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Education

Texas A&M University – College Station, Texas
B.A. -- History / Political Science minor, 1994
Texas Teaching Certificate - Social Studies Composite, 1995

Southern Methodist University - Dallas, Texas
M.A. -- American History, 2005
*Thesis: *Free Yet Inferior: The Paradox of Race Among Boston's
"Representative Men", 1844-1865*
*Advisor: Dr. Edward Countryman

University of Houston – Houston, Texas
Ph.D. Candidate – American History
*Minor: Women's Studies
*Advisor: Dr. Steven Deyle
*Dissertation Topic: Abolition, Domestic Slave Trade, & Gender

Secondary Teaching Experience

Memorial High School – Spring Branch ISD – Houston, TX (2008-Present)
Social Studies Department Chair and AP US History-Dual Credit / AP World History

Vista Ridge H.S. – Leander ISD – Cedar Park, TX (2005 – 2006)
Social Studies Department Chair and AP US History

Highland Park H.S. - Highland Park ISD - Dallas, TX (1999 - 2004)
AP US History / AP US Government / World History / World Geography

R.L. Turner H.S. - Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD – Carrollton, TX (1997-1998)
AP U.S. Government / Government / Advanced Law Studies

James E. Taylor H.S. - Katy ISD - Katy, TX (1995-1997)
AP U.S. History / Government / Sociology / Economics

Other Professional Experience

The Texas Education Agency – Division of Curriculum – Austin, TX (2004-2005)
Assistant Director of Social Studies

Collegiate Teaching Experience

Houston Community College – (2008-Present)
History Instructor – US History Colonial Era through 1877 and US History 1877-Present

University of Houston – (Fall 2009)
Teaching Assistant – History 1377 – Professor Kelly Hopkins

University of Houston – (2007-2008)

Teaching Assistant – “The History of Globalization” – with Professor Tyler Priest

Blinn College – Bryan Campus – (2006-2007)

History Instructor - US History Colonial Era through Reconstruction

Consulting

The College Board - Workshop Consultant (2002 – Present)

Selected Presentations:

- “The Midwife’s Tale: Three Resources for Teaching Women’s History and Document Analysis”
- “Online Discussion Groups: An Extension of the AP Classroom”
- “Beginning and Developing an AP US History Program”
- “Review of the 2002 AP US History Examination”
- “The Years Between the Wars: Media Images of the 1920s and 1930s”
- “The New American History: Resources for the New AP US History Teacher”
- “Free, Yet Inferior: The Anti-Slavery and Racial Ideas of 19thC. American Intellectuals”
- “The Origins and Development of the Concept of Race in American History”

Educational Testing Services - Faculty Consultant (1998-2006)

- 2006 AP US History “Reading” – Trinity University, TX
- 2003 AP Government “Reading” – Colorado State University
- 2001& 2002 AP US History "Reading" - Trinity University, TX
- 1999 & 2000 AP Government "Reading" - University of Nebraska
- 1998 AP Government “Reading” - University of Maryland

Advanced Placement Strategies, Inc.- Social Studies Consultant

* Spring 2002 – Hobbs, New Mexico - Responsibilities included: Site visit, observations, and consultation with the social studies teachers at Hobbs High School / Written evaluation of each of the Hobbs HS AP teachers with a recommendation of how each could modify their teaching so as to improve their programs scores on the national AP exam

Publications

Review of *Watching Slavery: Witness Texts and Travel Reports* by Joe Lockard in *The History Teacher*, Vol. 42 No. 4 August 2009, pp. 518-519.

Encyclopedia entries: “Abolition of Slavery” vol. 2 pp. 287-291; “Indentured Servitude” vol. 1 pp. 53-55; “Racialized Slavery” vol. 1 pp. 84-87 ; “Slave Plantation” vol. 2 pp. 531-532; and “Transportation (as punishment for slave resistance)” vol. 2 pp. 551-552 in *The Encyclopedia of African American History*, Leslie M. Alexander and Walter C. Rucker, eds. 3 volumes. ABC-CLIO: Santa Barbara, CA (2010).

Presentation of Research

“Transcending Race: Emerson, Antislavery, and Changing Racial Identity in Antebellum Boston” presented at “This Land is Whose Land? Civil Identity and Civil Conflict” organized by The University of Missouri—Columbia Department of History - Sixth Graduate Student Conference April 2008.

