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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education—*Higher Education Curriculum & Instruction*
Texas A&M University-Commerce, August 2008

Master of Science—*History* Texas A&M University-Commerce, May 1995

Bachelor of Science—*History/English* Texas A&M University-Commerce, May 1991

POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Dean & Honors History Faculty 2008-Present
The Honors College, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Director 2013-Present
The East Texas War and Memory Project, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Faculty Athletics Representative 2011-2014
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Instructor and Graduate Assistant Supervisor 1999-2008
Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Social Studies Teacher/Department Chair 1995-1999
Harlingen High School, Harlingen, Texas

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

Baxley, Austin, and Eric L. Gruver. "Creating An Integrated School: A Divergent Perspective from East Texas." *Sound Historian* (under review).

Hasik, Hayley, and Eric L. Gruver. "`He Missed, I Didn't': Tears of an American World War II POW." *Sound Historian* (in press).

Gruver, Eric L., Hayley Hasik, Austin Baxley, and Kyle Hackney. "Duty, Hope, Brotherhood: Stories from World War II, Home and Abroad." *Sound Historian*, No. 15 (2013), 45-61.

Dempsey, J.M., and Eric L. Gruver. "The Public Interest Must Dominate": Herbert Hoover and the Public Interest, Convenience, and Necessity." *Journal of Radio and Audio Media* 19:1 (May 2012), 96-109.

Dempsey, J.M., and Eric L. Gruver. "The American System: Herbert Hoover, the Associative State and Broadcast Commercialism." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 39, No. 2 (June 2009), 226-244.

BOOK CHAPTER

Duchovnay, Gerald, Eric Gruver, Charles Hamilton, and Hayley Hasik. "Recasting the Past in the Personal Present: History, Film, and Adaptation." In *The Adaptation of History: Essays on Ways of Telling the Past*, edited by Laurence Raw and Defne Ersin Tutan, 207-222. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 2013.

BOOK REVIEWS

King Cotton in Modern America: A Cultural, Political, and Economic History since 1945. By D. Clayton Brown (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2011), *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 115, No. 3 (January 2012), 319-320.

The Lumberman's Frontier: Three Centuries of Land Use, Society, and Change in America's Forests by Thomas R. Cox (Oregon State University Press, 2010), *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 115, No. 1 (July 2011), 80-81.

To Get a Better School System: One Hundred Years of Education Reform in Texas by Gene Preuss (Texas A&M University-Press, 2009), *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 114, No. 1 (July 2010), 82-83.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Program Chair, Texas Oral History Association Third Annual Conference, 2014

Board Member and Reviewer, *Journal of American Studies of Turkey*. 2012-Present

Reviewer, *Journal of Radio and Audio Media*, 2012-Present

History eReader online platform, Gale/Cengage Publications, 2010.

Keene, Cornell, and O'Donnell's *Visions of America: A History of the United States*, Prentice Hall, 2010.

Gillon's *Our History: My Life*, Cengage Publications, 2010.

HistoryFinder Source Database, Houghton Mifflin, July 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & GOVERNING BOARDS

Life Member, *East Texas State Historical Association*
Membership Committee, 2014-2015.

Life Member, *Texas Oral History Association*
President, *Texas Oral History Association*, 2014-2015
Vice President, *Texas Oral History Association*, 2013-2014

GRANTS

"The Traveling Texas History Institute," The Texas A&M System Academy for Educator Development, 2003-2004

PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable presentation, "Oral Histories, Film, and the 'Good War': Teaching and Learning War and Memory," Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 19, 2014

Commentator, "War and Memory" and "Undergraduates Can't 'Do History'" Panels, Texas Oral History Association Conference, Nacogdoches, Texas, April 5, 2013

Roundtable presentation, "Building an Oral History Archive: The East Texas War and Memory Project," Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 21, 2014

Roundtable presentation, "Writing about War: Undergraduates and Oral Histories," Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 20, 2014

