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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1998-Present **Stephenville Independent School District**, Stephenville, Texas
Stephenville High School history teacher. Courses taught: U. S. history since 1865; Advanced Placement U.S. history; world history; and Advanced Placement world history; Dual Credit U. S. history through Ranger College. Social Studies Department Chair, 2001-2011.
University Interscholastic League Coordinator, 2005-2011.
Coach for University Interscholastic League editorial writing, 1999, 2002-2003, 2008. Team produced UIL 4A State Meet 5th place medalist (2002); 4th place medalist (2003); and 6th place medalist (2008).
Coach for University Interscholastic League social studies team, 2003-2011.
Member of American history textbook selection committee (2000-2001); Chairperson of Textbook Selection Committee, 2002-2003.
Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) coordinator for world history.
Local Unit Vice-President for Association of Texas Professional Educators (1999-2000).
Member of Campus Improvement Team (2000-2002)
Member of Stephenville Independent School District Technology Committee (2002-2003)
Class Sponsor (2001-2004) for graduates of 2004.
- 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-May 1996)
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—both in the classroom and as a distance learning class); 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). Coached Big State Athletic Conference men's and women's conference champion cross country teams, 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 and 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

- Tarleton State University, September 1997-present. Pursuit of mid-management certification. Eligible to apply for mid-management positions as of June 1998.
- 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

- "The Boys of Fall: Texas High School Football Dynasties, the first ninety-five years, 1920-2014," January 22, 2015 at Texas Christian University in Dr. R. Colin Tate's Spring 2015 course "Friday Night Lights."
Jacket Backer blog at Lone Star Football Network (<http://lonestarfootball.net/>), August-December 2014.
- Plain Folk, Planters, and the Complexities of Southern Society: A Case Study of the Browns, Sherrods, Mannings, Sprowls, and Williamsess of Nineteenth Century Northwest Louisiana* (Nacogdoches, Texas: Stephen F. Austin State University Press, 2014) with Annette Pierce Sherrod.
- "The Boys of Fall: Texas High School Football Dynasties, the first Ninety-three years, 1920-2012" presented October 9, 2014 at the Herman Brown Free Library in Burnet, Texas.
- "The Boys of Fall: Texas High School Football Dynasties, the first Ninety-three years, 1920-2012" presented September 27, 2013 at the East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting.
- "The Road Less Traveled: Or, Some Antebellum Arrivals to Texas out of Illinois" presented February 22, 2013 at the East Texas Historical Association Spring Meeting (and to be published in the forthcoming 2015 issue of *East Texas Historical Journal*).
- Texas High School Football Dynasties* (Charleston, South Carolina: The History Press, 2013).
- "Into the Cotton Frontier: The Manning Quest for an American Canaan," *Georgia Historical Quarterly* Vol. XCV No. 3 (Fall 2011): 335-369.
- East Texas Historical Journal*: Book review, September 2011, by Ricky L. Sherrod of Sean M. Kelley's *Los Brazos de Dios: A Plantation Society in the Texas Borderlands, 1821-1865* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2010).
- Stephenville Yellow Jacket Football* (Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia Publishing, 2011).
- Stephenville* (Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia Publishing, 2010).
- "The Wrong Road to Shreveport: Union Hubris & the Salvation of a Red River Family," *North Louisiana History* XLII Nos. 1-2 (Winter-Spring 2011): 21-37.
- "Strong Southern Women: Female Leadership on the Northwest Louisiana Frontier," *Louisiana History* Vol. LII No. 1 (Winter 2011): 6-34.
- "The Road from Nacogdoches to Natchitoches: John Sprowl & the Failed Fredonian Rebellion," *East Texas Historical Journal* Vol. XLVIII No. 2 (Fall 2010): 9-40 .
- "The Spirit of Brownsville: Riverbank Community with Extended Reach," *North Louisiana History* Vol. XLI, Nos. 3-4 (Summer-Fall 2010): 90-125.
- "Simon Manning: Portrait of a Frontier Entrepreneur," *North Louisiana History* Vol. XXXI, Nos. 1-2 (Winter-Spring 2010): 22-48. This article received the Bradbury Award, named for the late Max Bradbury, who was the first editor of the North Louisiana Historical Association Newsletter so named from 1959-1969 and earlier known as the Bulletin. The award is presented to the author of the most outstanding article published in *North Louisiana History* Journal for the calendar year. The award-winner was chosen by a committee of at least three members of the board of directors. The award itself was presented at the Annual Spring Luncheon in Mansfield, Louisiana, on April 30, 2011.
- "Plain Folk, Planters, and the Complexities of Southern Society: Kinship Ties in Nineteenth-Century Northwest Louisiana and Northeast Texas," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* CXIII No. 1 (July 2009): 1-31.
- "Planters in the Making: The Brown Family's Alabama Years," *The Huntsville Historical Review* 34 No. 1 (Winter-Spring 2009): 33-53.
- "The Great Raft, The Great Migration, & the Rise of Raleigh Williams," *North Louisiana History* XXXIX No. 4 (Fall 2008): 174-197.
- "The Louisiana Purchase: A Remarkable Chapter in the Story of America's Rise," *Ministerial Quarterly: The Journal of the United Church of God*, an International Association, Volume 1, Number 2, December 1998, pp. 17-25.
- "Run So You May Obtain the Prize," *Biblical Perspectives on Current Events*, Volume 1, Issue #4, Summer 1998, pp. 10-11.
- "Paying the Piper: the enormous cost of divorce in the late-20th century," *Biblical Perspectives on Current Events*, Volume 1, Issue #3, Spring 1998, pp. 4-6, 13-16, 20.
- "An Invincible People?," *Biblical Perspectives on Current Events*, Volume 1, Issue #2, Winter 1997-1998, pp.

19-22.

- “Those 40 Pivotal Years: Or, Fun With Numerology,” *Biblical Perspectives on Current Events*, Volume 1, Issue #1, Autumn 1997, pp. 14-16.
- “Ireland: Land of Many Views,” *Biblical Perspectives on Current Events*, Volume 1, Issue #1, Autumn 1997, p. 28.
- “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 VII, 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.

From June 18, 1997 through December 30, 1998, a variety of articles, including a Wednesday opinion-editorial

column, have appeared in the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune* (as well as occasional guest articles from 1999-2014); 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.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Texas State Historical Association, 2009-present
East Texas Historical Association, 2009-present
North Louisiana Historical Association, 2008-present
American Schools of Oriental Research, 1992-1996
North American Conference on British Studies, 1990-1996
American Historical Association, 1990-1992
Michigan Museums Association, 1980-1981

PUBLIC SCHOOL CERTIFICATIONS

- Texas
- Michigan

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Traveled widely throughout the Southwestern and Midwestern United States

Travel experience outside the United States includes:

- Canada
- England
- Scotland
- Ireland
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Austria
- Germany
- Holland
- Mexico
- Jamaica
- Egypt
- Syria
- Jordan
- West Bank
- Israel

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