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Education: Ph. D. - History, University of Virginia, 1966
Dissertation - "Henry Clay and the Emerging Nations
of Spanish America, 1815-1829"
M.A. - History, University of Virginia, 1963
B. S. - Education, University of Virginia, 1961

Professional Experience: Regents Professor, University of North Texas, 1988-
Professor, North Texas State University, 1977-1988
Associate Professor, North Texas State University,
1969-1977
Assistant Professor, North Texas State University,
1966-1969
Instructor, Madison College, Summer 1966
Instructor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1963-1964
Graduate Assistant, University of Virginia, 1961-
1962, Summer 1965

Publications:

Books:

Editor, A Journey Through Texas, Or, A Saddle Trip on the Southwestern Frontier. By Frederick Law Olmsted. The Library of Texas. Degolyer Library & William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies. Dallas, Southern Methodist University, 2004.

Gone to Texas: A History of the Lone Star State. New York, Oxford University Press, 2003.

Grass-Roots Reconstruction in Texas, 1865-1880. Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Press, 1998.

Editor, Texas Voices: Documents from Texas History. New York, Worth Publishers, 1997.

Sam Houston and the American Southwest. New York, HarperCollins Publishers, 1993.
(Second Edition, Longman Publishers, 2001; Third Edition, Longman, 2007)

An Empire for Slavery: The Peculiar Institution in Texas, 1821-1865. Baton Rouge, Louisiana

State University Press, 1989. (Paperback edition, 1991).

Co-author, Planters and Plain Folk: Agriculture in Antebellum Texas. Dallas, Southern Methodist University Press, 1987.

A Southern Community in Crisis: Harrison County, Texas, 1850-1880. Austin, Texas State Historical Association, 1983.

Co-author, Wealth and Power in Antebellum Texas. College Station, Texas A&M University Press, 1977.

Co-author, The Dallas Cowboys and the NFL. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press, 1970.

Articles:

“Fighting for the Confederacy: The White Male Population of Harrison County in the Civil War,” Southwestern Historical Quarterly, CIV (July 2000), 22-39.

“Reconstruction in Jefferson County, Texas, 1865-1876,” Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record, XXXI (November 1995), 10-28.

“Reconstruction in McLennan County, Texas, 1865-1876,” Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives, XXVII (Spring 1995), 17-35.

“Reconstruction in Colorado County, Texas, 1865-1876,” Nesbitt Memorial Library Journal, V (January 1995), 3-30.

“Reconstruction in Nueces County, 1865-1876,” Houston Review, XVI (Fall 1994), 3-26.

“Carpetbagger Rule in Reconstruction Texas: An Enduring Myth,” Southwestern Historical Quarterly, XCVII (April 1994), 587-596.

“A Moderate Response: The District Judges of Dallas County During Reconstruction, 1865-1876,” Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas, 5 (Fall 1993), 4-12.

“The Burden of Local Black Leadership during Reconstruction: A Research Note,” Civil War History, 39 (June 1993), 148-153.

“Scalawag District Judges: The E. J. Davis Appointees, 1870-1873,” Houston Review, XIV (Fall 1992), 75-88.

“Grass Roots Reconstruction: The Personnel of County Government in Texas, 1865-1876,”

Journal of Southern History, LVIII (February 1992), 99-116.

“The District Judges of Texas in 1866-1867: An Episode in the Failure of Presidential Reconstruction,” Southwestern Historical Quarterly, XCIII (January 1990), 357-377.

“George W. Whitmore: East Texas Unionist,” East Texas Historical Journal, XXVIII (Spring 1990), 17-28.

“The Slave-Hire System in Texas: A Research Note,” American Historical Review, 93 (February 1988), 107-14.

“Intermittent Slave Ownership: Texas as a Test Case,” Journal of Southern History, LI (February 1985), 15-30.

“The End of Slavery in Texas: A Research Note,” Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXXVIII (July 1984), 71-80.

