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EDUCATION: Texas Tech University
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and History
December 1992

University of Montana
Master of Arts Degree in Environmental History
May 1996

EXPERIENCE:

Research

**The Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University
Fall 2010-Present**

Senior Project Archeologist

Chief author and editor of 800 plus page report on the archeological survey of Big Bend National Park. Assist with various archeological projects. Conducted extensive research on the history of Pinto Canyon and the Southern Sierra Viejas. Presently writing a book on the Pinto Canyon.

**The Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University
Fall 2007-2010**

Project Archeologist

Served as project archeologist on numerous CRM projects including the 65,000 acre Big Bend National Park survey. Assisted with several other archeological projects. Conducted field and archival research on Pinto Canyon Ranch.

**The Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University
Fall 2002-2007**

Archeologist III

Wrote a history of the 275,000 acre historic O2 Ranch in Brewster County in addition to conducting historic archeological investigations on the ranch. Served as project archeologist on numerous CRM projects.

**The Conservation History Project Committee (Cinnabar Foundation; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (the Allan Foundation); the Forever Wild Endowment; and the Boone and Crockett Foundation.)
Fall 1999**

Researcher/author

Researched and completed a book on the Conservation History of the Rocky Mountain Front and the Bob Marshall Complex of north-central Montana.

Center for the Rocky Mountain West and the Montana Land Reliance, Spring 1996

Researcher

Conducted research on ranch subdivision and created a landownership map for an 828 square mile area covering portions of Stillwater and Carbon Counties Montana for use by the Montana Land Reliance in securing conservation easements.

Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Research Program, Summer 1993 - Fall 1995

Research Fellow

Conducted field and archival research on human-land interactions on the Rocky Mountain Front over the past 12,000 years, with particular attention to human subsistence patterns and sustainability.

Ongoing Independent Research

Research for a book on the Environmental History of the Texas Big Bend.

Teaching

Sul Ross State University

Fall 2011

Instructor

Taught an Ecological Anthropology course for Sul Ross, as part of the Anthropology minor degree program; also substitute as necessary for other anthropology courses.

Wild Rockies Field Institute, University of Montana

Fall 2000 – Fall 2003

Instructor

Taught environmental and conservation history in wilderness settings for college credit on the Rocky Mountain Front of Montana and the Big Bend region of Texas.

Wildland Studies, San Francisco State University

Summer 2000 – Summer 2003

Instructor

Taught environmental and conservation history in wilderness settings for college credit on the Rocky Mountain Front of Montana.

Field Work

Adobe Conservation Services, Alpine, Texas

Spring 2006-Present

Principal Investigator

Serve as principal investigator for small CRM company in Alpine, Tx. Work has been conducted in Las Pampas and Loma Pelona Colonias and Presidio and Redford, Texas.

Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University

Summer 2010-Present

Senior Project Archeologist

Supervise archeological surveys in the Texas Panhandle and the Big Bend Region of Texas; lead author on Big Bend National Park project report.

Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University

Summer 2006-2010

Project Archeologist

Supervise archeological surveys in the Texas Panhandle and the Big Bend Region of Texas, including the 65,000 acre Big Bend National Park survey.

Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University

Fall 2002-2006

Field Archeologist

Assisted in numerous archeological surveys in the Texas Panhandle and the Big Bend region of Texas.

Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University

Fall 2001-Spring 2003

Field Archeologist / Historian

Conducted historical and archeology research on the 275,000 acre O2 Ranch in Brewster County, Texas.

Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University

Spring 2001

Field Archeologist

Assisted in an archeological survey on Big Bend Ranch State Park for Texas Parks and Wildlife and a Phase III excavation project for the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Research
Program, Summers 1994-95**

Project co-organizer and Field Archeologist

Assisted in mapping stone features in two Native American habitation sites along the Rocky Mountain Front of north-central Montana.

Miscellaneous

**Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University
Spring 2001**

Lab Technician

Helped to process and analyze artifacts and samples collected from a prehistoric habitation site (PS800) in Presidio County, Texas for the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Research
Program, Summer 1995**

Workshop co-organizer and host

Helped organize and host a workshop at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch to outline potential directions for future research.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Forthcoming, *In the Shadow of the Chinatis: A History of Pinto Canyon in the Big Bend of Texas* (Texas A&M University Press)

Forthcoming, lead author and editor of *Archeological Sampling of Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas*. Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

Forthcoming, Co-Author of *Investigations at the Fulcher Site: A Multi-Component Late Prehistoric to Historic Open Campsite*. Papers of the Trans-Pecos Archaeological Program, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2015 "Boondoggle Below the Rimrock: The Nitrate Corporation of America," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2015 "Reading Desert Stones: Archeology in Big Bend National Park," *Crossroads in Science* (Fall), U.S. National Park Service, Intermountain Regional Office, Lakewood, Colorado.

2015 "Exploring the Sierra Viejas with Jon Kalb," *La Vista de la Frontera* Volume 25, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

2015 "The Center for Big Bend Studies: Scholarship for the Last Frontier," *Cenizo Journal* (Third Quarter) Alpine, Texas.

2014 "Our Canyon Home: The Settling of Pinto Canyon," *La Vista de la Frontera* Volume 24, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

2014 Presented "In the Rimrock's Shadow: The Early History of Pinto Canyon," Marfa and Presidio County Museum Association Lecture Series, June 21, Marfa, Tx.

2013 Presented "In the Rimrock's Shadow: The Early History of Pinto Canyon," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2012 "Taming the Healing Waters: The History of the Chinati Hot Springs," *Cenizo Journal* (Second Quarter), Alpine, Texas.

