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## Education:

Ph.D.	August 1998	History--Texas A&M University Major Fields: American History; Texas History; Great Depression & New Deal Era Dissertation: "Ordered Liberty: The AAA Cotton Programs in Texas, 1933-40"
M.A.	January 1992	History--California State University, Sacramento
B.S.	May 1990	Electrical Engineering--California State University, Sacramento

## Academic Employment

September 2011-Present	Chair, History Department. Collin College
September 2006-Present	Part-Time Lecturer, University of Texas at Dallas
September 2004-Present	Full-Time History Professor, Collin College
September 2002-August 2004	Full-Time History Professor, Blinn College
September 1998-May 2002	Full-Time Lecturer and Undergraduate Advisor, Department of History, Texas A&M University
September 1996-August 1998	Part-Time Lecturer (Teaching Graduate Assistant) Department of History, Texas A&M University

## Book Publications

*The American Challenge: A New History of the United States*, Abigail Press, 2012.  
A college-level American history textbook (co-author and co-editor)

*Texas Voices: Documents and Biographical Sketches*, Abigail Press, 2010 (author and editor).

*Beyond Myths and Legends: A Narrative History of Texas*, Abigail Press, 2008.  
A college-level Texas history textbook (co-author)

*Texas, Cotton, and the New Deal*, Texas A&M University Press, 2005.  
Finalist for the Texas State Historical Association's Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize

## Article and Essay Publications

"To Advance Our Race through Good Health: African-American Physicians and Medical Practice in Jim Crow Texas," in *Caduceus and the Lone Star State: Medicine in Twentieth-Century Texas* (University of Oklahoma Press, forthcoming).

"Desertion, Disability, and Death in the Texas Civilian Conservation Corps," *Central Texas Studies* (forthcoming in 2016).

## Article and Essay Publications (cont.)

- “Beyond the Beltway: Significant State and Local Studies of the New Deal,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the New Deal* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- “The Far Right in Texas Politics during the Roosevelt Era,” in *The Texas Right: The Radical Roots of Lone Star Conservatism* (Texas A&M University Press, 2014): 68-86.
- “James E. Youngblood: Race, Family, and Farm Ownership in Jim Crow Texas,” in *Beyond Forty Acres and a Mule: African American Farmers since Reconstruction* (University of Florida Press, 2012): 63-82.
- “The Life and Work of Dr. Beadie Eugene Conner: An African American Physician in Jim Crow Texas,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 105 (January 2012): 258-280.
- “Strange Brew: Recent Texas Political, Economic, and Military History,” in *Beyond Texas through Time*, Walter L. Buenger and Arnolfo De León, eds. (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2011): 85-124.
- “Where are the New Deal Historians of Texas?: A Literature Review of the New Deal Experience in Texas,” *East Texas Historical Journal* 47 (Fall 2010): 41-57.
- “‘Up in Arms’: Local Protest vs. the Placement of Black CCC Camps in West Texas,” *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook* 83 (2007): 96-110.
- “The AAA Cotton Plow-Up Campaign in Arkansas,” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 59 (Winter 2000): 386-406.
- “Burying White Gold: The AAA Cotton Plow-up Campaign in Texas,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 103 (January 2000): 326-355.
- “Leaving the Land: Tenant and Sharecropper Displacement in Texas during the New Deal,” *Social Science History* 20 (Winter 1996): 533-51.

## Encyclopedia Entries

- “The New Deal and Southern Agriculture,” in *The New Encyclopedia for Southern Culture* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), Volume 11: Agriculture and Industry, (University of North Carolina Press, 2008).
- “The New Deal,” in *Tobacco in History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Jordan Goodman; (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons Reference Books, 2005).

