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EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Doctor of Arts in History/Historic Preservation, Public History Track, August 2005: *The American Upper Class and the American Horse Industry 1865-1929*, directed by Dr. Rebecca Conard

University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri

Master of Arts in Art History and Archaeology, May 1997

Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas

Bachelor of Arts in History and German, May 1994

Field School, State Museum of Pennsylvania, Ephrata Cloister, PA, 1996

Field School, Center for American Archaeology, Kampsville, IL, 1995

American College of Higher Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece, 1993

California State University, Long Beach, CA, Field Survey in Qumran, Israel, 1991

PUBLICATIONS

"Portals to the Past," in *Just Between Us: Stories and Memories from the Texas Pines* edited by Dan Utley and Milton Jordan. Nacogdoches, SFASU Press, September 2012.

"Training the Next Generation of Public Historians in East Texas: A Report from Stephen F. Austin State University's Public History Program," *East Texas Historical Journal* Vol. 50, No. 1 (Spring 2012): 77-86.

"Introduction," in *Stables: Beautiful Paddocks, Horse Barns, and Tack Rooms* by Kathryn Masson. New York: Rizzoli Press, 2010.

Co-editor of *Deep East Texas Grave Markers Types, Styles, and Motifs* by Nancy Adgent. Nacogdoches: SFASU Press, October 2010.

Perky Beisel and Rob DeHart. *Middle Tennessee Horse Breeding*. Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2007.

Review of *Beautiful Jim Key* in the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Fall 2006, pp. 286-287.

RESEARCH GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded SFASU Faculty Research Sabbatical for Spring 2014 for *Stable Architecture* manuscript – research ongoing

Awarded a John H. Daniels Fellowship, National Sporting Library, Middleburg, VA, submitted September 2007 for research conducted in July 2008

Awarded SFASU Faculty Research Grant, "Scientific Management and Model Farms: A Case Study of Shelburne Farms (VT) 1886-1926," 9/1/07-8/31/08

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX, August 2005 to present

Undergraduate Level: U.S. History to 1877 (online and face-to-face), U.S. History since 1877, Craft of History, Gilded Age & Progressive Era, American Architectural History, World Architectural History, Introduction to Public History and Public History Internship (which has placed students at six different institutions).

Graduate Level: Introduction to Public History, Material Culture, Historic Preservation, Collections Management, Non-Profit Management, Internship in Public History, Practicum in Public History (which has placed students with sixteen different institutions and programs), and Thesis (I have directed eight completed theses while at SFASU and served on other committees.)

Stephen F. Austin State University, "SFA Certified Online Instructor," December 18, 2013

Stephen F. Austin State University, History Department, Fall 2007 – Summer 2013, Graduate Adviser

Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, TN, Adjunct, August 2004 – May 2005

MTSU, Survey of American History 1865 to Present, Spring Semester 2002

MTSU, Completed four doctorate level teaching courses: Problems of Evaluation in Higher Education, Seminar in College Teaching, Overview of Higher Education, and Instructional Development in Higher Education, Fall 2001-Summer 2002

Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Teaching American History Grant, Project Assistant, October 2004 – June 2005

Cumberland River Valley Consortium Teaching American History Grant, Project Assistant, January 2003 – July 2005

SELECTED ARCHIVE, MUSEUM, & ORAL HISTORY – SERVICE, FUNDED GRANTS, & PROJECTS

(Funded amounts in **bold/underlined** written solely by me or group led by me; all others were part of a larger coordinated effort to which I contributed)

CURRENT

E. Deanne Malpass Slide Collection, SFASU, Organizer, August 2019 – present

Organize, digitize, and add metadata in ScholarWorks for the teaching slide collection of the late Dr. Malpass that includes approximately 5,000 slides.

Heritage Center of Cherokee County, Rusk, TX, Consultant, July 2014 – present

Examining revised exhibits, identifying items for digitization, discussing funding needs, potential grant applications, processing collections, site consultations, placing and supervising student interns.

