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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1996-1997 **Independent Contractor**
Stephenville Empire-Tribune. Stephenville, Texas. Contributing writer doing Wednesday opinion-editorial columns, sports stories, and feature articles.
Center for Bible Education. Big Sandy, Texas. Develop and present distance learning courses on "Ancient Israel" and "Israel in Prophecy."
United Church of God, Arcadia, California. Provide editorial, research, and writing services for United Church of God on a contract, assignment-by-assignment basis.
- 1990-1996 **Ambassador University**, Big Sandy, Texas (1990-1996) and Pasadena, California (1990)
History Department Chairperson, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (September 1990-Present)
Associate Professor of History, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (March 1994-May 1996) --
Assistant Professor of History, Pasadena, California (January-May 1990) and Big Sandy, Texas (June 1990-March 1994). Courses taught: Western Civilization (to 1648 and since 1648); Ancient Israel (Abraham to Captivity and Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods); History of England (to 1660 and since 1660); Renaissance and Reformation; Early Modern Europe; Introduction to Middle Eastern Archaeology; Introduction to Homiletics
Coordinator of Summer Middle Eastern Archaeological Digs, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (January 1992-January 1995). Hazor, Israel; Mozan, Syria; Umm el-Jimal, Jordan
Class Adviser, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (September 1991-May 1995)
Intercollegiate Men's & Women's Cross Country Coach, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (September 1993-November 1995)
Intercollegiate Assistant Track & Field Coach, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (January 1995-May 1996)
NAIA Faculty Athletic Representative, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (January 1991-September 1992)
Chairperson, Professional Relationships and Faculty Welfare Committee, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (September 1992-May 1995)
Vice-Chairperson, Ambassador University Task Force for Institutional Effectiveness, Big Sandy, Texas (April 1990-October 1991)
Member of Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committee, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (September 1990-August 1993)
Member of Student Development Committee, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (September 1992-May 1995)
Member of Student Development Council, Ambassador University, Big Sandy, Texas (January 1994-May 1995)
- 1994-1995 **University of Texas at Tyler**, Tyler, Texas
Adjunct History Department Faculty. Courses taught: World Civilizations, America During the World Wars
- 1993-1994 **Tyler Junior College**, Tyler, Texas
Adjunct History Department Faculty. Courses taught: U. S. History to 1865.
- 1984-1990 **Worldwide Church of God**, Headquartered in Pasadena, California
Assistant Youth Opportunities United Coordinator, Pasadena, California (August 1989-May 1990)
Assistant Coordinator of Youth Education Services, Big Sandy, Texas (June 1990-June 1992)
Associate Pastor, Chattanooga, Tennessee and Murphy, North Carolina (April 1988-May 1989)
Assistant Pastor, Chattanooga, Tennessee and Murphy, North Carolina. (August 1986-April 1988)
Assistant Festival Coordinator for Feast of Tabernacles in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1987, 1988.
Festival Housing Officer in Chattanooga, 1988
Assistant Camp Director, Summer Educational Program, Orr, Minnesota.

Assist camp director in planning of all activities; Supervisor of high school staff; administering discipline. (June-July 1986, June-July 1987, June-August 1988, June-August 1989)

Christian Living Instructor, Winter Educational Program, Saalbach, Austria. Lectures on Church history and prophecy (December 1985) Summer Educational Program, Orr, Minnesota. Lectures on "Who and What is God?," "Your S.E.P. Family," and "Your Family at Home." (June 1987, July 1988, July-August 1989)

Activities Director, Summer Educational Program, Orr, Minnesota. Scheduling of all S.E.P. activities and services. (June-August 1985, June-July 1986, June-July 1987, June-August 1988, June-August 1989, July-August 1994)

Educational Administrator, Youth Opportunities United. Assist International Director of Y.O.U. in preparing information for summer camps. Writing of *Pastor's Manual* for Youth Education Services Bible correspondence course. (September-December 1984)

1984-1986 **Imperial Schools**, Pasadena, California

Principal, Imperial Schools (grades 7-12). Supervision of the day to day operation of the school. Observing Imperial faculty in classroom activities. Counseling students. (January 1985-May 1986)

Teacher, Imperial Schools. Teach senior Bible (1st Semester—Bible Prophecy; 2nd Semester—Family Relations), writing for church youth publications, and world history (September 1985-May 1986)

1983-1984 **Michigan Council for the Humanities**, East Lansing, Michigan.

Assistant Director, Supervisory and editorial responsibilities over Council publications. Assist Executive Director in proposal preparation, implementation of special projects, fund raising, and drafting of documents, articles, and correspondence.

Director of Publications from March-November 1983

1981-1983 **Eltex Drilling Contractors, Inc.**, Oklahoma Division, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Branch Office Manager, Managerial responsibilities: Guarantee the flow of information from the Oklahoma Office to headquarters in Victoria, Texas. Maintain liaison with vendors and customers or potential customers. Distribute payroll to employees. Oversee and disburse bank accounts. Develop *Toolpusher's Manual*. Generated \$1 million profit in fourteen months.

