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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Texas Tech University, 2017 – current
Comprehensive Exam, May 2020 (expected)
Graduation, May 2023 (expected)
Dissertation: “Latino Churches and America’s Longest War” (tentative)
Advisor: Mark Stoll, Professor of History
Major Field: U.S. History
Minor Field: European History

M.A. History, Texas Tech University, 2015

B.A. Theology, Southwestern Adventist University, 2007

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY IN EDUCATION

Adjunct History Instructor: Department of Social Science, South Plains College, 2015 - current

Senior Academic Advisor: Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2015 - current

Teaching Assistant: Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2014 - 2015

History Tutor: Department of Social Science, South Plains College, 2002

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY IN OTHER PROFESSIONS

Pastor: Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2006 – 2012

Banker: Wells Fargo Bank, 2003 – 2005

FIELDS OF RESEARCH/SPECIALIZATION

U.S. History; Religion and Identity; Chicana/o and Latina/o; Race and Ethnicity; Nationalism

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters:

“Apocalyptic Dissenters: Seventh-day Adventists and Peace Activism in the Nineteenth Century,” in *The Routledge History of World Peace since 1750*, eds. William M. Knoblauch, Michael Loadenthal, and Christian Peterson (New York: Routledge, 2018).

“Recasting Noncombatants in the Media,” in *The Vietnam War in Pop Culture: The Influence of America’s Most Controversial War on Everyday Life*, ed. Ron Milam (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Praeger, 2016).

Encyclopedia Articles:

“Seventh-day Adventists and the Vietnam War,” in the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*, eds. Benjamin Baker and David Trim (Silver Spring: Review and Herald, forthcoming 2020).

“Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse,” in the *End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the Apocalypse in World Religions*, ed. Wendell G. Johnson (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Praeger, 2017).

“Y2K,” in the *End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the Apocalypse in World Religions*, ed. Wendell G. Johnson (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Praeger, 2017).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Unpopular Minorities: Latino and Black Objectors in America’s Longest War,” at the “40th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Annual Conference,” Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 20-23, 2019

“No Guns, Just Guts: Conscientious Objectors/Cooperator and the Vietnam War,” Augustana University at the “Korea and Vietnam: 25 Years of War in Asia (1950-1975) – 50th Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains,” Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 20-21, 2018

“Not the Law Then, Nor Is It Now: Popularizing Conscientious Cooperator Status,” Vietnam Center & Archive – Institute for Peace and Conflict at the “1967: The Search for Peace Conference,” Lubbock, Texas, April 27-29, 2017

“The Film Industry and War: Propaganda or Realism?” Texas Tech University at the “Honors College Forum,” Lubbock, Texas, November 18, 2016

“The Impact of the *Late Great Planet Earth* on American Apocalypticism,” Texas Tech University at the “Fourth Annual History Conference,” Lubbock, Texas, February 7, 2015

*“Beginning with Peace, Ending with Protest: Antiwar Groups Prior to and During the Vietnam War,” Texas Tech University at the “Fourth Annual Arts and Humanities Research Conference,” Lubbock, Texas, October 16-17, 2014

“Reconstructing the Image of Resisters in the Vietnam War,” Texas Tech University at the “Representing Reality Conference,” Lubbock, Texas, April 11-12, 2014

CONFERENCE SESSION CHAIR OR MODERATOR

Moderator, “War and Culture: War When It’s Neither White Nor Male: Other Voices,” at the “40th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Annual Conference,” Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 22, 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor: South Plains College

HIST 1301: United States History I

Teaching Assistant: Texas Tech University

HIST 2300: United States History to 1877

HIST 2301: United States History Since 1877

HIST 2310: History of Texas

HIST 3330: The Vietnam War

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Honors Thesis Coordinator: Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2018 – current

Eta Omicron Nu (HON) Honors Society Advisor: Texas Tech University, 2018 – current

Haragan House Advisor: Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2018 – current

Honors Tutoring Coordinator: Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2016 - current

Honors Weekly Forum Coordinator: Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2016 – current

Bayless Mentoring Program: Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2015 - 2016

Graduate Student Advisory Member: Texas Tech University, 2015

Graduate Student Mentor: Texas Tech University, 2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer: The Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech University, 2014 - 2015

Volunteer: The Veterans Resource Coordination Group, 2014 - 2015

Volunteer Hospital Chaplain: Prairie Lakes Hospital, 2010 - 2012

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Guy “Doc” La Pointe Memorial Scholarship, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University, 2019

Dissertation Research Grant, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2019

Conference Travel Grant, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2018, 2019

Faculty/Staff Award, Eta Omicron Nu (HON) Honor Society, Honors College, Texas Tech University, 2017

Golden Key International Honour Society, 2016

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2015

Research Grant, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2015

Drs. Otto Nelson and Allen Kuethe Scholarship, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2015, 2018

W.B. and Mozelle Rushing Scholarship, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2014

*Panel First Place Award, “Fourth Annual Arts and Humanities Research Conference,” Texas Tech University, 2014

Research Travel Grant, Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 2008, 2009

Dean’s Distinguished List, Southwestern Adventist University, 2007

Dean’s List, Southwestern Adventist University, 2004-2006

NCAA Division II Athletics, Baseball Partial-Scholarship, Lubbock Christian University, 2002, declined

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Koine Greek (reading proficiency)

Hebrew (reading proficiency)

Spanish (currently learning)