“Population Persistence and Social Change in Nineteenth-Century Texas: Harrison County, 1850-1880,” Journal of Southern History, XLVIII (May 1982), 185-204.

“Family History from Local Records: A Case Study from Nineteenth Century Texas,” East Texas Historical Journal, XIX (Fall 1981), 13-26.

Co-editor, “My Dearest Husband: A Texas Slave’s Love Letter, 1862,” Journal of Negro History, LXV (Fall 1980), 361-364.

“Political Conflict Within the Southern Consensus, Harrison County, Texas, 1850-1880,” Civil War History, XXVI (September 1980), 218-239.

Co-editor, “The Plantation Journal of John B. Webster, February 17, 1858-November 5, 1859,” Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXXIV (July 1980), 49-79.

Co-author, “Heads of Families in Antebellum Texas: A Profile,” Red River Valley Historical Review, V (Spring 1980), 68-80.

Co-author, “Some Economic Aspects of Antebellum Texas Agriculture,” Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXXII (April 1979), 351-378.

Co-author, “Slave Property and the Distribution of Wealth in Texas, 1860,” Journal of American History, LXIII (September 1976), 316-324.

Co-author, “The Slave-Breeding Hypothesis: A Demographic Comment on the ‘Buying’ and ‘Selling’ States,” Journal of Southern History, XLII (August 1976), 401-412.

Co-author, "Wealthholding and Political Power in Antebellum Texas," Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXIX (July 1975), 21-30.

"The Productivity of Slave Labor in East Texas, 1850-1860," Louisiana Studies, XIII (Summer 1974), 154-172.

"Local Archives as a Source of Slave Prices: Harrison County, Texas, as a Test Case," The Historian, XXXVI (August 1974), 660-669.

"Planters and Plain Folk: Harrison County, Texas, as a Test Case, 1850-1860," Journal of Southern History, XL (August 1974), 369-398.

"Human Property: The Negro Slave in Harrison County, 1850-1860," Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXVI (April 1973), 384-396.

"Slaveholding in Harrison County, 1850-1860: A Statistical Profile," East Texas Historical Journal, XI (Spring 1973), 18-27.

"Texas and the Nashville Convention of 1850," Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXVI (July 1972), 1-14.

"Henry Clay and the Poinsett Pledge Controversy of 1826," The Americas, XXVIII (April 1972), 429-440.

"The Whig Party of Texas in the Elections of 1848 and 1851," Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXXIII (July 1969), 17-34.

"The Spanish American Aspect of Henry Clay's American System," The Americas, XXIV (July 1967), 3-17.

"The Case of the `Three Friends': An Incident in Maritime Regulation during the Revolutionary Era," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, LXXIV (April 1966), 190-209.

Chapters in Books:

"History and Collective Memory in Texas: The Entangled Stories of the Lone Star State," in Gregg Cantrell and Elizabeth Hayes Turner (eds.), Lone Star Pasts: Memory and History in Texas. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2007.

"The First African-American Public Officials in Texas: Voter Registrars in 1867," in Donald Willett and Stephen Curley (eds.), Invisible Texans: Women and Minorities in Texas. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2004.

“Sam Houston: Unionism and the Secession Crisis in Texas,” in James C. Klotter (ed.), The Human Tradition in the Old South. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources Inc., 2003.

“Slavery in the Natchez Trace Collection,” in Katherine J. Adams and Lewis L. Gould (eds.), Inside the Natchez Trace Collection: New Sources for Southern History. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1999.

“Statehood, Civil War, and Reconstruction, 1846-1876,” in Walter L. Buenger and Robert A. Calvert (eds.), Texas Through Time: Evolving Interpretations. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1991.

“Antebellum Texas: From Union to Disunion, 1846-1861,” in Light T. Cummins and Alvin R. Bailey (eds.), A Guide to the History of Texas. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1988.