Paper presentation, "No Ticker Tape Parade: Just Doing Their Duty," East Texas Historical Association Conference, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 27, 2013

Paper presentation, "War Came to East Texas: An Undergraduate Oral History Project," Texas Oral History Association Conference, San Marcos, Texas, April 13, 2013

Roundtable presentation, "Studying and Teaching the Sixties on Film: What We Learned as Students and Faculty," Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association National Conference, Washington, DC, March 28, 2013

Roundtable presentation, "Oral Histories, Film, and the Good War: Teaching and Learning World War II," Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 14, 2013

Panel presentation, "Undergraduates in the Recruiting Experience: An Honors Experiment," Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Dallas, Texas, November 5, 2012

Paper presentation, "Northeast Texas Veterans vs. Hollywood: Teaching and Learning War and Memory," East Texas Historical Association Conference, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 29, 2012

Roundtable presentation, "Studying and Teaching the Sixties on Film: What We Learned as Students and Faculty," Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 8, 2012

Poster presentation, "The Public's Right over the Ether Roads: Herbert Hoover and the Public Interest, Convenience, and Necessity," Broadcast Education Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 12, 2011

Paper presentation, "Landless and Successful: Texas Cotton Tenancy and the U.S.D.A.," East Texas Historical Association Conference, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 2008

Roundtable presentation, "From Commerce, TX, to Kathmandu: Teaching World History in Rural East Texas," World History Association of Texas Conference, Austin, Texas, February 2008

Paper presentation, "James Bond and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*: The Cold War for Kids," World History Association of Texas Conference, Austin, Texas, February 2008

Poster Presentation, "Relative Distance Estimates and Cognitive Maps of the United States," Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, April 2007

Paper presentation, "Predicting Success on the History and Social Studies TExES, 2002-2006," Southwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, February 2007

Paper presentation, "The Myth of Local Control," Texas State Historical Association Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2005

Paper presentation, "Landless and Successful: A Texas Cotton Tenant and the USDA, A Reprise," Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, Texas, July 2002

Paper presentation, "Landless and Content: A Texas Tenant and the USDA," American Cotton Museum's Fifth Annual History Conference, Greenville, Texas, April 2001

Paper presentation, "High Cotton: Texas Tenant Farming in the 1930s," American Cotton Museum's First History Conference, Greenville, Texas, April 1997

TEACHING/EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

"Taking an Oral History," Veterans Day Project for Fifth Graders, A.C. Williams Elementary School, October 2006

"The 1960s: Peace, Love, and Poetry," Preparation for Spring Dinner Theater, Commerce Elementary School, April 2006

"So You Want to be a Teacher?" University Day presentations, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Fall and Spring semesters 2000-2008

"History Day and the TEKS: Thinking outside the Box" at the Regional History Day Teacher Orientation, Texas A&M University-Commerce, October 2000

"What is Advanced Placement Social Studies" as Staff Development for Upper Elementary, Middle, and Senior High School Teachers, Harlingen CISD, April 1999

"Teaching the Gifted and Talented Student" as part of *Introduction to the Exceptional Child*, required course for teacher certification, University of Texas-Brownsville, 1997-1999

THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chair, Honors Thesis—Travis Ueckert. Proposal defended September 2013.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Courtney Crumpton. Proposal defended September 2013.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Sarah Hays. Defended July 2013.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Andrew Davis. Defended April 2013.

