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ACADEMIC RECORD:

Ph.D.	Texas A&M University – History	May 1996
Master of Arts	University of Texas at Tyler — History	August 1991
Bachelor of Science	University of Texas at Tyler — History	May 1989

Dissertation Title: “Conversations with God: Fasting and Feasting in Massachusetts Bay, 1629-1685”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Northeast Texas Community College (Division Chair for Humanities and Social Sciences/Professor of History/ Honors Professor, 2008 - present)
Saint Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, Full-time Instructor
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, Graduate Assistant

RELATED PROFESSIONAL WORK:

College Boards, Educational Testing Service, AP United States History reader and/or Section Leader (2016-present)
Reader/Scorer for Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 2022 - present
Texas Community College Teachers Association, Annual Convention Committee Member, 2018
Social & Behavioral Sciences Poster Judge at National Collegiate Honors Council Conference meeting, New Orleans, November 8, 2019
Social & Behavioral Sciences Poster Judge at National Collegiate Honors Council Conference meeting, Boston, November 9, 2018
Reader/Scorer for Benjamin Gilman State Department, Udall Scholarship, Faculty Representative and Fellowship Advisor, 2018-present
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Lead Advisor, 2010-2023
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Leadership Development Representative on Honors Programming Council, Four Year appointment (2014-2018)
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Academic Course Guide Manual, Four Year appointment (2012-2015)
Mount Pleasant Public Library and Museum (various videos for displays, serving as a “talking head” or expert on those videos)

PUBLICATIONS:

- “Annie McLean Moores Towler,” chapter entry. Anthology on Texas Women Leaders. Dr. Deborah Liles, editor. Texas A&M University Press, 2025. (forthcoming)
- “Annie McLean Moores Towler,” October 2024. *Handbook of Texas*
- Mount Pleasant: Past and Present*. Acadia Press, January 2022. (with James McGregor and Rex Allen)
- “Brown, John.” *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*. Santa Barbara: ABC Clio, 2017.
- “Pacifism, Religious.” *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*. Santa Barbara: ABC Clio, 2017.
- “Simmons, Menno and War.” *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict*. Santa Barbara: ABC Clio, 2017.
- Instructor’s Manual for *America: A Narrative History*. Essential Learning Edition. New York: Norton, 2015
- Instructor’s Manual for *America: A Narrative History*. 10th edition. New York: Norton, 2015
- Mount Pleasant*, Arcadia Press, June 2014. (with James McGregor)
- “Movies, Model Ts, and Morality: The Impact of Technology on Standards of Behavior in the Early Twentieth Century” *Journal of Popular Culture* 44:3 June 2011
- Experience History*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010. Acknowledged reviewer and contributor to the “Historian’s Toolbox” sections.
- “Antinomianism” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture*. Ed. Gina Misiroglu. 2 vols. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.
- “Disco” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture Counterculture*. Ed. Gina Misiroglu. 2 vols. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.
- “Eddy, Mary Baker” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture*. Ed. Gina Misiroglu. 2 vols. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.
- “Mormonism” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture Counterculture*. Ed. Gina Misiroglu. 2 vols. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.
- Instructor’s Manual for *America Firsthand, Part 2*, Vol. 5, Bedford Press, Spring 2001
- Instructor’s Manual for *America Firsthand, Part 1*, Vol. 5, Bedford Press, September 2000
- “Easter Observance in the United States.” Vol. 25. *The Encyclopedia of the United States of America, Past and Present*. Ed. Donald Whisenhunt. Academic International Press, 1999.
- “Ambassador College.” Vol. 1. *The Encyclopedia of the United States of America, Past and Present*. Ed. Donald Whisenhunt. Academic International Press, 1999.
- “Arbor Day.” *The Encyclopedia of the United States of America, Past and Present*. Ed. Donald Whisenhunt. Academic International Press, 1999.
- “Armistice Day.” *The Encyclopedia of the United States of America, Past and Present*. Ed. Donald Whisenhunt. Academic International Press, 1999.
- “Public Days in the 17th and 20th Centuries” part of the published papers of the 1997 Conference on Holidays, Ritual and Public Display, University of Illinois Press
- “Reasons Behind the Ritual and the Ironic Results: Public Days in Massachusetts Bay, 1630-1685” *Historic Journal of Massachusetts*, Winter 1998
- “Thanksgiving vs. Christmas: Some Fact about these American National Holidays” *InTransition*, December 1997