Bobby H. Johnson Oral History Collection, East Texas Research Center, SFASU, March 2008 – present
Supervised and edited 47 completed and 23 in progress student transcriptions of interviews conducted between 1974 and 2001. All completed transcriptions and interviews are available online via the ETRC. September 2017-present: Administration of **\$5,000** transcription and digitization project to support processing of an additional interviews. 115 interviews have been digitized and are yet to be transcribed, 53 previously digitized interviews have been transcribed and are through their first edit. Approximately \$2,500 of the current funding was paid to SFA students and staff for transcribing.

COMPLETED

City of Nacogdoches, RFP Evaluator / Design Consultant, April 2018 – March 2020

Served as an evaluator to review submissions by exhibit development firms to receive a contract to design, construct, and install exhibits at the historic depot in Nacogdoches.

Ottis Lock Endowment Award, East Texas Historical Association, Co-principal, October 1, 2018 - December 15, 2019

A \$1,500 grant awarded to fund the collection (3 conducted by Dr. Sandul) and transcription (25 supervised by Dr. Beisel) of oral history interview with minorities, those of diverse backgrounds, and

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other less-studied topics in East Texas.

Humanities Texas Grant, "Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections," Stone Fort Museum, SFASU, Humanities Scholar, September 11, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Impact Lufkin (School of Social Work grant project), Historian, June 29, 2017 – August 16, 2017
Worked with City of Lufkin, provided group interviews, archival research, and wrote research report on historic Wards 1 and 2. [Compensated]

"Norman's Nacogdoches," Nacogdoches, Coordinator and Supervisor, June 2012 – June 2016
Led a cooperative project between the History Department and the East Texas Research Center to acquire, inventory, and digitize a local television series, Norman's Nacogdoches. Graduate assistants under my supervision digitized approximately 100 hours of footage (there are approximately 500 more hours to do). I continue to work with the ETRC to identify potential outside funders for the completion of this local history project.

Humanities Texas Grant, "Nacogdoches 1938 Film," College of Fine Arts, SFASU, Grant Team Member and Humanities Scholar, September 5, 2014 – February 26, 2016

U.S. Forest Service Contract, "Oral History Collection," Author and Supervisor, April 2016 – October 2016
Wrote request of **\$6,475** to fund the digitization of analog oral histories, their organization, and subsequent transcription. This was conducted on behalf of the CRHR; all of my time was pro bono. Considering the audio quality of the interviews and the need to train students in the process, the completion of 23 interviews was successful.

Millard's Crossing Historic Village, Inc., Nacogdoches, Board Member, Feb. 2006 – January 2015
Served as president since 2011 and collections manager since 2006, supervised student cataloging utilizing PastPerfect, and assisted in fundraising campaigns, grant writing, and major events.

Vanishing Texana Museum, Jacksonville, Texas, Consultant, January 2012 – September 2014
Assisting with the development of a collections management plan for the museum, in purchasing and training board members and staff in the use of PastPerfect, developing a new facility layout and exhibit design, identifying items for digitization, discussing funding needs, potential grant applications, and placing and supervising student interns.

African American Education Archives & History Program, African American Museum, Dallas, Texas, September 2009 – December 2013
Supervised the digitization and transcription of over 40 interviews and, in addition, oversaw the remote development of an online archive utilizing Omeka enabling SFA students to add each year's inductees.

City of Nacogdoches, Consultant, April 2011 – October 17, 2013
Evaluate RFPs, comment on exhibit development after contract awarded, monthly conference calls, review exhibit plans for proposed Durst-Taylor House exhibits. Providing sources and support for final installation.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Cooper Lake State Park, Cooper, Texas, Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2012
Supervised and conducted four interviews, including digitization and transcription, and oversaw the transcription of ten additional TPWD interviews.

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Junior Historians, "Primary Sources and Historic Research" presentation, Center, Texas, May 8, 2012

Oral History Interview with Bobby H. Johnson for the Texas Oral History Association, October 11, 2011
As part of its program to document the development of oral history in Texas, the TOHA board asked me to conduct this interview with Dr. Johnson. The final interview is on deposit at Baylor University.

