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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	1995	Baylor University Major: World Religions Dissertation: "The Kabbalistic Thought of Éliphas Lévi and Its Influence on Modern Occultism in America"
M.A.	2008	University of Texas at Arlington Major: Political Science
M.A.	1976	Baylor University Major: Church-State Studies Thesis: "The Nation of Islam: Belief and Practice in Light of the American Constitutional Principle of Religious Liberty"
B.A.	1973	Baylor University Major: Sociology and Religion
A.A.	1971	McLennan Community College
AWARDS	1994-95	Mellon Doctoral Fellowship United Negro College Fund
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TEACHING COMPETENCE

World Religions
 Church History
 Biblical Studies
 Theological Studies
 Ethics
 World History
 American History and Government
 Texas History and Government

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-2017	Adjunct Instructor of Government and History Hill College Burleson, Texas
2011-Present	Adjunct Instructor of Government Cedar Valley College Lancaster, Texas
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2004-2011	Associate Professor of Religion, History, and Government Paul Quinn College Dallas, Texas
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Summer 1998	Adjunct Instructor of History Temple College Temple, Texas
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1986-1987	Coordinator of Archives and Cultural Center Paul Quinn College Waco, Texas
1981-86	Social Worker Terrell State Hospital Terrell, Texas
1974-1981	Social Worker Texas Department of Human Services Teague, Fort Worth, and Dallas, Texas

PUBLICATIONS

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