“Planters and Plain Folks: The Social Structure of the Antebellum South,” in John B. Boles and Evelyn Thomas Nolen (eds.), Interpreting Southern History: Essays in Honor of S. W. Higginbotham, Editor of The Journal of Southern History, 1965-1983. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1987.

Encyclopedia/Dictionary/Handbook Entries:

“Sam Houston,” in Paul S. Boyer (ed.), The Oxford Companion to American History. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

“Edward Burlinson,” “August Pierre Chouteau,” and “Sam Houston,” in John A. Garraty (ed.), American National Biography. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

“Sam Houston,” in Donald Frazier (ed.), The United States and Mexico at War: Nineteenth Century Expansionism and Conflict. New York: Macmillan, 1998.

“Slavery in Texas,” “Antebellum Texas,” “Harrison County,” “Marshall,” “George W. Whitmore,” “Rachel Hamilton Hornsby,” “Reuben R. Gaines,” Andrew P. McCormick,” “Thomas H. Paschal,” “Davis M. Prendergast,” “John B. Rector,” “Wesley B. Ogden,” “Chauncey B. Sabin,” “Ezekiel B. Turner,” “Moses B. Walker,” “Tirus H. Mundine,” “Stephen Powers,” “William E. Jones,” and “Mortimer H. Goddin,” in Ron Tyler (ed.), The New Handbook of Texas. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1996
“The Owsley Thesis,” in Charles R. Wilson and William Ferris (eds.), Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989.

“Slavery in Texas,” in Randall M. Miller and John David Smith (eds.), Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1988.

Book Reviews in the Following Journals:

Southwestern Historical Quarterly (11)

Maryland Historical Magazine

The Historian (2)

Journal of Southern History (6)

Journal of American History (3)

Journal of the Early Republic

Teaching History

East Texas Historical Journal (6)

Kentucky Historical Register (3)

Journal of Interdisciplinary History (3)

American Historical Review

West Texas Historical Association Yearbook

Military History of the Southwest

Social Science Quarterly

Concho River Review

Georgia Historical Quarterly

Agricultural History

Mississippi Quarterly

Great Plains Quarterly

Papers to Scholarly Societies and Symposia:

“After the Surrender: The Postwar Experiences of Confederate Veterans in Harrison County, Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, March 2005.

“Who Fought For the Confederacy: Harrison County, Texas, as a Test Case,” Annual Meeting of The Philosophical Society of Texas, Denton, December 2004.

“History and Memory in Texas: The Entangled Memories of the Lone Star State,” Symposium entitled “Early Texas Art: Regionalist or Mainstream?” at the Meadows Museum, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, November 2004.

“GTT: Writing A History of Texas,” East Texas Historical Association, September 2004.

“Slavery in the Texas Revolution,” San Jacinto Symposium, Houston, April 2003.

“The First African-American Public Officials in Texas: Voter Registrars in 1867,” Symposium entitled “The African-American Experience in Texas: The Nineteenth Century,” at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, February 2002.

“Reconstruction in a Multi-Ethnic Community: Colorado County, Texas, 1865-1876,” East Texas Historical Association (Spring Meeting), February 2002.

“Harrison County in the Civil War: A Rich Man’s War and Poor Man’s Fight?” East Texas Historical Association, September 2000.

“Who Fought for the Confederacy: Harrison County, Texas, as a Test Case,” Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, April 2000.

“Reconstruction in a Multi-Ethnic Community: Colorado County, Texas, 1865-1876,” Social Science History Association, October 1997.

“Senator Sam Houston: Unionist,” Symposium entitled “Sam Houston: A National Perspective,” Sam Houston State University, May 1996.

“Self-Conceived Members of the Master Race: The Richard Thompson Archer Family of Claiborne County,” Biennial Historic Natchez Conference, February 1996.

“Slavery in Texas during Annexation, 1845,” Symposium entitled “The Challenge of Statehood,” University of Texas at Arlington, October 1995.