Charlie Wilson Oral History Project, SFASU, conducted two interviews, March 25, 2011

THC History Museum Grant, for Millard's Crossing Historic Village, Inc., completed July 2010

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City of Nacogdoches Preserve America Grant Oral History Workshop, co-leader, Nac., June 25, 2010

Friends of the Stone Fort Museum, Nacogdoches, Board Member, October 2007 – August 2009

AASLH Collections Management and Practices Workshop, Participant, Shawnee, KS, June 19-20, 2008

T.L.L. Temple Foundation Grant for Heritage Center of Cherokee County, Texas, April 2008

Texas Historical Foundation Grant for Heritage Center of Cherokee County, Texas, April 2008

THC History Museum Grant for Millard's Crossing Historic Village, Inc., Nacogdoches, April 2008

I.M.L.S. "Connecting to Collections" Bookshelf for Heritage Center of Cherokee County, Texas, April 2008

Co-principal for successful grant, Dr. Bobby H. Johnson Oral History Collection Archival Project, \$15,711, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, SFASU, August 14, 2006-August 27, 2007

SELECTED CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – SERVICE, FUNDED GRANTS, & PROJECTS

CURRENT

Oak Grove & Zion Hill Cemeteries Gravestone Restoration Project, Nacogdoches, Texas, Principal and Supervisor, February 1, 2020 – present

Identified 35 gravestones for conservation work according to the SOI Standards for Restoration; supervised contract with Texas Cemetery Restoration, a \$16,191.00 project funded by Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc.

"Micro-Internship Network: Creating Career Pathways for Diversity at Heritage Sites" (**Under Review**), Supporting Faculty, grant submission by University of Missouri-Saint Louis for 3-year IMLS Grant, October 29, 2019 – present

"Ethnographic Overview and Assessment of African Americans and the Arkansas Post National Memorial (ARPO)," Supporting Faculty, grant awarded to ATCOFA at SFASU by NPS, Sept. 3, 2019 – present

Lake Creek Cemetery, Houston County, Texas, Consultant, August 23, 2019 – present

Conduct cemetery assessment, prepare Historic Texas Designation application, and coordinate a workday (Feb. 8, 2020) with the cemetery association that included fifteen SFASU students resulting in brush removal and gravestone cleaning

Nacogdoches County Historical Commission, Member and Cemetery Survey Chair, January 2019 – present

Coordinate 2020-2021 countywide survey of cemeteries; organized cemetery management and gravestone cleaning workshop at Sand Hill Cemetery on January 25, 2020

Pine Grove Cemetery Board, Nacogdoches, Member, January 2019 - present

Nacogdoches Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission, Member, Aug. 2010 – July 2013, Sept. 2013 – July 2017, October 2018 - present

City of Hemphill/County of Sabine, Texas, Consultant, September 2017 – present

Serve as a researcher and writer for the city's National Register Historic District nomination package, certified local government request, and Main Street designation applications in cooperation with county officials and as a liaison with the Texas Historical Commission on behalf of the city and county.

"Oak Grove Cemetery Signage and Interpretation Project," Bright Foundation Grant to Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. Project Leader, October 2016 – present

A **\$44,150** project (\$24,510 in granted funds) to install directional signage, create and install interpretive panels, write and publish a book about the cemetery, based on the transcription of 40 hours of recorded

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stories. This is a complex and multilayered project involving members of the FoHNI board, City of Nacogdoches staff, and additional consultants. This project resulted in almost \$5,000 of direct payments to SFASU students.

Nacogdoches 300 – Oak Grove Cemetery Cleaning Collaborative Project (The City of Nacogdoches and Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc.), Organizer and Instructor, February 26, May 6, September 16, and October 29, 2016; February 17, 2017, November 2 and 3, 2017, April 27, 2018, and December 6, 2019

A project designed to provide hands-on training about gravestone preservation and cleaning while providing an opportunity to raise awareness and funds for gravestone conservation needs. This partnership is open to all SFASU students (aka “service learning”) as well as the public.

Cherokee County Historical Commission, Rusk, Texas, Cemetery Consultant, July 2014 – present

This includes visiting cemeteries and county officials to discuss preservation, access, and management concerns on multiple occasions in different locations.

Houston County Historical Commission, Crockett, Texas, Consultant, May 2009 – present

This includes visiting historic sites, providing hands-on training, oral history and historic preservation workshops, consulting with county staff and officials about grants and relevant state and federal laws and resources on multiple occasions in different locations.

