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**Education:**

Ph.D. in U.S. History, University of North Texas, 2011  
Dissertation: "Economic Mobility into the Planter Class in Texas, 1846-1860"  
M.A. in European History, University of North Texas, 2005  
Thesis: "Connecting Ireland and America: Early English Colonial Theory 1560-1620"  
B.A. in History with a minor in Physics, Texas A&M University, 1998

**Academic Employment:**

Dual Credit Instructor, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2016-  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2015-16  
Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2014-2015  
Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County College, 2014-2016  
Adjunct Faculty, Dallas Christian College, 2014  
Adjunct Faculty, Lord Fairfax Community College, 2011-2014  
Adjunct Instructor, Lynchburg College, 2011  
Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, 2007-2011  
Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, 2000-2006

**Courses Taught:**

U.S. History to 1865 (including online courses)  
U.S. History since 1865 (including online courses)  
Texas History  
World Civilizations to 1600  
World Civilizations to 1500  
World Civilizations from 1500  
Global History

**Research or Publication Projects In Progress or Under Consideration:**

"In Paternalism's Place: Planter Women in Harrison County, Texas", in progress.

**Publications:**

Book review contributor, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.  
Book review contributor, *East Texas Historical Journal*.  
"THIRTY-SEVENTH TEXAS CAVALRY," *Handbook of Texas Online*  
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qkt24>). Published by the  
Texas State Historical Association.  
"HARTEN, EDWARD VON ," *Handbook of Texas Online*  
(<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fhaxa>). Published by the Texas  
State Historical Association.

- "NINTH TEXAS CAVALRY ," *Handbook of Texas Online*  
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qkn01>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WHITFIELD, JOHN THOMAS," *Handbook of Texas Online*  
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwh98>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WEEKS, BENJAMIN F.," *Handbook of Texas Online*,  
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwe84>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WALKER, JAMES," *Handbook of Texas Online*,  
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwacb>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.
- "WALTHERSDORFF, ALBERT," *Handbook of Texas Online*,  
(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fwacd>). Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

### **Presentations:**

- “Economic Class Mobility and Slavery: A Case Study in the Importance & Difficulties of Quantitative Agricultural History,” East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting (October 2015).
- “Opportunity or Oligarchy: Class and Mobility in the Antebellum Cotton Economy of Texas,” 19th Cotton & Rural History Conference (April 2015).
- “Planter Women and the War: Change or Continuity in Agency and Economic Status?” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting (March 2014).
- “Women Planters in Texas: A Quantitative View from Four Counties,” Southern Association for Women Historians Conference (June 2012).
- “Moving on Up? Planters and Class Mobility in Harrison County, Texas,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association (March 2011).
- “Georgia & the Stamp Act: The Un-Crisis,” Phi Alpha Theta Student Conference, Dallas Baptist University (October 2010).
- “Economic-Social Mobility and the Planter Class: A Case Study of McLennan County, Texas, 1851-1860,” Phi Alpha Theta North Central & Northeast Regional Conference (April 2009).
- “Sixteenth Century Ireland for Actors,” Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts, Waxahachie, Texas (March 2005 and March 2007).

### **Awards:**

- Panel Chairs Award, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, April 2009
- History Faculty Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2007-2008, 2008-2009
- Graduate Assistant Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2010
- The Jack B. Scroggs Graduate Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2010-2011

### **Professional Development and Academic Service:**

- Advanced Placement Reader, 2015, 2017
- Participant, THATCamp Texas Feminisms 2015
- Attendee, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2007-11, 2012-15, 2017

Attendee, Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2007-17  
Attendee, East Texas Historical Association Meetings, 2015-2017  
Staff, Texas History Symposium, April 2008, April 2010, April 2011  
History Department Text Book Committee, University of North Texas, Spring 2010  
Technical Staff, Teaching of History Conference, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

**Other Service:**

President, Board of Directors, Bare Bones Shakespeare Company, 2016-2018

**Memberships:**

Southern Historical Association  
Texas State Historical Association  
Southern Association for Women Historians  
American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Phi Alpha Theta