Chair, Honors Thesis—Austin Baxley. Proposal defended February 2013.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Hayley Hasik. Defended April 2014.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Morgan Saxon. Defended April 2012.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Cristy Deweese. Defended December 2012.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Kaitlyn Shaw. Defended August 2012.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Kathryn Wilburn. Defended April 2012.
Chair, Honors Thesis—Jordan McCarty. Defended December 2011.
Chair, Masters Thesis—Paul Philp. Defended May 2001.
Committee Member, Dissertation—Sean Ferrier-Watson. Defended November 2013.
Committee Member, Dissertation—Chuck Hamilton (English). Defended September 2013.
Committee Member, Masters Thesis—Shaonda Gathright. Defended June 2010.
Committee Member, Masters Thesis—Debra Gossett. Defended July 2003.
Committee Member, Masters Thesis—Kevin Neptune. Defended June 2003.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

United States History
U.S. History survey courses
Foundations of Modern America, 1877-1914
20th Century U.S.
Race and Education in 20th Century U.S.
U.S./Texas in the Great Depression (undergrad/grad)

World History and History Education
Historical Geography
Controversies in History/Social Studies

Honors
U.S. History survey courses
Cold War Movies of the 1980s
A Nation Divided: The 1960s
War and Memory: 20th Century U.S.
World War II: An Oral History Project

Honors College
HC 200 First-Year Experience
HC 300 Thesis Seminar
HC 400 Honors Colloquium

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Teacher's Certificate in Secondary (6-12) History, Composite Social Studies, English/Language Arts

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

Member, Cengage History Technology Advisory Board, 2006-2012

Test Item Writer, 8-12 History Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES), Educational Testing Service, September 2008

History and Social Studies Teacher Education and TExES Workshop for the Department of Social Sciences, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, September 2004

History and Social Studies Teacher Education and ExCET Workshop for the Department of Social Sciences, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, February 2002

Designer, Instructor's Manual, Secondary Professional Development portion of the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas, Region 10 Educational Service Center, Richardson, TX, 1993

STATE COMMITTEES/TESTIMONY

"Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills," State Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas, September 2003

Member, History 8-12 *Texas Examination of Educator Standards* Committees, State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC)

**"Standard Setting," November 2002
**"Pilot Test Results Review," October 2002
**"Pilot Test Results Review, Item Revalidation, and Preliminary Standard Setting," May 2002
**"Item Review and Validation," November 2001-February 2002
**"Test Framework," February 2001

Region I ESC *Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills* Social Studies Draft Committee, Edinburg, Texas, 1997-1998

COMMITTEES and SERVICE

Texas A&M University-Commerce (institutional)

**Search Committees

---Humanities Reference Librarian, 2013
---Head Softball Coach, 2013
---Co-chair, Head Football Coach, 2013
---Co-Chair, Director of Athletics Search Committee, 2012-2013
---Director of Compliance, 2012

**Provost's Task Force on Academic Advising, 2013-Present

**Chair, Title IX Advisory Committee, 2013-Present

**Degree Programs Subcommittee, Ten-Year Review for Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), 2012-2013

**Honors College Curriculum Committee, 2006-Present

**Athletic Council, 2005-2014

**Academic & Student Affairs Technology Committee, 2005-2010

**Judge, Texas A&M University System Pathways Student Research Symposium, November 2008

**Mayo College Advisory Board, 2007-2009

**College of Arts and Sciences Advising/Orientation Task Force, 2004

**Grades 4-8 and 8-12 Teacher Education Degree Plan Implementation Teams

**A&M System Academic Roadmap K-16 Committee (Regional Social Studies Chair), 2000-2001

Department of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

**Faculty Search Committees

---Modern U.S. History, 2009-2010
---Latin American History, 2008-2009
---Asian History, 2008-2009
---Modern Europe, 1999-2000

**Chair, Institutional Review Board Human Subjects Committee, 2001-2009

**Judge, National History Day regional competition, 1993-95, 1999-2009

**Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) [formerly the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET)] Advisory Committee, 1999-2005

Harlingen Consolidated ISD, Harlingen, Texas

**District-wide Education Improvement Committee, 1998-99

**Co-chair, Grades 4-12 Social Studies Vertical Alignment Team, 1997-99

**Chair, Harlingen High School Social Studies and Theater Arts Committee, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Re-accreditation, 1997