COMPLETED

Association for Gravestone Studies, Greenfield, Massachusetts, Board Member and Chapters Chair, June 2013 – June 2019

Concord Cemetery, Rusk County, Texas, gravestone cleaning workshop leader, October 5, 2019

National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Preservation Youth Summit, Local leader, June 2019

Served as a panelist in Beaumont for the Preservation Youth Summit’s 85 participants’ presentations on the future of historic preservation in Texas on 20th. Led a workshop to introduce 85 participants in 6th-12th grades (and staff and parents) to cemeteries as historic resources and hands-on gravestone cleaning in Nacogdoches’s Oak Grove Cemetery on June 18th. Co-led a 1.5-hour walking tour of downtown Nacogdoches to discuss historic preservation in practice, architectural styles, and heritage tourism on June 17th.

Texas Forestry Museum Summer Camp, Nacogdoches, Texas, Workshop Leader, June 12, 2019

A gravestone cleaning workshop in Oak Grove Cemetery to demonstrate best practices for long term preservation, safety of the stones, and safety of the living. Given for the TFM’s summer kids ages 9-13.

Oak Grove Cemetery Gravestone Restoration Project, Nacogdoches, Texas, Principal and Supervisor, January 15, 2019 – April 30, 2019

Identified 22 gravestones for conservation work according to the SOI Standards for Restoration; supervised contract with Texas Cemetery Restoration funded by Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc.

M. Greene, San Augustine, Consultant, February 24, 2017 – December 31, 2018

Assist in the application for and implementation of a federal rehabilitation tax credit project for two private properties and work as a liaison on behalf of the property owner with the Texas Historical Commission. This project resulted in \$500 of funding for one of our graduate students.

Voices from Small Places, SFASU & UT-Tyler, Co-Leader, January 2012 – December 2018

Began as a collaborative project of the Center for Regional Heritage Research, then a partnership between SFASU and UT-Tyler to document, preserve, and present the history of rural dispersed communities in deep East Texas of less than 100 persons through archival, oral history, PhotoVoice, and historic resource surveys. Pilot project: Arcadia 2014-2016; Murvaul Creek (Rusk/Panola Counties) 2015-2019.

Humanities Texas, Austin, Texas Grant to Texas A&M-Kingsville, Supporter, June 27, 2017 – August 12, 2018 (final funding amount not disclosed to me)

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Angelina County Historical Commission, Lufkin, Texas, Project Director, January 21, 2014 – August 1, 2015; May 2018 – August 2018

The “Angelina County Historical Resource Survey Digitization” project was a **\$3,000** contract written by Beisel and awarded to the Center for Regional Heritage Research and administered by Beisel to create a website to host the digitization of the county’s 1986 historic resource survey. Beisel received an additional **\$750** in 2018 to directly pay a SFASU history graduate student to make revisions and update Diboll section of the website.

Etoile Community Cemeteries, Cemetery Consultant, November 14, 2015 – July 31, 2018

Worked with the community leaders to identify preservation risks, organize student labor for gravestone cleaning, facilitated connection with Center for Regional Heritage Research to provide mapping.

Humanities Texas, Austin, Texas Grant to Voice from Small Places and Maya Research Center, UT-Tyler, grant co-writer and co-workshop leader, June 15, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The “Voices from Small Places: Connecting with Communities,” grant of \$2,825.00 from Humanities Texas for \$8,025 project provided three free workshops open to academics and the broader public to introduce them to the VfSP research approach.

“A Preserve America Model for Cemetery Identities,” Harris County Historical Commission & Texas AGS Chapter, Houston, Texas, October 5, 2013

“Revolutionary Era Gravestones,” Sons of the American Revolution Quarterly Meeting, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 12, 2013

City of Nacogdoches Preserve America Grant member, \$250,000, October 2008 – June 1, 2013

In cooperation with George Avery, I organized cemetery cleaning workshops and edited a book, *Deep East Texas Grave Markers*, written by Nancy Adgent and printed by the project.