“Like Sensible and Enterprising Citizens: Conservative Leadership during Reconstruction in Dallas County, 1865-1876,” Southwest Social Science Association, 1995.

“Carpetbagger Rule in Reconstruction Texas: An Enduring Myth,” Presidential Address at the Texas State Historical Association, 1994.

“Writing Women’s History from County Records,” East Texas Historical Association, 1993.

“Sam Houston v. the ‘Whipsters and Demagogues’: Practical Leadership in Times of Crisis,” Spring Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, 1993.

“Grass Roots Reconstruction: The Experience of Six Texas Counties, 1865-1876,” Southwestern Social Science Association, 1993.

“Scalawag District Judges: The E. J. Davis Appointees, 1870-1873,” Texas State Historical Association, 1992.

“Editing Locus: An Historical Journal of Regional Perspectives,” Missouri Valley History Conference, 1991.

“Slavery in Texas During the Civil War,” Symposium entitled “This Fiery Trial: The Civil War,” North Harris County College, 1990.

“Using Census, Court, County, and Similar Records,” Conference on Women and Texas History, 1990.

“Writing About Slavery in Texas, Why and How,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1990.

“George W. Whitmore, East Texas Unionist,” Annual Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, 1988.

“Writing County History,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1988.

“Grassroots Reconstruction: The Personnel of Local Government in Texas, 1865-1876,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, 1987.

“Slavery in Texas During the Civil War,” Texas Sesquicentennial Civil War Symposium, Sponsored by Civil War Round Table Associates, 1986.

“Slavery and Society in Nineteenth Century Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, 1986.

“The Academic Historian as a Resource for Museums,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1985.

“Planters and Plain Folk: The Social Structure of the Antebellum South,” to Symposium entitled

Interpreting Southern History: A Symposium in Honor of Sanford W. Higginbotham, Editor of the Journal of Southern History, Rice University, 1983.

“War Makes Its Widows by the Thousands: Theophilus and Harriet Perry of Marshall, Texas, 1861-1865,” Spring meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, 1982.

“Harrison County: The Economics of Plantation Agriculture,” To Symposium entitled Texana II: Cultural Heritage of the Plantation South, Jefferson, Texas, 1981.

“Reconstruction and ‘Redemption’ in Harrison County,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1980.

“Roots in East Texas, Family History from Local Records,” Annual Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, 1977.

“The Biography of a Nineteenth Century Southern Community: Harrison County, Texas, 1850-1860,” Meeting of the Harrison County Historical Society, 1976.

Co-author, “County Tax Records: Assessing an Untaxed Source,” Annual Meeting, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1976.

Co-author, “Southern History from Local Archives: Antebellum Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, 1974.

Co-author, “Age and Sex Distribution of Texas Slaves, 1860,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1973.

“Slavery in Harrison County, 1850-1860,” Semi-annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1971.

“The Whig Party of Texas in the Elections of 1848 and 1851,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, 1969.

Session Chair/Discussant: Professional Meetings:

Chair, “Civil Rights, Race, Gender, and Political Activism in Texas: Lessons Learned from Robert ‘Bob’ Calvert,” Texas State Historical Association, 2007.

Discussant, Session entitled “What’s New in Texas History? Fifteen Years after Texas Through Time, 1990-2005,” Texas State Historical Association, 2006.

Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Session, Texas State Historical Association, 2005.

Discussant, Session entitled “Writing Texas History Textbooks,” East Texas Historical

Association, 2005.

Discussant, Session entitled “Gone to Texas: A History of the Lone Star State,” Texas State Historical Association, 2004.

Chair, “Writing Texas Biography,” Texas State Historical Association, 2003.

Commentator, “Communities in the Reconstructed South,” The Historical Society, 2002.

Commentator, “Violence and Segregation: South Africa and the American South,” The Historical Society, 1999.

Chair, “African-American Issues during the Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas,” Texas State Historical Association, 1999.