1979-1981 **Michigan Council for the Humanities**, East Lansing, Michigan.

Program Development Specialist, Public relations and administrative responsibilities: Interpret program to a diverse group of individuals. Notify grant applicants about funding recommendations.

Restructure internal policies and office procedures. Prepare speeches, reports, and newsletter articles. Organize state wide conferences and regional workshops. Maintain liaison with Michigan Council for Arts.

1977-1979 **Department of History, Michigan State University**, East Lansing, Michigan.

Academic Advisor, Counsel undergraduate history majors. Organize and coordinate placement seminars. Maintain student files. Committee member on Committee for Undergraduate Affairs. Develop *Advisor's Handbook*.

1974-1977 **Arlington Independent School District**, Arlington, Texas.

High School Teacher, Teach world history, world geography, and physical education. Faculty sponsor for the Key Club. Member of the Textbook Committee.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, (3.98 GPA), December 1980, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Dissertation: "Images and Reflections: The Response of the British Press to the Dreyfus Affaire"

Major: Modern British History

Minors: Modern Western European History
Modern Diplomatic History

Master of Arts, (3.87 GPA), December 1976, University of Texas, Arlington, Texas. Thesis: "Century of the Assassin: A Prosopographical Study of European Assassins 18 June 1815 to 11 November 1918"

Major: European History
Minor: Political Science

Bachelor of Arts, (3.22 GPA), May 1974, Ambassador University, Pasadena, California.
Major: Theology

Bachelor of Arts, May 1972, University of Texas, Arlington, Texas.
Major: History
Minor: English

Additional Graduate Studies

Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, January-September 1991. Completed 18 credits of graduate-level work in theology classes.

Seminars Completed

"The Fund Raising School," May 1983. Conducted by Henry A. Rosso *et. al.* of The Fund Raising School of San Rafael, California.

"Drilling Technology in the Petroleum Industry," March 1982. Conducted by Dr. J. J. Azar of the University of Tulsa and of Azar Drilling Consultants, Inc.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"Those 40 Pivotal Years: Or, Fun With Numerology," *Biblical Perspectives on Current Events*, Volume 1, Issue #1, Autumn 1997, pp. 14-16.

"Are We Right Where We're Supposed to Be Today?," *The Journal*, Vol. I, No. 6, July 31, 1997, pp. 11, 15.

"Archaeology and the City of David," *The Good News*, Volume 1, Number 4, July/August 1996, pp. 8-9.

"AU Wins Conference Titles in Track & Field," *Portfolio*, May 2, 1996, p. 5.

"Eric Murdock Receives Basketball's Life Lessons and Passes them to Others," *Portfolio*, April 11, 1996, p. 7.

"Be a Player in the Game," *Portfolio*, August 31, 1996, p. 2.

"Archaeology at Umm el-Jimal," Lecture/slide presentation at March 1994 American Schools for Oriental Research Southwest Regional convention.

"UJ92 House 35—Druze Arch" (8 July 1992 drawing by R. Sherrod and Irene Hart from Umm el-Jimal field season), figure #9 in *The Umm El Jimal Project, 1981-1992 Report*.

"Rest Stop Ahead," *Portfolio*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 7, October 1, 1992, p. 2.

"Honor to Whom Honor is Due," *Portfolio*, Vol. XXVI, No. 8, March 28, 1991, p. 2.

"Alexander the Not-So-Great," *Youth '90*, Volume X, Number 10, March-April 1990, pp. 10-11, 4.

"Catch the Wave of the World Tomorrow," *Summer Times*, Volume VI, Numbers 1-3, June, July, and August 1989, pp. 2, 20.

"Challenges for You to Carry Home," *Summer Times*, Volume V, Number 1-3 and Volume 1, Number 1 (Summer 1988 edition give at the Fall Festival), June 22, July 18, and August 10, 1988, pp. 2, 20.

"Details Count!," *The Good News of the World Tomorrow*, Volume XXXIV, Number 6, August 1987, pp. 23-25.

"Runners to Your Marks, SET! GO!," *Youth '87*, Volume VII, Number 5, July-August 1987, pp. 18-20.

"Taking the SEP Lesson Home," *Summer Times*, Volume IV, Numbers 1 and 2, July 13 and August 4, 1987, p. 2.

"My Worst Summer Job," *Youth '87*, Volume VII, Number 4, May-June, 1987, pp. 7-8.

"Beat Those Post-Feast Blues: Recapture That Feast Feeling." *The Worldwide News*, Volume XIV, Number 21, November 17, 1986.

"Taking the Lesson Home." *Summer Times*, Volume III, Number 2, August 6, 1986, p. 2.

"Vital Role of Motherhood: Do You Represent the Church?" *The Worldwide News*, Volume XIV, Number 13, June 30, 1986, p. 4.

"Taking Time to be a Loving Father," *The Worldwide News*, Volume XIV, Number 7, April 7, 1986, p. 5.

"An Open Letter From High School Principal," *The Imperial Highlights*, Volume XIX, Number 1, September 12, 1985, p. 1.