Texas Historical Commission, Certified Local Government Grant to the City of Nacogdoches, project leader and co-author, August 2010 – December 2012. (Personal extension to December 2016)

This City \$9,100 grant written in partnership with the Center for Regional Heritage Research, purchased GIS enabled equipment and funded the digitization of and a website for the city’s 1986 historic survey and an update of those resources. I have continued to add to this resource through graduate assistant assignments, independent undergraduate and graduate student courses, and group assignments in undergraduate and graduate courses such as HIS313 (Fall 2016) or HIS582 (Summer 2013).

Long Black Line.org Internship, “Historic Sites in Jasper County,” \$1,500 grant for graduate student, co-authored with Dr. Paul Sandul, July 31, 2010-August 31, 2010

City of Nacogdoches Preserve America Grant Gravestone Identification Workshop, Organizer and Presenter, June 18, 2010

City of Nacogdoches Preserve America Grant Stone Cleaning Workshop, Organizer, April 30, 2010

“Houston County Cemetery & Historic Structures Survey,” Columbia Center and City of Nacogdoches 4th Annual East Texas Geospatial Conference at SFASU, January 28, 2010

ORSP Mini-grant for the Houston County Historical Commission Cemeteries, Markers, and Historic Structures Survey conducted July 14 – August 14, 2009

Humanities Texas Grant, \$1,185.73 for “Best Practices for Cemetery Preservation and Research,” Workshop, May 9, 2009

Co-contributor for successful grant, Center for Rural Heritage Research, \$90,000, SFASU, submitted September 2007

Visionaries in Preservation, Nacogdoches, Texas, February 2006 – September 2007
Program participant and task force leader for Historic Assets of Nacogdoches

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INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOP & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, AND EXHIBITS/EVENTS

"Voices from Small Places Project," presenter, Texas Cultural Landscapes Symposium, Waco, Texas, February 24, 2020

"Rev. George L. Crocket: Renaissance Man," presenter, Literati Club, Nacogdoches, October 24, 2019

"Horse Sayings and Horse Sense," presenter, Texas Folklore Society Session at the East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, October 19, 2019

"Cemeteries: Types, Researching, and Preservation," presenter, Rusk County Historical Commission, Henderson, Texas, September 19, 2019

"Cemetery Law Panel," presenter, Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference, Boiling Springs, North Carolina, June 27, 2019

"Cemeteries as Sources of Historic Identity," presenter, Millville Cemetery Homecoming Celebration, Henderson, Texas, May 4, 2019

"Voices from Small Places as Rural Preservation," presenter, Center for Heritage Conservation Symposium, College Station, Texas, February 16, 2019

"Cason Monk-Metcalf Oakley Funeral Home," Exhibit and Gala, organizer and co-director, Nacogdoches, October 19, 2018

Directed graduate students in the creation of an exhibit about the American funeral industry history since the nineteenth century and the 125-year history of the local company. Helped organize gala and benefit auction held on opening night. Function raised **\$2,600** for Oak Grove Cemetery.

"NIBCO 75th Anniversary Exhibit," organizer and presider, East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, October 11, 2018

"Choosing Questions to Ask Interviewees" and "Transcribing Your Interviews," at the South Texas Oral History Workshop, Kingsville, Texas, August 11 and 12, 2018

"Oak Grove Cemetery Preservation and Interpretation" and "Walking Tour of Oak Grove Cemetery," presenter and leader, Preservation Texas Summit, Nacogdoches, August 9 and 10, 2018

I also coordinated with Preservation Texas staff to identify sites of interest to the board and membership and arrange access for a driving tour on August 8th as well as the walking tour on August 10th.

"Voices from Small Places – An Experiential Session with PhotoVoice," co-presenter with Kelley Snowden and Linda Reynolds, National Council on Public History Annual Conference, Las Vegas, April 19, 2018
The conference had approximately 800 attendees, less than 50% of submissions were accepted.