2012 Co-author of *Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Archaeological Overview and Assessment*. Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2012 Presented "Albin Odell, Early Homesteader in Pinto Canyon" at the 2012 Odell Family Reunion, Indian Lodge, Davis Mountains State Park, Tx (July 7, 2012).

2011 Presented "Alpine: Images of America," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2011 "Alpine: History and Sense of Place," *Cenizo Journal* (Second Quarter) Alpine, Texas.

2011 Presented "Taming the Healing Waters: A History of Chinati Hot Springs," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2011 Presented "The Search for Paleoindians in the Big Bend," West Texas Historical Association Conference, Lubbock, TX.

2011 *Images of America: Alpine*, Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, S.C.

2011 *Presidio Wastewater Project, Presidio County Texas: Protection of Sites 41PS56 and 41PS923*. Short Report. Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2010 Presented "Pueblo Nuevo: Mystery Hamlet of the Sierra Viejas," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2010 *Archaeological Data Review and Inspection of the Big Spring Water Reclamation Plant Project, Howard County, Texas*, Reports in Contract Archaeology, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2010 *Archeological Survey for Cibolo Creek Drainage Improvements in Presidio County, Texas*, Adobe Environmental Services, Alpine, Tx.

2009 Presented "Big Dreams in a Poor Land: A History of the O2 Ranch," West Texas Historical Association Conference, Lubbock, Tx.

2008 Presented "Petroforms in the Big Bend," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2008 *Archeological Survey of 14 Proposed New Water Service Installations in Presidio County, Texas*, Preservation and Conservation Services, Alpine, Tx.

2007 "Groundbreaking Discoveries by CBBS in Big Bend National Park" *Vista de la Frontera* Vol. 18, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2007 *Intensive Archaeological Survey of the Sublett Farm and Santa Elena Canyon Overlook Burn Blocks, Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas*, David W. Keller and William A. Cloud, Reports in Contract Archaeology 17, Big Bend National Park and Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2007 *An Archeological Survey of 24 Proposed On-site Sewage Facilities in Presidio County, Texas*, Preservation and Conservation Services, Alpine, Tx.

2006 Presented "Reading the Desert: The Big Bend National Park Survey," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2006 *An Archeological Survey of the Proposed Redford Flood and Drainage Facilities Project, Presidio County, Texas*, Preservation and Conservation Services, Alpine, Tx.

2006 *An Archeological Survey of 19 Proposed On-Site Sewage Facilities in Las Pampas and Loma Pelona Colonias, and the City of Presidio, Presidio County, Texas*, Preservation and Conservation Services, Alpine, Texas.

2006 *An Archeological Survey of the Proposed Madera Canyon Nature Trail, Davis Mountains Preserve, Jeff Davis County, Texas*, Reports in Contract Archeology No. 18, Texas Nature Conservancy and Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2005 Presented "Historical Archeology on the O2 Ranch," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tx.

2005 *Below the Escondido Rim: A History of the O2 Ranch in the Texas Big Bend*, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

2005 *Intensive Archeological Survey of the Sublett Farm and Santa Elena Canyon Overlook Burn Blocks, Big Bend National Park, Texas*, Preliminary Report, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2005 *An Archeological Survey of Select Areas on Permanent School Fund Lands in the Apache Mountains, Culberson County, Texas*, Letter Report, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2005 *An Archeological Survey of Evans Canyon, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Moore and Potter Counties, Texas*, Reports in Contract Archeology 15, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2004 *An Archeological Survey For the City of Presidio Wastewater Treatment Plant, Presidio County, Texas*, Reports in Contract Archeology 14, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2004 Second Author of *An Archeological Survey Along a Proposed Reroute of Farm-to-Market 170 Through Lajitas, Brewster County, Texas*, Reports in Contract Archeology 13, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2004 Presented "The Valenzuela House: History, Archeology, and Restoration in Pueblo Viejo," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

2004 Third Author of *An Archeological Survey and Site Reassessment Along and Near South Turkey Creek, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Moore and Potter Counties, Texas*, Reports in Contract Archeology 12, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University.

2003 Presented "History of the O2 Ranch," Center for Big Bend Studies Conference, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

2003 Presented "O2 Ranch History Project," Brewster County Historical Commission, Brewster County Courthouse, Alpine, Texas.

2002 Presented "Doing Bioregional History: A Discussion of Background, Methods, and Purpose," University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica.

2001 *The Making of a Masterpiece: The Conservation History of the Rocky Mountain Front and the Bob Marshall Complex (1897-1999)*, Helena, Mt: Benton Design for the Boone and Crockett Club.

1996 "An Environmental History of the Rocky Mountain Front," Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program Masters Thesis, The University of Montana.

1996 "Summer 1995 TRMR Archeology Workshop," Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program Report, The University of Montana.

1996 Secondary Author of "Archeological Research at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, Summer 1995," Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program Report 96-3, The University of Montana.

1994 Secondary Author of "Phase One Archeological Research at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, Summer 1994," Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program Report 95-1, The University of Montana.

1993 "Prehistoric Cultures of the Rocky Mountain Front," Boone and Crockett Wildlife Conservation Program Paper 93-4, The University of Montana.

Other Presentations:

1. September 2005 Rotary Club, Alpine Texas "History of the O2 Ranch"
2. November 6, 2005 Adobe Alliance Workshop, Fort Leaton, Texas "Natural and Cultural History of the Big Bend"
3. November 11, 2005 Center for Big Bend Studies Advisory Council, Alpine, Texas "History of the O2 Ranch"
4. November 28, 2005 Archeology Class, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas "Historical Archeology on the O2 Ranch"
5. November 16, 2008 Center for Big Bend Studies Advisory Council, Alpine, Texas "Turtle Effigies in the Big Bend"