## Conference Presentations

- “Far Right Politics in Texas during the New Deal,” presented June 15, 2013 at the New Deal in Texas Symposium, Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas.
- “The Far Right in Texas Politics during the Roosevelt Era,” presented September 28, 2012, Fall 2012 Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas.
- “Cotton Culture, Politics, and Economics since 1870: A Panel Discussion,” presented September 20, 2012 at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Conference on History, Springfield, Missouri.
- “Texas Cotton Programs during the Great Depression and their Aftermath,” presented June 10, 2012 at the 2012 ALHFAM (Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums) Conference, Farmers Branch, Texas.
- “Recent Trends in Texas Economic Historiography,” presented April 30, 2011, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cotton and Rural History Conference, American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas.

## Conference Presentations (cont.)

- “Beadie Eugene Conner: The Life and Work of an African American Physician in Jim Crow Texas,” presented March 4, 2010, 114<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Dallas, Texas.
- “Social and Cultural Impact of the New Deal,” panelist, February 26, 2010, Spring 2010 Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas.
- “Where are the New Deal Historians of Texas?” March 9, 2007, 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, Texas.
- “Texas Politicians and New Deal Agricultural Policy,” September 17, 2005, Fall 2005 Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas.
- “Introducing *Texas, Cotton and the New Deal*,” April 30, 2005, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cotton and Rural History Conference, American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas.
- “‘Up in Arms’: Local Protest vs. the Placement of Black CCC Camps in Texas,” March 3, 2005 at the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas.
- “The AAA Cotton Programs in Texas: An Overview,” March 29, 2001, 5th Annual Cotton and Rural History Conference, American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas.
- “Texas Sharecroppers, Tenant Farmers, and the New Deal: The Limits of the Associative State,” February 23, 2001, Spring 2001 Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas.
- “The AAA Plow-Up Campaign in Arkansas,” February 18, 2000, “The Southwest: A Region in Transition” (conference hosted by the National Archives and Texas Christian University), Fort Worth, Texas.
- “The New Deal Black Experience,” chair, February 17, 2000, “The Southwest: A Region in Transition” (conference hosted by the National Archives and Texas Christian University), Fort Worth, Texas.
- “The Bankhead Act and Texas, 1934-35,” April 22, 1999, 41st Annual Western Social Science Association Conference, Fort Worth, Texas.
- “‘Gentlemen, Advise Me What to Do’: Displaced Texas Sharecroppers and Tenant Farmers Write to Their Government during the Great Depression,” March 19, 1998, 78th Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- “Burying White Gold: The AAA Cotton Plow-Up Campaign in Texas,” September 18, 1997, 19th Annual Mid-America Conference, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

## Conference Participation (as chair or commentator)

- “Elite Racism in Texas during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” chair, March 5, 2016, 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Las Colinas, Texas.
- “New Views on the New Deal in Texas,” chair, February 28, 2015, Spring 2015 Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, The Woodlands, Texas.
- “The Great Depression and the New Deal in Texas,” chair, March 4, 2010, 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Dallas, Texas.
- “Building Hope: Three New Deal Resettlement Communities, Ropesville, Dalworthington Gardens, and Sabine Farms: A Video Project of the People’s History of Texas,” commentator, February 27, 2010, Spring 2010 Meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas.

## Conference Participation (as chair or commentator, cont.)

- “Texas Democrats at Mid-Century: Warring at Home and Abroad,” chair, March 28, 2009, 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas.
- “The New Deal in Texas: An Examination of Government and Community Response to the Great Depression,” commentator, March 7, 2008, 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- “Crisis in the Lone Star State: The Impact of the Second World War on Texans,” chair, March 5, 2005, 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas.

