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EDUCATION

Ph.D., August 2006

- **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas
- Dissertation: "Samuel Burk Burnett and the 6666 Ranch"
- Major Fields: History of the American West, Twentieth Century United States
- Minor Fields: Mexican American, Comparative Frontiers, and Modern France

M.A., August 1998

- **The University of Texas of the Permian Basin**, Odessa, Texas
- Thesis: "John Ben Shepperd and the Celebration of Texas Public History"
- Major Field: Twentieth Century United States
- Minor Fields: Nineteenth Century United States, Modern Latin America

B.A., August 1996

- **The University of Texas of the Permian Basin**, Odessa, Texas
- Senior Seminar Paper: "Woodrow Wilson and America's Armed Neutrality"
- Major: History
- Minor: Political Science

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience:

- Summer 2006 – Present, **Assistant Professor of History**
Midland College, Midland, Texas
- Spring 2004 – Spring 2006, **Adjunct Instructor in History**
Midland College, Midland, Texas

- Fall 2003 – Fall 2004, **Adjunct Instructor in History**
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas
- Fall 2000 – Summer 2003, **Graduate Part-Time Instructor**
Department of History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- Fall 1999 – Spring 2000, **Teaching Assistant**
Department of History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- Fall 1995 – Spring 1996, **Undergraduate History Tutor**
Pass Office, The University of Texas of Texas of the Permian Basin

Courses Taught:

- Freshman Survey to 1877
- Freshman Survey since 1877
- Texas History
- Historic Preservation
- 20th Century U.S. West

Additional Courses Prepared:

- History of the American West
- Public History
- Oral History
- Modern Texas

RESEARCH & WRITING

Publications:

- *Journal of Big Bend Studies*
"The Construction and Preservation of Fort Stockton, Fort Stockton, Texas,"
forthcoming, in editorial phase
- With Duward Campbell and Marsha Gustafson, *6666: The Four Sixes* (Lubbock, Texas: National Ranching Heritage Center, 2003)
- *The Heritage of Randolph County, North Carolina*, 1999
"Nixon Family Genealogy"
- *Permian Historical Annual* – Volume 39, 1999
"Public History Pageantry: The United States Bicentennial in Odessa, Texas"
- *Permian Historical Annual* – Volume 38, 1998
"Fort Davis National Historic Site: The Impact and Influence of John Ben Shepperd"

Book Reviews:

- Fall 2005, *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*
Review of, *Culture of Empire: American Writers, Mexico, & Mexican Immigrants, 1880-1930*, by Gilbert G. Gonzáles

Papers Delivered:

- Spring 2005, **Permian Historical Society**, Midland, Texas
"The Cattlemen's Bank: The Fort Worth First National Bank and the Development of West Texas"
- Spring 2004, **West Texas Historical Association**, Abilene, Texas
"Burk Burnett and the 6666"
- Spring 2004, **Texas State Historical Association**, Austin, Texas
"Samuel Burk Burnett: Myth and Memory"
- Fall 2003, **Center for Big Bend Studies**, Alpine, Texas
"Cowboy Castle of the Plains, The 6666 Ranch Headquarters, Guthrie, Texas"
- Summer 2003, **Lubbock Westerner's Club**, Lubbock, Texas
"The Many Burk Burnetts"
- Spring 2002, **Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association**, Albuquerque, New Mexico
"Teaching Texas History Online"
- Spring 2001, **West Texas Historical Association**, San Angelo, Texas
"'You can't rehabilitate a dog,' Urban Renewal in the Guadalupe Barrio, Lubbock, Texas"
- Spring 2001, **Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association**, Albuquerque, New Mexico
"History, Memory, and Historic Preservation: The Case of Odessa, Texas"
- Spring 2000, **Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association**, Albuquerque, New Mexico
"The Landscapes of Texas Artist Frank Reaugh"
- Fall 1999, **Permian Historical Society**, Midland, Texas
"Public History Pageantry: The United States Bicentennial in Odessa, Texas"
- Spring 1999, **Center for Big Bend Studies**, Alpine, Texas
"The Construction and Preservation of Fort Stockton, Texas"
- Spring 1999, **Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association**, Albuquerque, New Mexico
"Historic Fort Stockton: A Study of the Built Environment"
- Fall 1998, **West Texas Historical Association**, Lubbock, Texas
"John Ben Shepperd and the Texas State Historical Survey Commission, 1956 - 1967"
- Fall 1998, **Permian Historical Society**, Midland, Texas, October
"Fort Davis National Historic Site: The Impact and Influence of John Ben Shepperd"
- Spring 1998, **Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association**, Lubbock, Texas
"The Lone Star Historical Drama Association, Galveston, Texas"
- Summer 1997, **Martin County Convent Preservation Roundtable**, Stanton, Texas
"Preservation Planning and Economics: A Local History Primer"

Research Interests:

- Western Ranching, Western Myth, Memory, and Interpretation (Ph.D. dissertation)
- Quanah Parker
- Texas and Western Socialism/Reform Movements
- Western and Texas Environmental/Water Topics
- Western and Texas Art and Artists – New Deal Writers and Artists Projects
- Twentieth Century United States – Post 1945 Era
- Public History and Historic Preservation – Texas and the United States (M.A. Thesis)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Grant Writing Seminars:

- 1996, **Odessa Cultural Council Grant Writing Seminar**, Odessa, Texas

Leadership Seminars:

- 1998, **John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute**, Odessa, Texas
Fourteenth Annual Forum
- 1997, **John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute**, Dallas, Texas
Thirteenth Annual Forum
- 1996, **John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute**, Odessa, Texas
“The Teacher as Leader”

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Museums & Libraries – Administrative:

- August 2003 – September 2004, **Director of Archives**
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Midland, Texas
- 1996 – 1997, **Assistant Archivist**
J. Conrad Dunagan Library, Special Collections Library, The University of Texas of
the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas
- 1996 – 1998, **Museum Director**
White-Pool House Museum, Odessa, Texas

Museum & Libraries – Curatorial & Design:

- 2002 – 2003, **Exhibit Historian**, “6666 Ranch”
National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock, Texas
- 1998, **Exhibit Curator**, “Midland Army Air Field”
White-Pool House Museum, Odessa, Texas
- 1997, **Exhibit Curator**, “West Texas Christmas”
White-Pool house Museum, Odessa, Texas

- 1996 – 1998, **Research Consultant**
Parker Ranch House Museum, Odessa, Texas

Museums & Libraries – Other:

- 1998 – 1999, **Research Assistant**, Southwest Collection, Special Collections Library
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- 1994 – 1996, **Student Assistant**, J. Conrad Dunagan Library, Special Collections Library
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas

Public History – Miscellaneous:

- 2002 – 2003, **Historian**, Historic American Building Survey
Samuel Burk Burnett Home, Guthrie, Texas
- 1997, **Consultant**, Provided Introductory Preservation Information to Martin
County Residents
Martin County Convent, Incorporated, Stanton, Texas

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Historical Association
- Western History Association
- American Association for State and Local History
- Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association
- Texas State Historical Association
- West Texas Historical Society
- Center for Big Bend Studies
- Permian Historical Society

COMMITTEES & COLLEGE SERVICE

- Fall 2006 to Present **Faculty Senate Vice President**
- Fall 2006 to Present **Developmental Studies Committee**
- **Founding Member** and **Adjunct Representative to the Faculty Senate**

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2000 – 2003, **4th on Broadway**, Program Design and Distribution
Lubbock, Texas
- 1996 – 1999, **National Multiple Sclerosis Society**, Board of the West Texas Division
 - 1998, **MS Walk Coordinator**
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Snyder, Texas
 - 1998, Cactus to Crude, **Rest Stop Coordinator**
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Midland, Texas to Snyder, Texas

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National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Snyder, Texas
- 1997, **Cactus to Crude, Rest Stop Coordinator**
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Midland, Texas to Snyder, Texas
- 1997 – 1998, **Ector County Adult Literacy Program**
Ector County Library
- 1996 – Present, Various **Breast Cancer Awareness Programs**
Midland, Lubbock, and Scurry Counties

FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE

Grant Writing:

- 1997 – **Community Development Block Grant** – \$250,000 – Unsuccessful
White-Pool House Museum, Odessa, Texas
- 1997 – **Odessa Cultural Council** – \$6,000 – Successful
White-Pool House Museum, Odessa, Texas
- 1997 – **Odessa Cultural Council** – \$8,000 – Successful
Parker Ranch House Museum, Odessa, Texas
- 1996 – **Odessa Cultural Council** – \$4,000 – Successful
White-Pool House Museum, Odessa, Texas

HONORS

Academic Awards & Honors:

- 2003, **Graduate School Dissertation Summer Research Award**, Texas Tech University
- 2003, **Graduate Research Grant**, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 2003, **Outstanding Graduate Student**, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 2001, **Outstanding Graduate Part-Time Instructor Award**, Graduate School, Texas Tech University
- 2001, **Virginia Balch Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award**, Department of History, Texas Tech University
- 1999, **J. Conrad Dunagan Best Article Award**, Permian Historical Society
- 1998, **Phi Alpha Theta**, History Honors Society, Texas Tech University
- 1996, **Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities**, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- 1996, **Fellow**, John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute
- 1991, **Who's Who Among American High School Students**, Snyder High School

Civic Awards & Honors:

- 2004, Distinguished Former Odessan, Heritage of Odessa Foundation

PERSONAL

Biographical:

- Born, Snyder, Texas, 1975
- Graduate, Snyder High School, 1992
- Attended Midland College, 1992 – 1994
- Attended The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 1994 – 1998
- Attended Texas Tech University, 1998 – 2003
- To Midland, Texas, Summer 2003

Family:

- Married, Wife Susanne, 13 April 1996
- Two Daughters, Kaitlyn Olive born 11 September 2000, Madelyn Quinn born 1 July 2003
- Parents both educators, father retired after forty-five years of service to the Snyder Independent School District. Mother currently heads alternative education program in Levelland, Texas. Both reside in Lubbock, Texas
- Two brothers, one a math/science teacher in Levelland, Texas, the other an environmental biologist in Lubbock, Texas

Interests:

- Family, first and foremost
- Bibliophile – Collector of Americana and Texana
- Collecting and Preserving Local and Regional History
- Once an avid/competitive tennis player, now simply a tennis player
- Obsessive compulsive college basketball fan – Especially Bob Knight and the Texas Tech Red Raiders

REFERENCES

- References Available upon Request