PRESENTATIONS:

- “Nothing weak about her...and every feature indicated determination:’ Annie McLean Moores Tower, 1893 bank president. Alliance for Texas History, May 16, 2025. San Marcos, Texas. (upcoming)
- “Annie McLean Moores Towler: The First Female President of a National Bank in Texas,” East Texas Historical Association. September 27, 2024.
- “AI in Today’s World.” Northeast Texas Community College Faculty In-Service, joint presentation with Sebastian Barron, August 19, 2024
- “Annie McLean Moores Towler: A Forgotten Rural Female Banker from the Victorian Era.” Southwestern Social Sciences Association, New Orleans, April 19, 2024.
- “Smith, McLean, Rosenwald: Stories of Diversity Locally and Nationally,” Northeast Texas Community College Faculty In-Service Presentation, January 9, 2023. Gave the same presentation three more times as requested for specific classes on campus, Spring 2023.
- “Distinguishing Between the Sacred and the Profane: Three Controversies Over Time and Place: April Fool’s Day, Pope Gregory’s Letter, and Thanksgiving.” Texas A&M University, Texarkana. P.L.A.C.E. Lecture Series: Religion, Spirituality, and the Sacred. April 26, 2022.
- “Mount Pleasant Past & Present: Brown Bag Presentation” Northeast Texas Community College, March 31, 2022.
- “Hands-on-History: An RPG Approach to Online Discussion Forums.” 2019 Summer Distance Learning Conference. Northeast Texas Consortium of Colleges and Universities (NETnet). June 27, 2019.
- “Respectfully Refusing to Obey: How the Conscientious Objectors of World War I Unintentionally Helped Spark Global Civil Rights Movements,” World History Association, Texas A&M University–Commerce, February 23, 2019.
- “Visions of Justice,” Texas Honors Institute, Dallas Baptist University, July 28, 2018
- “Leadership Lessons from Martin Luther King, Jr. and Henry V,” Second General Session at International Honors Institute, Villanova University, Philadelphia, June 19, 2018
- “Disparate Treatment of Conscientious Objectors in World War One: The Impact of the Local Individual in the Implementation of National Policy.” Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance and Civil Liberties in World War through Today. National World War I Museum and Memorial. Kansas City, MO. October 19, 2017.
- “Treatment of Pacifists in the Great War and the Lesson of the Power of One.” Keynote address, Texas Honors Institute, Schreiner University, Kerrville, TX July 21, 2017
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3GJKf3m190>)
- “Great War, Great Dilemma: The Treatment of Pacifists and the Lesson of the Power of One.” Texas A&M University at Texarkana, PLACE Lecture Series, March 30, 2017
- “Dellwood Resort: Drinking, Bathing and Recreating in Mount Pleasant’s Red, White and Blue Mineral Springs.” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting. Corpus Christi, Texas. March 2015.
- “Mount Pleasant and East Texas.” Franklin County Historical Society, January 5, 2015.
- “Unique Mount Pleasant.” Keynote address. Daughters of the American Revolution Regents Council Meeting. Mount Pleasant Public Library Meeting Room. October 20, 2014.
- “What Does the Tweet Say? Social Media Netiquette.” Educational Forum. Phi Theta Kappa Annual Convention. Orlando, Florida. April 25, 2014 (with James Rogers)

“From Fonics to Facebook.” Keynote address. Texas Honors Institute. Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX. July 29, 2013. (can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fF1pjNgeRI8>)

“Lessons from Free Climbing.” Commencement Address. Northeast Texas Community College. Mount Pleasant, TX. May 11, 2012.

Mount Pleasant Museum, permanent display. PCS Production Company. Various videos explaining aspects of Mount Pleasant history. Mount Pleasant, TX. May 8, 2012.

“Zombies: Fear of the Mindless Masses.” Popular Culture Association National Conference. San Antonio, TX. April 22, 2011.

“Thanksgiving.” Brown Bag presentation for Northeast Texas Community College faculty. November 2009.