## Book Reviews

- Man of Destiny: FDR and the Making of the American Century*, by Alonzo Hamby, *Choice* (forthcoming).
- Cotton and Conquest: How the Plantation System Acquired Texas*, by Roger G. Kennedy, *Agricultural History* 89:3 (Summer 2015).
- The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*, by Geoffrey C. Ward, *Choice* (February 2014).
- Interpreting American History: The New Deal and the Great Depression* ed. By Aaron D. Purcell, *Choice* (January 2015).
- Roosevelt's Second Act: The Election of 1940 and the Politics of War*, by Moe, Richard, *Choice* (March 2014).
- The Life of Herbert Hoover: Keeper of the Torch, 1933-1964*, by Gary Dean Best, *Choice* (August 2013).
- Prosperity Far Distant: The Journal of an Ohio Farmer, 1933-1934*, ed. by Michael J. Birkner, *Choice* (May 2013).
- Texans and War: New Interpretations of the State's Military History*, ed. by Alexander Mendoza and Charles David Grear. *Choice* (January 2013).
- The Life of Herbert Hoover: Fighting Quaker, 1928-1933* by Glen Jeansonne, *Choice* (October 2012).
- Roosevelt's Lost Alliances: How Personal Politics Helped Start the Cold War*, by Frank Costigliola, *Choice* (July, 2012).
- Freedom Betrayed: Herbert Hoover's Secret History of the Second World War and Its Aftermath*, by Herbert Hoover, ed. and intro. by George H. Nash, *Choice* (May, 2012).
- She Was One of Us: Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Worker* by Brigid O'Farrell, *Choice* (July, 2011).
- The Life of Herbert Hoover: Imperfect Visionary, 1918-1928* by Kendrick A. Clements, *Choice* (April, 2011).
- Beyond the Bonus March and the G.I. Bill: How Veteran Politics Shaped the New Deal Era* by Stephen R. Ortiz, *Choice* (October, 2010).
- FDR's Shadow: Louis Howe, The Force That Shaped Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt* by Julie M. Fenster, *Choice* (August 2010).
- The Polio Years in Texas: Battling a Terrifying Unknown* by Heather Green Wooten, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 114 (July 2010): 109-10.
- Freedom's Main Line: The Journey of Reconciliation and the Freedom Rides* by Derek Charles Catsam, *Choice* (July 2009).

## Book Reviews (cont.)

*Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans, the Extension Service, and Rural Reform in Jim Crow Texas* by Debra A. Reid, *Agricultural History* 83, no. 2 (Spring 2009): 260.

*The Making of FDR: The Story of Stephen T. Early, America's First Modern Press Secretary* by Linda Lotridge Levin, *Choice* (October 2008).

*The African American Experience in Texas: An Anthology*, eds. Bruce A. Glasrud and James M. Smallwood, *Choice* (May 2008).

*The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression* by Amity Schlaes, *Choice* (April 2008).

*The Civil Rights Movement* by Mark Newman, *Choice* (May 2007).

*Woodrow Wilson's Right Hand: The Life of Colonel Edward M. House* by Godfrey Hodgson, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 110 (April 2007): 571-72.

*Mockingbird Song: Ecological Landscapes of the South* by Jack Temple Kirby, *Choice* (April 2007).

*An Opportunity Lost: The Truman Administration and the Farm Policy Debate* by Virgil W. Dean, *Choice* (November 2006).

*Veiled Visions: The 1906 Atlanta Race Riot and the Reshaping of American Race Relations* by David Fort Godshalk, *H-SOUTH* (November 2006).

*Wright Patman: Populism, Liberalism, and the American Dream* by Nancy Beck Young, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 106 (July 2002): 131-32.

*The Soul of a Small Texas Town: Photographs, Memories, and History from McDade* by David Wharton, *The Journal of South Texas* 14 (Spring 2001): 113-16.

## Public Presentations, Teacher Workshops, & Video Appearances

"Teaching the Dust Bowl in Texas History," presented February 1, 2016 at the Region 10 Energizing Texas History Conference, Richardson, Texas.

"Teaching the New Deal in Texas," presented February 12, 2015 at the Region 4 Encountering Texas History Conference, Houston, Texas.

"Teaching Reconstruction," presented January 28, 2015 at the Region 10 U.S. History Winter Conference, Richardson, Texas.

"The Gutierrez-Magee Expedition & the Fredonian Rebellion: Two Examples of Anglo-Mexican Conflict before the Texas Revolution," presented August 5, 2014 at the Region 10 Energizing Texas History Conference, Richardson, Texas.

