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EDUCATION: University of California at Davis, Ph. D.,
English. 1974

Texas TechUniversity, Lubbock, Tx, M.A., English, 1966.

Texas Technological College, A.B., Mathematics and
English, 1960.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: [Current]

Occasional Classroom Teaching and McNair Mentor: Fall
2018-Present; Classroom Teaching on a quarter time basis:
Fall 2017; Fall 2018-Spring 2019; Fall, 2020; Spring 2021.

Classroom Teaching on a half-time basis, Fall 2011 through
Spring 2017

Retirement from full-time, Tenured Teaching: Spring 2011.

[Previous Classroom Teaching]:

Fall of 1971-Spring 2011

Asst. to the President: Spring 1976-Summer 1979

Chairman, Department of English: Spring 1982-Summer
1986

Interim Dean, then Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences:
Summer 1986 -Summer 1991

[Teaching Assignments: (courses taught during employment
period 1971-2016)]English 4320, International Literature;

English 2331, World Literature; English 2323, English Literature from 1800 to the Present; English 3321 and English 5302, Creative Writing: Poetry; and English 4315, Film as Narrative.

[Past Teaching Assignments] English 1301, Comp. & Rhet. I, English 1302, Comp. and Rhet. II; English 2301, Literary Types; Advanced Composition, English 3312; English 3321, Structure and History of English; Shakespeare; Technical Writing (English 2304).

[Current Teaching Assignments] Creative Writing: Poetry and Film as Narrative

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: MLA; TACWT

HONORS: Piper Professor Award, 1997 Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English, Spring, 2011

PUBLICATIONS: Refereed Journal Articles: "The Running Mate' as Narrative," *Short Story ns* 1 (spring 1993): 74-83.

Book Reviews: *Man of Aztlán: A Biography of Rudolfo Anayaby Abelardo Baeza. The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education.* 12.14 April 22, 2002: 39.

Other Professional Publications: "Lament for Summer," [ballad lyric], and "Davis Mountain Winter Evening" [poem] *New Texas*, 25th Anniversary Edition, 1993-2018 Issue, 2018. 11, 109. "In Situ, In Continuum", [ekphrastic poem] to accompany photograph entitled

“SUNSET NARROWS, COLORADO RIVER, GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA” by Jim Bones in *Echoes of the Cordillera*. Museum of the Big Bend: Alpine, Texas, 2018. 36. “The Essence of Evil.” [poem]. *The Road Not Taken: The Journal of Formal Poetry*. (e-zine) Summer, 2017 Volume 11, Issue 2. “The Desert’s Best” [poem] *Cenizo Journal*, First Quarter Issue, 2017, 10. “Cascabel Mojave” [poem] *Agave Magazine* (e-zine), Summer-Fall, 2013. 61-62. “Desert Epitaphs,” [poem] *Cenizo Journal*, First Quarter Issue, 2013, 26. “High Desert Autumn,” “After Reading Another Pulitzer Prize Winner,” “The Sentinels,” and “Sacred Cows” [four poems]. *New Texas*, 2007. 89-92. Hawk on a Wire [poetry chapbook] Alpine, TX: SS Press, 2002. “Musing on Whitman’s Noiseless, Patient Spider.” [poem] *Texas Writer* Feb 2002: 6. “Basic Assumptions.” [poem] *The Austin Writer* June 2001: 6. “Hawk on a Wire,” “Coyote,” “You Cannot Love a Desert, and “Desert Scene.” [four poems] 7.1 Winter 2000:199-201. “Poem, Poem,” and “Love.” [two poems] *English in Texas* 28.3 Summer 1998: 38-39. Other Professional Publications: “The Nature of Truth.” Rev. of *A Maggot* by John Fowles. *Sul Ross State University Liberal Arts Newsletter* 6 (Spring 1986): 7-9. “Film in the Classroom,” *Sul Ross State University Liberal Arts Newsletter*, 2 (Spring 1981): 1-3. “Spanish play termed ‘learning experience.’” [Review of *Mea Culpa*] *Alpine Avalanche*. May 17, 1984. “Rigoletto reviewed.” *Alpine Avalanche*. p. 8-A. June 3, 1982. Dissertation: “The Crisis of Identity in the Anglo-Indian Fiction of Rudyard Kipling,” University of California at Davis, 1974. (Doctoral

Dissertation) Master's Thesis: "Elements of Satire in the Works of Louis MacNiece," Texas Technological University, 1966. (Master's Thesis)

Professional Presentations: "Frankly Mr. Poet, I Don't Give a Rhyme: the Perseverance of Poetry from Shakespeare to Slam." Arts and Sciences Lecture Series. April 15, 2009.

"Speedo's Gone"[poem read in "Laughing on the Verge of Tears" session]"Popularizing and Publishing Poetry Currently" [forum chair] My presentation dealt with strategies useful in popularizing poetry beyond the academic realm. TACWT Conference in San Angelo, TX September 25-27, 2008 "Invention/Selection: the Events of a Story." [pedagogical paper] at AWP Conference in Austin, Texas, March 10, 2006. "Put That Sacred Cow into Your Own Corral." [pedagogical paper] at AWP Conference in Chicago, IL, March 25, 2004.

"Exercise: A Noiseless, Patient Spider." [pedagogical paper] at AWP Conference in New Orleans, LA, March 9, 2002

"Deconstructing the Sonnet." [pedagogical paper] at AWP Conference in Palm Springs, CA, April 21, 2001.

"TheRunning Mate' as Narrative." at the SCMLA Conference in Fort Worth, TX, Nov. 1, 1991. "*Looking for Mr. Goodbar* as Cinematic Tragedy." at SCMLA Conference at Arlington, TX, Oct. 23, 1988. "Narrative Technique in *Chinatown*." at the Thirteenth Annual Colloquium on Literature and Film, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, Oct. 1, 1988. "Teaching Rights and

Copyrights." at the Conference of College Teachers of English Meeting, March 5-7, 1976 in Houston, TX.

.GRANTS:

Faculty Development and Enrichment Project Grant from SRSU, "Enhancing the Teaching of Literature through Audio-Video Means," \$700, 1994-95 Research Grant from SRSU, "CAI in English 1300, Continued," \$2,060, 1985-86.

Research Grant from SRSU, "CAI in English 1300," \$3,630, 1984-85. Faculty Assembly Teaching Council Grant to attend the Westchester Poetry Conference, \$1,050, June 4-8, 2008 [attended "Poetry in the Classroom" and "Assembling Your First Manuscript" workshops, along with other conference activities]

OTHER AFFILIATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT:

Community Service: Elder, First Presbyterian Church (1991-present); Clerk of the Session, FPC, (1999-2009). Alpine Kiwanis Service Club (1991-2016) [Secretary 92-93; President 93-94] Board of Directors Committee, *Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering* (1987-2019) [President 1988-1996; Recording Secretary, 2010-2011].