"Plowing the Fallow Fields: One Approach to Reducing the Backlog of Inaccessible Archived Oral History Collections," presenter, Texas Oral History Association Annual Conf., College Station, April 7, 2018

Voices from Small Places Full-Day Workshop, co-leader with Kelley Snowden and Linda Reynolds, Prairie View A&M University, March 1, 2018

"The Importance of Preserving Our Past," presenter, Rosenwald School Celebration, Mineola, Texas, February 20, 2018

"Dipping Vats," presenter, Sons of the American Revolution, Nacogdoches, January 11, 2018

"The National Register Process in Nacogdoches, Co.," organizer and presider, East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Galveston, Texas, October 12, 2017

"Cemetery Law," panelist, Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, June 22, 2017; and "Involving Undergraduates in Cemetery Preservation," presenter at Late Night, June 23.

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- "Stable Design in Twentieth Century America," presenter, Angelina County Genealogical Society, Lufkin, Texas, April 17, 2017
- "Agricultural and Industrial Mishaps in East Texas," presenter, Texas Oral History Association Annual Conf., Lubbock, Texas, March 25, 2017
- "Stable Design in Colonial and Early America," presenter, Sons of the American Revolution Meeting, Nacogdoches, March 9, 2017
- "Using Oral History to Document Rural Dispersed Communities," organizer and presider, Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March 3, 2017
- "Horse Sports in Colonial America," presenter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Nacogdoches, February 20, 2017
- "The Lewis Hotel," presenter, Preservation Texas Summit, Marshall, Texas, August 11, 2016
- "Voices from Small Places: Arcadia, Texas," co-presenter with Linda Reynolds and Kelley Snowden, Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 20, 2016
- "Association for Gravestone Studies Workshop," co-presenter and co-organizer with Dennis Montanga (NPS), National Council on Public History, Baltimore, Maryland, March 16, 2016. (competitive selection and special consideration to allow back-to-back presentation due to success of previous year)
- "Frost Thorne: Gilded Age Nacogdoches," presenter, Sons of the American Revolution Meeting, Nacogdoches, March 10, 2016
- "Joining the Academy: Reflections of Mentors and Protégés," panelist, East Texas Historical Association Spring Meeting, February 20, 2016
- "Cemetery Preservation," Newton County Genealogy Conference, Newton, Texas, February 12, 2016
- "Historical Research and Resources," presenter, U.S. Forest Service, National Forests and Grasslands in Texas in-service training event, Alabama-Coushatta Reservation, Livingston, Texas, January 28, 2016
- "Why Rural History Matters: An East Texas Rural History Roundtable," panelist and "The Voices from Small Places Project: Documenting East Texas Communities," co-presenter, East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, October 9, 2015
- "Role of Cemeteries in Historic Research," presenter, Cedar Hill Cemetery THC Marker Dedication, City of Rusk, Rusk, Texas, September 19, 2015
- "Voices from Small Places," co-presenter and co-organizer with Linda Reynolds and Kelley Snowden, Texas Conference on Digital Libraries, Austin, Texas, April 27, 2015
- "Association for Gravestone Studies Workshop," co-presenter and co-organizer with Nancy Adgent (Rockefeller Archives) and Dennis Montanga (NPS), National Council on Public History, Nashville, Tennessee, April 15, 2015
- "American Compounds," and "Voices from Small Places," two jointly authored posters for the Bright Ideas Conference, SFASU, May 1, 2014
- "East Texas Markers' Types, Motifs, and Styles," A Poster Exhibit, International Preservation Summit, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Buffalo, New York, April 9, 2014
- "20th Century Farming in East Texas in the Dr. Bobby H. Johnson Oral History Collection," Texas Oral History Association Annual Conference, Nacogdoches, April 5, 2014

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“Public Geography,” Southwest Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Nacogdoches, October 25, 2013

“A Preserve America Model for Cemetery Identities,” presenter, Harris County Historical Commission & TX Chapter AGS, Houston, Texas, October 5, 2013

“City of Nacogdoches Historic Sites Survey,” East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, September 26, 2013

“Revolutionary Era Gravestones,” presenter, Sons of the American Revolution, Nacogdoches, September 12, 2013

“Late Nineteenth Century Agriculture in East Texas,” presenter, Mission San Francisco de los Tejas State Park, Grapeland, Texas, October 6, 2012

“Why the Preservation of Historic Resources Matters,” speaker, Houston County 175th Celebration, Houston County Historical Commission, Crockett, Texas, June 12, 2012