Commentator, “Economic and Political Development in Nineteenth-Century Texas,” Southwestern Social Science Association, 1998.

Discussant, “The New Handbook of Texas Project,” Texas State Historical Association, 1996.

Chair, “Hanging Time in the Confederacy,” Texas State Historical Association, 1996

Commentator, “Restructuring the U. S. Labor Market in the 19th Century,” Southern Labor Studies Conference, 1995

Chair, “Planter Families in East Texas: Nineteenth-Century Fact and Twentieth-Century Fiction,” East Texas Historical Association, 1995.

Chair and Commentator, “Southern Honor Under Siege: Dissent and Violence in Civil War Texas,” Southern Historical Association, 1991.

Chair, “Demography and Historical Databases,” Southern Historical Association, 1989.

Chair, “The Civil War Era in Texas,” Southwestern Social Science Association, 1989.

Chair, “Reconstruction in East Texas,” East Texas Historical Association, September 1986.

Discussant, “Texas in Transition: A Sesquicentennial Forum,” Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, April 1986.

Chair, “Frontier Violence in Texas,” Southwestern Social Science Association, March 1985.

Discussant, “Slaveholding and Nonslaveholding in the Southwest,” Southwestern Social Science

Association, March 1984.

Lectures, Workshops, and Consultant Work:

Lecture: "Sam Houston," Teaching of History Conference, UNT, 2006.

Five Presentations: "Stephen F. Austin," "Sam Houston," "Thomas Jefferson," "Elizabeth Cady Stanton," and "John D. Rockefeller" for American History Institute at the Region 10 Education Service Center, Richardson, Texas, 2006; 2007.

Lecture: "Writing Gone to Texas: The Search for a 'Usable Past' for the Lone Star State," Eighteenth Texas History Forum, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, The Alamo, 2006.

Lecture: "The Radical Abolitionists," Teaching of History Conference, UNT, 2004.

Workshop: "The Biographical Approach to Teaching the Antebellum Period of United States History," Victoria Independent School District, 2004.

Lecture, "Sam Houston and the Secession Crisis in Texas," Winfield Lecture, Chappell Hill, Texas, 2004.

Lecture: "Gone To Texas: A History of the Lone Star State," Nesbitt Memorial Library, Columbus, Texas, 2004.

Luncheon Address, "Writing Gone to Texas: The Search for a Usable Past," Phi Alpha Theta Texas-Northeast Regional Conference, Denton, 2004.

Lecture, "Sam Houston in Texas," Blinn College Distinguished Lecture Series, Brenham, Texas, 2004.

Panelist, "The Eyes of Texas Revisited," Program for NT Exes/Gulf Coast, Houston, 2004.

Lecture, "Texans and Their History in the New Millennium," Clements Center Visiting Scholar Series, Southern Methodist University, 2003

Lecture, "Teaching History with Meaning," TEA-Sponsored TEKS Institute, Austin, 2003.

Lecture, "Teaching History with Meaning," TEA-Sponsored TEKS Institute, Dallas, 2003.

Lecture, "The Biographical Approach to History: Richard M. Nixon," Social Sciences Council, Richardson ISD, 2002.

Lecture, "Teaching History with Meaning," TEA-Sponsored TEKS Institute, San Antonio, 2002.

Lecture, "The Slave Family in Texas," Teaching of History Conference, UNT, 2001.

Lecture, "Booker T. Washington in Historical Perspective," AP Teachers Institute, Texas Christian University, 2001. **Same lecture to in-service workshop for teacher in the Garland Independent School District, 2001.

Lecture, "Juneteenth: The 'Day of Jubilee' for Texas Slaves," workshop entitled "Teach Across Texas Times" at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, 2001

Lecture, "Slavery in Texas, 1821-1865: A Brief Overview with Emphasis on the Lower Brazos River Valley," Symposium entitled "Viewing the Past Through Different Lenses: The African-American Legacy in the Lower Brazos Valley," Lake Jackson, 2000.