"American Expansion in the Pacific, 1867-1899," presented July 29, 2014 at the Region 10 American History Workshop, Richardson, Texas.

"Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," Collin College History Department panel, presented February 18, 2014.

"The Exciting First Half of Twentieth-Century Texas History," presented January 25, 2013 at the Region 10 Energizing Texas History Conference, Old Red Museum, Dallas, Texas.

## Public Presentations, Teacher Workshops, & Video Appearances (cont.)

- “New Deal Cotton Programs in Texas,” presented June 1, 2013 at the Frisco Heritage Museum, Frisco, Texas.
- “The Exciting First Half of Twentieth-Century Texas History,” presented January 25, 2013 at the Region 10 Energizing Texas History Conference, Old Red Museum, Dallas, Texas.
- “Dr. Beadie Conner: An African American Physician in Jim Crow Texas,” presented June 5, 2012 at the American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas.
- “Milestones in the Emergence of Modern Texas,” presented February 26, 2011 at “Texas History, 1877–2010” -- a Humanities Texas teacher workshop, Austin, Texas.
- “Sabine Farms,” “Ropesville,” and “Dalworthington Gardens,” commentator on 2008 video documentaries produced by People’s History in Texas.
- “The Election of 1800,” presented September 11, 2008, Seniors Active in Learning Guest Lecture Series, Plano, Texas.
- “The New Deal in Texas,” presented June 6, 2008 at “Robust to Bust: Texas and the Great Depression,” a Texas State Historical Association Teaching American History Workshop, Cypress, Texas.
- “Cotton in Texas History,” presented September 29, 2007 at the 2007 Teaching of History Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.
- “The Roosevelt Revolution: FDR’s Imprint on America and the World,” presented August 22, 2007 at the 2007 Collin College Fall Faculty Conference, Plano, Texas.
- “New Deal Work Projects,” presented June 8, 2007 at “The Tumultuous 1920s and 1930s,” a Texas State Historical Association Teaching American History Workshop, Cypress, Texas.
- “Introducing *Texas, Cotton and the New Deal*,” presented July 14, 2005 at the Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, Texas.
- “The New Deal Agricultural Programs: An Overview,” presented April 1, 2005, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas.
- “Lyndon Johnson and the Great Society,” presented May 15, 2004, Jagiellonian University, Tarnow Campus, Tarnow, Poland.
- “Similarities and Differences in Texas and California History,” presented May 31, 2003, Jagiellonian University, Krosno Campus, Krosno, Poland.
- “Texas A&M University’s Role in the AAA Plow-Up Campaign of 1933,” presented March 15, 2003, Shriners Club of College Station, Texas.

## Peer Reviews

Reviewed manuscript submissions for the *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, *East Texas Historical Journal*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *Agricultural History*, and the University of Texas Press.

## Professional Affiliations

Texas State Historical Association  
East Texas Historical Association  
Central Texas Historical Association

## Grants & Awards

Faculty Study Grant, Collin College, Summer 2013  
Faculty Study Grant, Collin College, Summer 2008  
Finalist, Texas State Historical Association's 2006 Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize – for best work on Texas History (for *Texas, Cotton, and the New Deal*).  
Nominee for the Texas Historical Commission's 2006 T.R. Fehrenbach Award -- best book on Texas history (for *Texas, Cotton, and the New Deal*).  
Outstanding Leadership and Guidance Award, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, UT Dallas, Spring 2007.  
Research Grant, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, January 1998  
Research Grant, Office of Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University, December 1997  
Research Grant, Department of History, Texas A&M University, Summer 1997  
Travel Grants, Department of History, Texas A&M University, March 1998, July 1999, October 2000

## Courses Taught

### Upper Division

Great Depression & World War II  
Progressive Era – 1920s

### Lower Division

American History Survey to 1877 (including Honors)  
American History Survey since 1877 (including Honors)  
Texas History Survey (including Honors)