“Primary Sources and Historic Research,” presenter, Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Junior Historians, Center, Texas, May 8, 2012

“Preserving and Interpreting the Sacred 'Great Places' of East Texas through a Preserve America Community-based Cemetery Project,” with Chay Runnels and Theresa Coble, National Association of Interpreters National Workshop, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 8-12, 2011

“The Historic Survey – Redefining Downtown,” presenter, Texas Downtown Association, Nacogdoches, November 4, 2011

“In Search of a Regional Identity” National Council on Public History Annual Meeting in Pensacola, Florida, April 6-10, 2011

“Conducting African American Research in East Texas,” National Trust for Historic Preservation Meeting in Austin, Texas, October 31, 2010

“Guide to East Texas Gravestones,” a poster session presented at the Bright Ideas Conference, SFASU, April 8, 2010

“From President to Stable-boy: A History of 19th Century Resort Horse Shows,” a paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference on Cultural and Historic Preservation, Newport, Rhode Island, October 18, 2007

“The Past is the Future: Estate Planning at Longview Farm, Lee’s Summit, Missouri” a paper presented at the 2005 National Council on Public History Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, April 17, 2005

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-organizer with Dr. Sarah Savoy and Dr. Linda Levitt of the SFASU Graduate Student Research Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020

Steen Library Director Search Committee, member, May 10, 2019 – September 27, 2019

Served as an orientation bus tour leader June 2016 and June 2017

College of Liberal and Applied Arts Rep. to University Graduate Council, September 2011 – August 2013

Member, College of Liberal and Applied Arts Graduate Curriculum Committee, Fall 2009 – Summer 2013

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COLLEGE SERVICE

Stone Fort Museum: served on search committees for Stone Fort Museum between 2011 and 2016; co-chair of the biannual Stone Fort Museum Heritage Award 2015 and 2017; and member of Stone Fort Advisory Council Spring 2016 to present

Center for Regional Heritage Research: served on search committees from 2011 to 2015; reviewer of *Local Writers* submissions to the CRHR December 2015 – December 2019

Co-organizer with Drs. Savoy and Levitt of the Liberal and Applied Arts Graduate Research Conference 2013, 2014, and 2015

Member, College of Liberal and Applied Arts Graduate Curriculum Committee, Fall 2009 – Summer 2013

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Graduate Committee Member, March 2008-August 2013, September 2017 – August 2020

Coordinator of History Dept. Field Trips (Student Fee Funded) to Caddo Mounds, Mission Tejas, and Southern Forest Heritage Museum: Oct. 25, 2016, April 8, 2017, Dec. 1, 2017, and April 20, 2018

Regional Judge, Texas History Day, February 27, 2016, February 25, 2017, and March 24, 2018

Executive Committee Member, September 2011 – August 2013, September 2015 – August 2017

Latin Americanist Search Committee Member, September 2016 – March 2017

Showcase Saturday, February 25, 2012 and February 13, 2015

Ancient/Medieval Search Committee Member, September 2012 – May 2013

Early Americanist Search Committee Member, September 2011 – March 2012

Graduate Adviser, Fall 2007 – Summer 2013

OTHER MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

American Association for State and Local History, Nashville, Tennessee, Member 2000 - Present

AP U.S. History Reader, ETS, Louisville, Kentucky in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014
Remote reader for APUSH 2016 and APUSH 2017

Association for Gravestone Studies, Member 2012 – present; Board Member and Chapters Chair June 2013 – June 2019; Organizer of 2020 AGS Annual Conference – postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19

East Texas Historical Association, Member, 2005 - present

Chair, Lucille Terry Preservation Award Committee, September 2011 – present

Member, Archie P. McDonald Scholarship Committee, June 2018 – present

Member, Board Nominating Committee, August 2015 – September 2015

Equestrian Land Conservation Resource, Member 2000 - present

Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc., Nacogdoches, TX, Board Member, Vice President, and Treasurer, October 2008 – present

Helped organize Nacogdoches 300 events, annual living history tour in Oak Grove Cemetery, statue projects and other annual events, and responsible for all financial reporting to ensure non-profit status.