Lecture, "The Non-Radical/Anti-Radical Nature of the New Deal," AP Teachers Institute, Texas Christian University, 2000.

Lecture, "Slavery in Texas: A Brief Overview," Forum on "Blazing Trails to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in Texas," Huntsville, 2000.

Consultant, Hill College History Complex, Museum Exhibit on Texans in the Civil War, 1999.

Lecture, "Sam Houston in Texas: Practical Leadership in Times of Crisis," to Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society), Texas A&M University, Commerce, 1999. *Same lecture to "General Sam Houston Birthday Celebration," Huntsville, 1999. **Same lecture at Farmers Branch Historical Park, 2000. **Same Lecture to Peters Colony Historical Society, Carrollton, 2001. **Same Lecture to teachers in Denton Independent School District, 2001.

"Slavery and the Cotton Economy of Antebellum Texas," Luncheon Address to the annual American Cotton Conference, American Cotton Museum, Greenville, 1998

Lecture, "Slavery in the Republic of Texas," Symposium on "Texas during the Republic," Galveston, 1998.

Lecture, "The Conditions of Slave Life in Bowie County, Texas," Texarkana Museums System, Texarkana, 1998.

Lectures on the Biographical Approach to History using Theodore Roosevelt as an illustration, in-service workshops for teachers in the Garland Independent School District and the Birdville Independent School District, 1996. **Same lecture to Advanced Placement Institute at UT Dallas, 1996. **Same lecture to teachers in Plano Independent School District, 2001.

"The World of Community History," Keynote Address to Conference on community history, University of Texas at Arlington, 1994.

"Sam Houston v. the 'Whipsters and Demagogues': Practical Leadership in Times of Crisis,"

Regents' Faculty Lecture, University of North Texas, 1993. Same lecture at Lamar University (1993), Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta at Nacogdoches (1993), Cooke County Heritage Society (1993), Rosenberg Library in Galveston (1994), Dallas Historical Society (1995).

"Topics in Texas History, 1821-1876," to In-Service for Richardson I.S.D., 1993

Consultant to Jones Farm 1820s Homestead Project at George Ranch Historical Museum in Fort Bend County, Texas, 1993, 1995.

Panel Discussion at Sam Houston Bicentennial Celebration, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, March 1993.

"Sam Houston's San Jacinto Campaign: A Triumph of Practical Leadership," to University of North Texas President's Council, 1993, to Friends of the Marshall Public Library, 1993, and to Tyrrell Historical Library Association (Beaumont), 1993.

"Sam Houston and the Secession Crisis in Texas," Lecture to Teaching of History Conference at the University of North Texas, 1992. Same lecture to Richardson I.S.D. Social Sciences Council, 1993. Same Lecture to Brazos Valley Civil War Roundtable, 1994.

"Local Sources for the History of Women in Texas," Lecture to Teaching of History Conference at the University of North Texas, 1991.

"The Civil War in Harrison County," Lecture in Marshall, Texas, at celebration of 150th Anniversary, 1991.

"The Importance of Slavery in Texas," Address to conference entitled "African-American History in Texas: Preserving and Sharing the Precious Legacy," Dallas, 1990. Also delivered to convocation at Lamar University in 1990, to the Dallas Historical Society in 1990, to the Historical Society of Denton County in 1990, to an Honors Convocation at Wayland Baptist University in 1992, to a workshop for history teachers at Corpus Christi in 1992, at Grayson County College in 1992, at in-service for teachers in Round Rock I.S.D. in 1993, and to teachers in the Denton Independent School District in 2002.

"The Context of Town and Community History," Workshop at annual meeting of East Texas Historical Association, 1989.