“The 1621 Harvest Festival: The Story Behind a Thanksgiving Myth” Third Annual Conference on Holidays, Ritual and Public Display, Bowling Green, Ohio, May 1999

Public Television: Appeared as a guest on a live, locally-produced public television program in Seattle, Washington dealing with Thanksgiving, November 18, 1997. Also taped a segment on Christmas observance in American history.

“Public Days in the Seventeenth and Twentieth Centuries” First Annual Conference on Holidays, Ritual and Public Display, Bowling Green, Ohio, May 1997

Panel Moderator, *Ethnic Experience in Rural America*, Western Social Sciences Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 1997

“Thanksgiving for Sufficiency in Early America” Western Social Sciences Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 25, 1997

“Two Levels of Self-Righteousness” Southwestern Social Sciences Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 27, 1997

“Fasting, Feasting and Talking to God: Priorities in the Bay Colony as Evidenced in their Holy Day System” Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Houston, Texas, March 1996

“Reasons Behind the Ritual” Eighteenth Century Group, Bryan, Texas, April 1995

“Cullen Baker: Klansman or Outlaw?” Northeast Texas Historical Association, Spring 1991. With Dr. James Smallwood.

TEACHING AWARDS/PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:

Mary Jon and JP Bryan Leadership in Education Award, Texas State Historical Association (2022)

Continued Excellence Award (2017, 2019)

Mosal Award, National Research Grant (2017)

Northeast Texas Community College Teaching Excellence Award (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)

Minnie Piper Professor Award Nominee (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)

Most Distinguished Advisor, Texas Region (2015)

Distinguished Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (2015)

Horizon Award (2011, 2015, 2016, 2022)

Faculty Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Paragon Award for Outstanding Advisors (Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society) (2013)

Hall of Honor, Advisors (Texas Region) (2012, 2013, 2016)

Outstanding Distance Learning Faculty, Northeast Texas Consortium of Colleges and Universities (2011)

Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers (2000)

McDonald’s Excellence in Teaching Award (1996)

FACILITATOR/SEMINAR LEADER AT REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

Tyler Junior College, July 2019, Texas Honors Institute
East Texas Baptist University, October 2018, Texas Leadership Conference
Dallas Baptist University, July 2018, Texas Honors Institute
Villanova University, Philadelphia, June 2018, International Honors Institute
Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, June 2017. International Honors Institute.
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, June 2016. International Honors Institute.
Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches, Texas. July 2016. Seminar Leader, Texas Honors Institute
East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas. October 2016. Facilitator, Texas Leadership Conference.
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 9-11, 2015. Facilitator, Texas Leadership Conference.
University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 15-20, 2015 International Honors Institute.
Grayson College, Denison, Texas. October 10-12, 2014
Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, July 25-27, 2014. Seminar Leader, Texas Honors Institute.
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, October 4-6, 2013
Texas Lutheran University, Sequin, Texas, July 28-30, 2013.
Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 17-22, 2013. International Honors Institute.
Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas, October 12-14, 2012
Blinn College, Brenham, Texas, July 27-29, 2012
University of Denver, Denver, Colorado. July 18-24, 2012
University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas, October 2011
Schreiner's University, Kerrville, Texas, July 29-31, 2011

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE HISTORY CLASSES TAUGHT:

African American History Survey (undergraduate)
Mexican American History Survey (undergraduate)
Colonial America (graduate and undergraduate)
American Revolution (graduate and undergraduate)
History of Religion in America (graduate and undergraduate)
British Perspectives of the American Revolution (graduate)
American Revolution in Context (graduate)
Strategy, Tactics & Leadership of the American Revolution (graduate)
Women's History (undergraduate)
Film as Reflection of Society (undergraduate)
Historical Research, Methods, and Historiography (undergraduate)
American Society and Culture Before 1877 (intellectual history) (undergraduate)
American History for Education Majors (undergraduate)
American History survey courses before and after 1865/1877, standard and Honors (undergraduate)
World Civilizations survey courses before and since 1550, standard and Honors (undergraduate)
United States History I and II (traditional and team-taught) (undergraduate)
World History I and II (traditional and honors team-taught) (undergraduate)
Fall Sophomore Honors Seminar (interactive, hands-on, research-intensive approach) (undergraduate)