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Education

Ph.D. in American History. December 1997, University of North Texas, Denton TX.
Areas of specialization: Twentieth Century U.S., Urban, Economic, Diplomatic,
New Deal, and a minor in Nineteenth Century European Intellectual.

Dissertation: *Saving Society Through Politics: The Ku Klux Klan in Dallas in the 1920s.*

M.A. in History (Honors). May 1993, California State University at Los Angeles.
Areas of specialization: Modern Europe, Modern U.S., and Modern Latin America.

B.A. in Theology (Honors). May 1988, Ambassador University, Pasadena, CA.

Graduate Experience

Teaching Fellow at The University of North Texas, Spring 1994 to Spring 1998.

- *Taught American history survey courses (Colonial to 1877 and 1877 to Present).
- *Taught World History survey courses.
- *Experienced at teaching both small and large (100+) sections.

Adjunct professor at North Texas Central Community College, Fall 1995 to Spring 1998.

- *Taught American History survey courses (Colonial to 1877 and 1877 to Present).
- *Since NCTC is a satellite school, I traveled to a number of sites around North Texas.

Student Representative, UNT History Undergraduate Committee, Fall 1995 to present.

- *Served as a voting member of the History Department Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

President of the History Graduate Student Organization.

*Coordinated social, professional, and educational activities among the UNT History Graduate Students.

Guest Lecturer on topics relating to the 1920s in a variety of college courses at the University of North Texas.

Honors and Organizations

Graduated with Distinction, Ambassador University, 1988.

Graduate Honors Awarded, California State University, Los Angeles, 1993.

Alumni Award for Academic Excellence, received at California State University, Los Angeles, 1993, for graduating with a 4.0 grade point average.

Member, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

Member, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Publications

Article Contributor, American National Biography, ed. John Garraty. Oxford University Press. Signed biographical sketch of Adolph Sabath, long-time U.S. Congressman from Chicago, 1998,

Article Contributor, American National Biography, ed. John Garraty. Oxford University Press. Signed biographical sketch of William Joseph Simmons, founder and Imperial Wizard of the revived Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s, 1998.

Booknotes Contributor. An unsigned review of *The Old Spanish Trail, Santa Fe to Los Angeles* (1993). Appeared in the booknotes section of *Military History of the West* 25 (Fall, 1995), 216.

Booknotes Contributor. An unsigned review of *Iron Brigade General: John Gibbon, A Rebel in Blue* (1993). Appeared in the booknotes section of *Military History of the West* 25 (Fall, 1995), 218.

Professional Experience

History teacher at Bishop Lynch High School Fall 1998 to present. Bishop Lynch is the largest private high school in Texas.

*Classes taught:

- AP US. History (taught since 2000)
- AP European History (taught since 1999)
- World History (regular)
- World History (honors)
- Government
- U.S. History (regular)
- Mexican History (honors)

*Technology used:

- PowerPoint for all lectures
- SmartBoard, including use of video and sound

Curriculum Council , 1999-2001

*Responsible for coordinating the curriculum development for the Social Studies Division and voting on school-wide curriculum changes.

- implemented an increase in Social Studies requirements from 3 to 3 ½ units -
- The ½ addition is an elective chosen from an array of semester classes developed by members of the Social Studies Department based on their areas of expertise and included such unusual classes (for a high school) as:

- Mexican History
- Russian History
- East Asian History

Social Studies Division Chair, 2002-present

*Oversee department operations including:

- assignment of class loads
- ensure compliance with department policies
- teacher observations and reviews
- textbook adoption
- curriculum development
- manage the department budget

Member of the school's Leadership Council, 2002-present

- *help formulate school-wide academic policies
- *vote on appeals and other academic decisions

Created the Bishop Lynch Lecture series, 2005-2007

- *Originated and implemented the idea of sharing Bishop Lynch talent with the broader community through a series of lectures.
- *Recent lecture included:
 - Home Grown Leadership
 - History of Nature
 - Lillie Langtry
 - The Ku Klux Klan in Dallas

Chairman of the Faculty Council, 2005-2006

- *Elected to the Faculty Council in 2004
- *Elected Chairman in 2005
- *Responsible for organizing meetings, addressing faculty complaints, implementing faculty incentive programs
- *Moderate all faculty meetings
- *Attend school board meetings
- *Holds a voting seat on the schools administrative team, which oversees all school administrative issues

Member of the School Admissions Committee, 2005 to present

- *Interview prospective students
- *Review applications for qualifications
- *Vote (along with 4 other members of the committee) to accept or deny

Chairman of the Accreditation Committee on Governance and Administration

- *Delegate the focus areas out to members of the committee
- *Insure that appropriate materials are gathered for the SACS visitors in 2007
- *Make sure that findings are appropriately portrayed and that the deadlines are met

Member of the National Honor Society Committee, 2006-2007

- *Determine which students are eligible for NHS
- *Collect appropriate information, including letters of recommendation
- *Vote (along with other committee members) to accept or deny to NHS

Adjunct Professor of American History at Eastfield Community College, 1998 to Present

*6 sections taught each year since 1998

*Classes included:

-U.S. History to 1877

-U.S. History from 1877 to Present

-Western Civilization to the Renaissance

-Western Civilization from Renaissance to the Present

Professional Organizations and Honors

National Honor Society Teacher of the Year at Bishop Lynch, 2005-2006

Arete Award winner, 2005-2006. Given to the outstanding teacher at Bishop Lynch High School. Voted on by the 90 faculty members.

Member, American Historical Association.

Member, Southern Historical Association.

Member, Humanities, Online (H-Net) discussion group for Urban Historians (H- Urban).

Member, Humanities, Online (H-Net) discussion group for Gilded Age and Progressive Era Historians (H-SHGAPE).

Accredited by the College Board as an Advanced Placement teacher in U.S. and European History.