"Would You Like to Listen to a 3-Week Sermon?," *Summer Times*, Volume 2, Number 2, July 23, 1985, p. 3.

"Compromise With God's Law Leads to Bigger and Bigger Sins," *The Worldwide News*, Volume XIII, Number 12, June 10, 1985, p. 5.

"Solomon's Splendor: A Type of God's Kingdom," *The Good News of the World Tomorrow*, Volume XXXI, Number 8, September 1984, pp. 23-25.

- "Chautauqua Then and Now," *The Michigan Connection*, Winter/Spring 1984, pp. 1, 20-23. (Co-authored with Howard J. Dooley.)
- "An Interview With Benjamin DeMott," *The Michigan Connection*, Winter/Spring 1984, pp. 4-5, 17.
- "The More Things Change . . .," *The Michigan Connection*, Winter/Spring 1984, pp. 14-15. (Co-authored with Ronald D. Means.)
- "For Further Reading: A Bibliographical Essay on Chautauqua," *The Michigan Connection*, Winter/Spring 1984, pp. 18-19.
- "Michigan Celebration Accents Humanities' Chautauqua-Like Role," *Chautauqua Network News*, February 1984, pp. 1, 4.
- "Retrospect and Prospect: Where We Have Been, Where We Are, and Where We are Headed," *The Michigan Connection*, Special Edition 1983-1984, pp. 1, 13-16.
- "A Few Ripples in the Pool: MCH Projects and the Strengthening of Humanities Education," *The Michigan Connection*, Fall 1981, pp. 1, 3-5.

Since June 1997, a variety of articles have appeared in the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*; other miscellaneous articles have appeared from 1973-1985 in *The Worldwide News*, the *Portfolio* (an Ambassador University student publication), and publications produced by the Michigan Council for the Humanities.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Winner in Men's 45-49 year old division (M45) of 400 meter dash at 1997 Michigan Track & Field Open/Masters Indoor Track Championships (Grand Valley State at Allendale). Selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 4th ed., 1996. Winner of M45 800 meter dash (1996 and 1995) and M45 400 meter dash (1996) at Rocky Mountain Masters Games (University of Colorado at Boulder). Winner of M45 400 meter dash at 1996 Texas Masters Track & Field Championships (University of Texas at Arlington). Winner of M45 400 meter dash at 1996 Colorado State Indoor Championships (Colorado Springs, Colorado at U. S. Air Force Academy). Member of East Texas Track and Field Club, June 1994-Present (Club secretary, 1996-1997). Member of Dallas Masters Track Club, 1996. Member of Dallas Masters 4 x 800 meter silver medalist relay team at 1996 USA Track & Field National Masters Indoor Championships (Greensboro, North Carolina). Head coach, Big State Athletic Conference men's and women's conference champion cross country teams, 1995. Credentialed as minister in United Church of God, 1995. Member of American Schools of Oriental Research, 1992-1996. USA Track and Field Masters All American in M45 400 meters, 1995 and 1996, and M45 800 meters, 1996. Sixth place finish in 1995 USA Track & Field National Masters Outdoor Championships for M45 400 meters (Michigan State University at East Lansing, Michigan). Member of North American Conference on British Studies, 1990-1996. Member of American Historical Association, 1990-1992. Ordained preaching elder in Worldwide Church of God, April 2, 1988. Ordained local elder in Worldwide Church of God, May 10, 1986. Coordinator of Lansing Youth Education Services program, 1984. President of Oklahoma City Graduate Spokesman Club, 1982-1983. Coordinator of Oklahoma City Youth Education Services program, 1982-1983. Elected to Oklahoma Humanities Committee, 1982. President of Lansing Spokesman Club, 1980-1981. Member of Michigan Museums Association, 1980-1981. Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies, 1979. Recipient of Arlington Noon Kiwanis Club scholarship, 1977. Organized and supervised Fort Worth Chapter of Youth Opportunities United, 1975-1977. Ordained deacon in Worldwide Church of God, April 14, 1976. Pledged Phi Delta Theta: fraternity secretary, 1971; voted Best Active, 1970; pledge class secretary, 1969. Three year letterman in university track and field at University of Texas at Arlington: awarded athletic scholarship, 1968-1971; on UTA record-breaking two mile relay team, 1971; on All Southland Conference mile relay team, 1969; broke UTA school record in 880 yard dash, 1969.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND AND INTERESTS

Excellent health. Ability to deal tactfully with people in stressful situations. Exceptional organizational and managerial abilities. Ability to rapidly adapt to new job responsibilities and assimilate new information. Extensive experience in public speaking. Traveled widely throughout the Southwestern and Midwestern United States. Traveled in England, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, Austria, Germany, Holland, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, West Bank, and Israel. Diverse avocational interests include masters division track and field, road racing, downhill skiing, sky diving, racquetball, professional football, United States-European relations, and Middle Eastern politics, religion, and culture. Certified to teach in Texas (460-76-18-12) and Michigan (Provisional Certificate #DB081) public schools.

REFERENCES

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