International Society for Landscape, Place, & Material Culture (formerly Pioneer America Society), Athens, Ohio, Member, 2006 - present

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National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Member, 2012 - present

FORUM Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, July 27-31, 2016 (Travel and registration funded by THC as member of NHLPC)

National Council on Public History, Member, 2000 - present

Annual Meeting Attendee, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 18-21, 2018

Annual Meeting Attendee, Baltimore, Maryland, March 16-19, 2016

NCPH Mini-Conference, San Marcos, Texas, October 10, 2015

Annual Meeting Attendee, Nashville, Tennessee, April 15-18, 2015

Annual Meeting Attendee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 18-22, 2012

Annual Meeting Attendee, Pensacola, Florida, April 6-9, 2011

Annual Meeting Attendee, Louisville, Kentucky, April 9-12, 2008

2008 Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member, September 6, 2006-April 13, 2008

Annual Meeting Attendee, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 11-15, 2007

NCPH Education & Professional Practice Coordinating Committee, Member, April 2005- April 13, 2008

Annual Meeting Attendee, Kansas City, Missouri, 2005

Annual Meeting Attendee, Victoria, British Columbia (with ASEH), 2004

Annual Meeting Attendee, Washington, D.C. (with OAH), 2002

Annual Meeting Attendee, Ottawa, Ontario, 2001

National Sporting Library, Middleburg, Virginia, Member, 2000 – present

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., Member, 1988 - present

Conference Attendee, Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, October 27-30, 2010

Conference Attendee, Annual Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 22-25, 2008

“Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits” Workshop, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 23, 2008

Conference Attendee, Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, October, 2002

Preservation Texas, Austin, Texas, Member, 2006 - present

Assisted in the planning and local arrangements for the statewide meeting in Nacogdoches, Aug. 2018

REAL PLACES Conferences, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, Texas in 2019 and 2020

Sam Houston State University, External Grant Reviewer, December 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, Member, 2005 - present

Southern Garden History Society, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Member 2015 - 2018

Awarded conference registration and travel stipend from SGHS to attend annual meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, May 25-29, 2017

Texas Oral History Association, Waco, Texas, Board Member & one term as President, July 2011 – August 2017; Member, 2006 - present

Organized the 2014 Annual Meeting in Nacogdoches and the 2017 Annual Meeting in Lubbock

Attended the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 annual meetings

Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas

“Agriculture in East Texas” presentation for Region 7 Texas History Workshop, October 2, 2012

Preliminary Paper Judge for Texas History Day, May 2013

Vernacular Architecture Forum, Annapolis, Maryland, Member, 2006 - present

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Advanced oral and written German (including successful completion of Princeton Exam)

Basic oral and written Spanish and Modern Greek

Intermediate written Latin and Ancient Greek

Basic written Dutch and French

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CURRENT PERSONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- A History of Stable Design, 1730-1980 (book project)
- Recreation in a French World War I German POW Camp (article)
- History of Nacogdoches 300 Years (contribution to joint book project)
- BJH Collection History and Potential Research Analysis (article)
- 3 book reviews

FUTURE PERSONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- A biography of Frost Thorne in context of fiscal strategies of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century Americans in deep East Texas (article or book)
- Gardening in Cemeteries (article)
- Professionalization of Horse Sports in USA (book)
- The Dipping Vat – An architectural expression of agricultural policies (article)
- WoW Cemetery Markers – a history and guide (book)
- The Horse in East Texas 1600-2000 (book &/or exhibit)
- Three Centuries of Agriculture in East Texas (book)
- Freedmen's Bureau – Burials and Cemeteries (article)
- History of The Lumber Industry in East Texas & West Louisiana (book: way, way down the road)
- Land Swapping in Deep East Texas 1821-1846
- American Horse and Mule Supply for the Boer War (article to book)
- Battle of the Ravines, 7/11/1862 (article)
- Lost Cemeteries of East Texas (project)
- Imported grave markers in East Texas (article)
- Row crops, cash crops and livestock in 18th and 19th century East Texas (article to book) & second project, 20th century
- History of the Central Coal and Coke Company and industrial development in East Texas (book)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST