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Education:

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1995 Ph.D., University of Houston-History
1990 M.A., University of Houston-History
1986 B.S., University of Houston-Political Science

Professional Experience:

2014-2020 **Chair: Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

1995-present **Professor of History/Political Science-Sul Ross State University:**

Courses Taught-Undergraduate and Graduate levels

U.S. History to 1877
U.S. History Since 1877
World History to 1500
World History Since 1500
The History of Texas
The History of Pre-Columbian and Colonial Mexico;
The History of Modern Mexico: 1821- Present;
The History of the Modern Middle East;
The History of World Religions
The Holocaust
Comparative Genocide
The History of Modern Asia
The Cold War 1945-1991.
Totalitarianism in the 20th Century
The History of Modern Terrorism
The History of Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States;
The American Revolution and Constitution: 1763-1788 ;
Jacksonian America: 1815-1848
America between Depression and War: 1920-1945
Ancient Greece

The Middle Ages
The Renaissance and Reformation
Europe 1648-1815
Europe 1815-1914
Federal Government
American Foreign Policy (Political Science)
The American Presidency (Political Science)

1993-1994 **Instructor-University of Houston-Clear Lake:**
1992-1993 Fulbright-Hays Fellow: Dissertation research in
Mexico
1989-1995 Teaching Assistant: University of Houston.

Professional Associations:

Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars 1990-present
I served as president of the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars 2006-2008 World
History Association of Texas

Honors, Awards, and Listings:

Fulbright-Hayes Fellow, Research in Mexico, 1992-1993

University of Houston Fellowships, 1990-1992

Teacher of the Year Award Sul Ross State University 1998

Publications:

Books: “For God and Revolution! Priest, Peasant and Agrarian Socialism in the Mexican
Huasteca.” University of New Mexico Press, 2013.

Article, “The City of San Luis Potosí,” The Encyclopedia of the U.S.-Mexican War, Macmillan
Press, 1997.

Article, “The State of San Luis Potosí,” The Encyclopedia of the U.S.-Mexican War, Macmillan
Press, 1997.

Article, “José María Bocanegra,” The Encyclopedia of the U.S.-Mexican War, Macmillan Press,
1997.

Research and Professional Presentations :

- “The United States and the Rise of Mexican Nationalism,” Presented to the Southwestern Council for Latin American Studies; Monterrey, Mexico: March 1990.
- “Peasant Nationalism and the Struggle for Social and Human Rights in the Mexican Countryside,” Presented to the Southwestern Council for Latin American Studies; Fort Worth, Texas: March 1995.
- “Los Orígenes Económicas y Sociales de la Rebelión de la Huasteca en Los Años 1846-1848,” Presented to the V Congreso de los Historiadores Regionales; Ciudad Juárez, Mexico: November, 1995.
- “The Human and Ecological Impact of the Spanish Conquest on the Mexican Huasteca: A Regional Perspective on the Columbian Exchange,” Presented to the World History Association of Texas; Austin, Texas: March, 1997.
- “Peasant Nationalism in Modern World History: A Comparative Analysis of Subaltern Social Movements in India, China, Peru and Mexico,” Presented to the World History Association of Texas; Seguin, Texas: April, 1998.
- “Catholic Jihad and Islamic Crusades: A Comparison Between the Cristero Movement in Mexico, 1926-1929 and the Mujahadeen Movement in Afghanistan 1979-1990,” Presented to The World History Association of Texas, San Antonio, April 1999.
- “The Ecological Impact of the Spanish Conquest on the Mexican Huasteca” presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars in Veracruz, Mexico, March 8, 2005
- “The Impact of NAFTA on Mexican Immigration to the United States” at the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 2, 2006.
- “The African Historical Presence in the Huasteca Potosina” at the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars on March 9, 2007 in Merida Yucatan.
- “For God and Revolution! Uncovering the Social Origins of Agrarian Unrest in the Mexican Huasteca” presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars, Antigua, Guatemala, March 2013.
- “Transnational Agribusiness and the Restructuring of Mexican Agriculture; 1942-Present” presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars, San Diego, March 2014.
- “The Impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on Northern Mexico: A Case Study in the State of San Luis Potosí,” Presented to the Southwest Council of Latin American Scholars, March 2020, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Community Service

Kiwanis Club of Alpine (President 1999-2001)

Vice president-Big Bend Youth Soccer Association 2005-2008

I have also presented numerous lectures to the Alpine/Big Bend community and local churches for years on issues such as Islam and Christianity; immigration, and American foreign policy in the Middle East.