting of the Western History Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October, 1994.**

**Chair and Commentator, session entitled “Twentieth Century Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 1994.**

**Chair and Commentator, session entitled “The American West,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 1993.**

**Chair and Commentator, session entitled “Environmental History,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 1991.**

**Commentator, session entitled “American Biography,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Fort Worth, Texas, March, 1990.**

**Commentator, session entitled “Biography as History,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, March, 1989.**

**Chair and Commentator, session entitled “Texas History,”  
Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association,  
Houston, Texas, March, 1988.**

**Chair and Commentator, session entitled “United States History:  
Potpourri,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science  
Association, Dallas, Texas, March, 1987.**

**Commentator, session entitled “Prohibition and Morality in  
Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical  
Association, Galveston, Texas, March, 1987.**

**Commentator, session entitled “Texas Antebellum and  
Confederate,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social  
Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March, 1986.**

**Commentator, session entitled “Twentieth Century America,  
Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association,  
Fort Worth, Texas, March, 1984.**

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**Western History Association  
Texas State Historical Association,  
Executive Council, 1997-2001  
Southwestern Historical Association,  
President, 1998-1999  
Vice President, 1995-1998  
West Texas Historical Association,  
Executive Board, 2001-2004  
Southwestern Social Science Association,  
President, 2006  
President-elect, 2005-2006  
Vice President-elect, 2004-2005**

## **HONORS**

**Piper Professor (awarded by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation  
of San Antonio), 2008**

**Lifetime Award for Service and Dedication to Phi Alpha Theta,  
2008**

**Hardin Distinguished Professor of American History, MSU, 2008**

**Hardin Professor, Midwestern State University, 2006**

**Regents Professor, Midwestern State University, 2005**

**Fellow, Texas State Historical Association, 2005**

**Faculty Member of the Year, recognized by the MSU Student  
Government Association, 1995**

**Mortar Board Professor of the Year, MSU, 1995**

**Alpha Chi Lecturer, Honored by MSU Chapter of Alpha Chi,  
senior honor society, 1993**

**Faculty Member of the Year, awarded by the MSU Student  
Government Association, 1991**

**Phi Eta Sigma (1990 honorary member, MSU)**

**Marion Day Mullins Scholar of Texas and Southwestern History,  
Texas Christian University, 1976-1979**