Curriculum Development

Highland Park ISD – Social Studies Curriculum Development Team (1999-2003)

- *2002-2003 – United States History
 - Alignment of curriculum between 5th, 8th, and 11th grades
 - Began the process of creating best practice lesson plans.
- *Summer 2002 – United States History
 - Alignment of US History course with the new state TEKS
 - Creation of Course Scope and Sequence
 - Including:
 - Estimated time frame for each unit
 - TEKS / Student Expectations to achieve the enduring understanding, along with the major topics to be covered in each unit.
 - Examples and Specifications for the units.
 - Vocabulary, Textbook Correlation, Web links, and other resources.
- *2001-2002 – United States History
 - Organization of units and creation of enduring understandings for each unit based on the book *Understanding by Design*.
 - Creation of Curriculum Webs with enduring understandings as the center and the state TEKS as the body of the webs.
- *1999-2001 – World History and AP United States History
 - Organization of units and creation of enduring understandings for each unit based on the book *Understanding by Design*.
 - Creation of Curriculum Webs with enduring understandings as the center and the state TEKS or College Board Acorn book as the body of the webs.

Campus Committees, Club Sponsorship, and Other Activities

Memorial High School

- * Gay-Straight Alliance Club – Co-Sponsor (2009-2011)
- * Jewish Student Union – Sponsor (2010-2011)

Highland Park High School

- * AP Night – Coordinator (2002-2003) – Organization and promotion of an informational session for all parents, students and teachers of Advanced Placement courses.
- * Campus Advanced Placement Committee (2002-2003) – Member
- * District Social Studies Textbook Committee (2002-2003) – 11th US History rep.
- * National History Day Co-Sponsor (2002-2003)
- * New Teacher Mentor (2002-2003)
- * District Leadership Committee (2001-2002)
- * Running Club – Founding Sponsor (2000-2002)

R.L Turner High School

- * AP Night – Coordinator (1997-1998)

James E. Taylor High School

- * *Close-Up* Washington – Co-Sponsor / Travel Coordinator (1996-1997)
- * Volunteer Assistant Cross-Country Coach (1996)

Professional Memberships

- * American Historical Association * Member (2001-Present)
- * Organization of American Historians * Member (2001-Present)
- * Southern Historical Association *Member (2007-Present)

- * Society for the History of the Early American Republic *Member (2008-Present)
- * The Society for History Education * Member (2001-Present)
- * National Council for History Education * Member ('97 - Present)
- * Texas Council for History Education (TXCHE) * Steering Committee '97- '00
- * Texas Council for the Social Studies * Member / Curriculum Committee (2004-2006)
- * Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association * Executive Board Member (2004-2006)

Selected Conferences and Seminars

- * American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Jan 3-6, 2008, Washington, D.C.
- * Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2003, Memphis, TN
- * College Board Two Day AP Social Studies Conference, Jan 31-Feb 1, 2003, San Antonio (Presenter)
- * College Board Social Studies Vertical Teams Conference, Oct 18-19, 2002, University of Texas at San Antonio (Presenter)
- * Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminar, "America Between The Wars", Columbia University, July 21-27 2002, New York, NY
- * College Board Two Day AP Social Studies Conference, Feb 1-2, 2002, San Antonio
- * American Historical Association 115th Annual Meeting, Jan. 4-7, 2001, Boston, MA
- * Foreign Policy Research Institute "Teach-In" on the Vietnam War, 2000, Bryn Mar, PA
- * Texas Christian University - Institute for AP U.S. History, Summer 2000, Fort Worth
- * World 2000: "Conference on Teaching World History & World Geography" Feb. 11-12
- * TXCHE 3rd Annual Conference: "Millennial Movements" March 5-6, 1999, Huntsville
- * TXCHE 2nd Annual Conference: "Genocide in History" February 27-28, 1998, Houston
- * TXCHE Inaugural Conference: "Disease In History" Feb. 28-March 1, 1997, Huntsville
- * Rice University AP Institute for AP U.S. Government, Summer 1997, Houston
- * Two - Day AP Conference for AP U.S. History Nov. 1-2, 1996, Houston

University Honors

- University of Houston – Department of History – Fellowship (2007-2009)
- William P. Clements Department of History – SMU – Fellowship (1998-2000)
- Battle of Normandy Foundation - Normandy Scholar (1993)

References

Available upon request