"The Portrayal of Slavery in Huck Finn" and "The Historical Context of Whitman's Leaves of Grass," Lectures to NEH Institute in Department of English at University of North Texas, 1989. As follow up to this institute, the lecture on slavery in Huck Finn was given at Irving Nimitz High School, Lewisville High School, a workshop for Dallas ISD teachers, Berkner High School, and a conference of high school social studies supervisors in Austin in 1990.

"Antebellum Texas, 1846-1861," Lecture to Texas History Institute at University of North

Texas, 1989, 1991.

“Writing Local History,” Workshop at annual meeting of Texas State Historical Association, 1989.

“Grassroots Reconstruction in Texas, 1865-1876,” Lecture to Teaching of History Conferences at University of North Texas in 1988, 1989, and University of Texas at Austin in 1989.

“Research in Local History: Materials and Methods,” Lecture to Institute of Texas Studies, University of Texas, 1988, 1991.

“The Slave Family in Antebellum Texas,” Kathryn Stoner O’Connor Lecture on Texas History, Victoria College, 1988.

“The Slave Hire System in Texas,” Eighth Annual J. Milton Nance Lecture, Texas A & M University, 1987.

“Slavery in Texas,” Lecture at Phi Alpha Theta initiation meeting, East Texas State University, February 1986.

“Slavery in Texas,” Lecture at Phi Alpha Theta initiation meeting, Wayland Baptist University, 1985.

“Teaching the U.S. Survey: The Biographical Approach,” Conference on the Teaching of History sponsored by American Historical Association and North Texas State University, 1984.

Lectures on the biographical approach to the teaching of history for public school in-service workshops. Richardson, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989. Garland, 1984, 1986. Carrollton/Farmer’s Branch, 1988.

Consultant to Project 150, an exhibition on Texas History to be presented by a consortium of museums and historical associations as part of the state’s sesquicentennial celebration, 1984.

“The Peculiar Institution: Negro Slavery in Antebellum Texas,” Lecture to Symposium, “The South Reconsidered: New Perspectives in Southern History,” North Harris County College, 1983.

“Slavery in East Texas,” Lecture in a series on the historical heritage of East Texas, Henderson County Junior College, 1983.

“Richard M. Nixon: Representative of Cold War America,” Lecture of Institute on History of the United States Since World War II, North Texas State University, 1983 - 1989.

“The Peculiar Institution: Negro Slavery in Texas,” lecture in a series entitled The Texas

Experience to 1865. Houston, 1983. Dallas, 1983. San Antonio, 1984. Tyler, 1985.

“Research Methods in Texas History,” Graduate Institute Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, 1983.

“Antebellum Texas: Economic, Social, and Political Developments,” Lecture to Institute of Texas Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1980.

Consultant to Texas County Records Inventory Project, North Texas State University, 1979-1980.

“The Legacy of the Southern Plain Folk,” Lecture to Symposium on Plain Folk of the South at Enterprise State College, Enterprise, Alabama, 1979.

“Recent Research and the Teaching of Southern History,” Conference on the Teaching of History sponsored by the American Historical Association and North Texas State University, Fall, 1978.

“Reconstructing the Lives of the ‘Inarticulate,’ History from Local Records,” Lecture to Kingsbury Lyceum, North Texas State University, 1977.

“The Peculiar Institution: Negro Slavery in Texas,” Lecture to Institute of Texas Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994.

Advisory Committee on Museum of Antebellum Texas Agriculture, Winedale Farm near Round Top, Texas, 1972-1973.

