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EDUCATION

2002 – Master of Arts, History, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.
2002 – Bachelor of Arts, History, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003-current – Curator, Museum of the Big Bend
2002-current – Lecturer, History, Sul Ross State University
2001-current – Seasonal Ranger, Historical Interpretation, Fort Davis National Historic Site
1976-1996 – United States Coast Guard. Retired as E-7 (BMC)

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

1980 – Graduate, USCG Coastal Search-and-Rescue School.
1983 – Graduate, USCG International Search-and-Rescue School
1985 – Completed USCG Instructor Certification Course
1985 – Graduate, USN Classified Systems and Security School
1986 – Graduate, Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Academy
1987 – Graduate, Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Instructor's Academy
1990 – Graduate, Joint Military Tactical Systems School

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Texas Map Society
Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association

HONORS, AWARDS AND LISTINGS

USCG – Outstanding Service Medal (1), Humanitarian Service Medal (3), Good Conduct Award (5), Unit Commendation Ribbons (6), Special Operations Ribbons (2), Arctic Service Medal (1), and National Defense Medal (1).
SUL ROSS – Outstanding History Student, 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

Putting Texas on the Map, Sul Ross State University Press, 2011.
“Disorder on the Border,” Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps, TCU Press, 2007.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT

Bechtel Fund (book grants for deserving Sul Ross students)
Brewster County Historical Commission
Historic Alpine Committee