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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-Spring 2021 – Lecturer, History, Sul Ross State University  
2001-current – Volunteer, 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.

Bar SR Bar Employee Excellence Award, 2015.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Five Centuries of Mexican Maps, Sul Ross State University Press, 2019.

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 Association