Professional Associations -- Memberships and Service:

Southern Historical Association

Membership Committee, 1995

Program Committee, 1987-1988

Ramsdell Prize Committee, 1979-1981

Board of Editors, Journal of Southern History, 1980-1984

Texas State Historical Association

Nominating Committee

Editor, Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 2005-

Strategic Planning Committee, 2004

Governance Committee, 2003

President, 1993-1994

First Vice President, 1992-1993

Budget Committee, 1992-1993
Second Vice President, 1991-1992
Centennial Anniversary Committee, 1991-1996
Long-Range Planning Committee, 1989-1990
The New Handbook of Texas Advisory Committee, 1988-1999
Program Committee, 1982-1984, 1989-1990 (Chairman), 1990-1991
Executive Council, 1988-1991, 1994-1996
Fellows Committee, 1985-1986, 1986-1987, 1987-1988
Advisory Editor, The New Handbook of Texas, 1984-1996
Editorial Advisory Board, Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 1975-1980, 1987-1996
H. Bailey Carroll Award Committee, 1974-1979
Executive Nominating Committee, 1973, 1994, 2007

Society of Historians of the Early American Republic

East Texas Historical Association

Chamberlain Prize Committee, 1983-1984, 1991-1992
Fellows Committee, 1985-1986, 1986-1987, 1988-1990, 1994-1995, 1996-1997
Board of Directors, 1987-1990

Summerlee Commission on Texas History, 1989-1991

Special Service to Department of History, College, or University:

Supervisor of Teaching Assistants in Department of History, 1975-1979

Faculty Coordinator for Texas County Records Inventory Project, 1980-1981

Editor, Institutional Self-Study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1983-1985

Director of Center for Studies in Local History, 1988-1995

Co-editor of Volume I of Our National Heritage: Essays in American History before 1865.

Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1989, Revised edition, 1993; Third Edition, [as Our Nation's Heritage] New York: American Heritage Custom Publishing Group, 1995, Fourth Edition, 1997, Fifth Edition, 1999. New Edition published by Thomson Learning Custom Publishing, 2002.

Member of Steering Committee and co-chair of section on Educational Programs, Institutional Self-Study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1993-1995.

Member of College of Business Administration Dean Search Committee, 1995-1996.

Coordinator of Teaching of History Conference, 1996-1999.

Faculty Handbook Revision Task Force, 1997.

Advisory Committee for Selection of Regents Professors, 2000-2001.

Committee on the Organizational Structure of Engineering at UNT, 2001.

Sunset Review Committee, Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education, 2004.

College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, 2005-2006.

Advisory Committee, Marie Roberts Fisher Distinguished Professorship, 2005-2007.

Regents Professor Selection and Review Committee, 2006-

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Eta Sigma

Phi Kappa Phi

H. Bailey Carroll Award from the Texas State Historical Association for best article in Volume LXXVIII of Southwestern Historical Quarterly

North Texas State University Student Activities Union "Favorite Professor" Award, 1973

Charles W. Ramsdell Award from the Southern Historical Association for best article in Journal of Southern History for 1973-1974

North Texas State University Student Government Association "Honor Professor" Award, 1977

Sallie M. Lentz Award, Harrison County Historical Society, 1981

C. K. Chamberlain Award from the East Texas Historical Association for best article in Volume XIX of the East Texas Historical Journal

Fellow of the East Texas Historical Association

Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association

Toulouse Scholar Award, University of North Texas, 1988

H. Bailey Carroll Award from the Texas State Historical Association for best article in Volume XCIII of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly.

Coral H. Tullis Memorial Prize from the Texas State Historical Association for most important book on Texas published in 1989.

Summerfield G. Roberts Award from the Sons of the Republic of Texas for best historical or creative writing on the Republic of Texas in 1989.

Friends of the Dallas Public Library Award from Texas Institute of Letters for most important contribution to knowledge by a Texas author in 1989.

Ottis G. Lock Award from East Texas Historical Association for Best Book, 1990.

Texas Historical Foundation Book Award for 1990.

C. K. Chamberlain Award from East Texas Historical Association for best article in volume XXVIII of the East Texas Historical Journal.

University of North Texas Student Association Honor Professor, 1993.

Ottis Lock Award from East Texas Historical Association for outstanding university teacher, 1995.

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Outstanding Academic Book for 1998 award from Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries for Grass-Roots Reconstruction in Texas, 1865-1880.

Elected to The Philosophical Society of Texas, 2000.

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