

## **Vita**

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#### **Education**

Ph.D., History, 2022, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas  
M.A., History, 2009, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas  
J.D., 2007, University of Texas, Austin, Texas  
B.A., Philosophy and Creative Writing, 1994, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

#### **Licensures and Certifications**

Licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

#### **Association Memberships**

In this section, list all memberships in appropriate associations:

#### **Professional Experience**

Houston Independent School District, 1994-1998  
    Taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English  
Y.E.S. College Preparatory School, 1998-2001  
    Taught English and History, grades 5-12, served as Dean of Instruction and Dean of Students  
Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca, Escuela de Idiomas, 2001-2003  
    Taught English and Education classes at state university in Oaxaca, Mexico  
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, 2010-2011  
    Attorney for indigent citizens, primarily assisting in landlord-tenant cases  
Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, 2012-2014

Adjunct Faculty – Instructor in United States History  
North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, 2014-2017  
Instructor in United States History  
Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, Texas, 2017 – Present  
Instructor in United States Government, Texas Government, United States History, and  
Mexican-American History  
Lamar State College Orange, 2023 – Present  
Adjunct Faculty Government Instructor, Behavioral and Political Sciences Department

### **Research Interests**

My primary research interests are in Legal History, Constitutional History, and American History. Within American History, my focus is on Mexican-American History, the Southwest Borderlands, and contemporary American political history.

### **Current Research**

My Ph.D. thesis was entitled “Plyler v. Doe: The Education of Undocumented Alien Schoolchildren in Texas, 1977-1982.” My research focuses mostly on legal history, political history, and Mexican-American history, with a particular emphasis on Texas in the 1970s and 1980s.

### **Teaching Experience**

GOVT 2305: Federal Government  
GOVT 2306: Texas Government  
HIST 1301: United States History I  
HIST 1302: United States History II  
HIST 2327: Mexican American History I  
HIST 2328: Mexican American History II

### **Professional Presentations**

“Plyler v. Doe: The Education of Undocumented Alien Schoolchildren in Texas, 1975-1982,”  
The East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, Oct. 13, 2022.