

## FACULTY VITA

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**Professor of History**  
**Tarleton State University**

### EDUCATION

Texas Christian University 1975-1978 Ph.D.  
University of Edinburgh Scotland 1976 (Summer graduate study)  
Texas Christian University 1973-1975 M.A.  
Texas Christian University 1969-1973 B.A.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

Schmelzer, et al. Texas USA . (Fourth grade Texas history textbook) Parsippany, NJ: Silver  
Burdett and Ginn, 1996.  
Guthrie, Cruz, Koestler, Schmelzer, World History: A Collection of Primary and Secondary  
Sources. Acton: Tapestry Press, 2000.  
Schmelzer, Where the West Begins: Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Northridge: Windsor  
Publications, 1985.

#### Chapters in Books

"Thomas M. Campbell: Reform Governor of the People." The Human Tradition  
In Texas. Edited by Frank de la Teja and Ty Cashion. Scholarly Resources, 2001.  
"Determining the Extent of Power: Farmer's Loan and Trust Company and the Texas Railroad  
Commission." Law and the Western United States. Edited by Gordon Bakken. Garland  
Publishing, 2000.  
"Tom Connally." Profiles in Power: Twentieth-Century Texans in Washington. Edited by  
Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr., and Michael L. Collins. Arlington Heights, IL:  
Harlan Davidson, Inc., 1993.  
"The First Years of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation." At Home on the Range: Essays on  
the History of Western Social and Domestic Life. Edited by John Wunder. Westport,  
CT: Greenwood Press, 1985.

## **Journal Articles**

"The Wealth of Empire: England and the American Colonies," Texas History and Genealogy

(Summer 2003)

"Wright Patman and the Impeachment of Andrew Mellon," East Texas Historical Journal,

XXIII, No. 1 (1985), 33-46.

"Thomas M. Campbell: Progressive Governor of Texas." Red River Valley Historical Review,

III, No. 4(Fall, 1978), 52-63.

"Thomas M. Campbell." North Texas Historian (November, 1977), pp. 11-18.

"The Battle Cry of Thomas M. Campbell: Prison Reform." West Texas Historian, (May, 1974),

pp. 11-18.

## **Encyclopedia/Biographical/Dictionary Articles**

"Fort Worth, Texas." Dictionary of American History.

"John William Woods." American Legislative Leaders in the South, 1911-1994. Edited by James

Sharp and Nancy Sharp. Greenwood Press, 1999.

"Fort Worth, Texas," in The New Handbook of Texas. Austin: The Texas State Historical

Association, 1996.

"Thomas Mitchell Campbell," in The New Handbook of Texas. Austin: The Texas State

Historical Association, 1996.

"John William Woods," in The New Handbook of Texas. Austin: The Texas State Historical

Association, 1996.

"Texas Farm Bureau" in The New Handbook of Texas. Austin: The Texas State Historical

Association, 1996.

"Elizabeth Hurdon," European Immigrant Women in the United States: A Biographical

Dictionary. Edited by Judy Barrett Litoff and Judith McDonnell. New York: Garland Press, 1994.

"Wilhemina Paton," European Immigrant Women in the United States: A Biographical

Dictionary. Edited by Judy Barrett Litoff and Judith McDonnell. New York: Garland Press, 1994.

## **Book Reviews**

The Thief at the End of the World for the Historian, 2009

Giant Under the Hill for the Western Historical Quarterly, 2004

Nameless Towns and The Texas Red River Country for the Western Historical Quarterly, 2000.

Women, Culture, and Community: Religion and Reform in Galveston, for the Southwestern

Historical Quarterly, 1999.

Texas Her Texas for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 1999.

Women in the Texas Populist Movement for the West Texas Historical Association Yearbook,

1998.

Miriam: The Southern Belle Who Became the First Woman Governor of Texas for the West

Texas Historical Association Yearbook, 1997.

Surviving on the Texas Frontier for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1997.

Black Texas Women for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 1996.

Fort Worth's Legendary Landmarks for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1996.

The Rise and Decline of the Ruhela Chieftaincies in 18th century India for The Historian, 1995.

Parson Henry Renfro: Free Thinking on the Texas Frontier for the Western Historical

Quarterly, 1995.

Leaving England: Essays on British Emigration in the Nineteenth Century for the Register of

the Kentucky Historical Society, 1995.

North of the River: A Brief History of North Fort Worth for the Western Historical Quarterly,

1995.

Katy's Baby for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1993.

Forward to the Past for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 1993.

Texas: A Modern History for the Great Plains Quarterly, 1992.

Coming to Terms: The German Hill Country of Texas for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1992.

Religion and Society in a Coswold Vale for the Southwestern Social Science Quarterly, 1991.

Gerald K. Smith: Minister of Hate for the Southwestern Social Science Quarterly, 1990.

Touring the Old West for the West Texas Historical Association Yearbook, 1988.

Cavalry Wife and Brush Country Woman for Texas Books in Review, 1988.

Thistle Hill for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1988.

How Fort Worth Became the Texasmost City for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1987.

Thurber, Texas and Land, Oil, and Education for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1987.

Walter Prescott Webb in Stephens County for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1987.

Hood, Bonnet, and Little Brown Jug for the Texas Books in Review, 1984.

From Token to Triumph for the Western Historical Quarterly, 1983.  
Ten More Texans in Gray for the East Texas Historical Journal, 1982.

### **Other publication activities**

Women's History Reading Text reviewer for McGraw-Hill  
Texas History Reading Text reviewer for McGraw-Hill  
Article referee for the Social Science Quarterly  
MSS Reviewer for Texas A&M University Press  
Article referee for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly  
Article referee for the Western Historical Quarterly  
College text reviewer for West Educational Publishing Company  
U. S. History College text reviewer for McGraw-Hill  
Contributor to First Hand America  
College text reviewer for Harcourt Brace  
College text reviewer for St. Martin's Press

### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

"What to do when the Legislature Turns Blue: Progressive Politics in Texas," Texas State Historical Association, Spring 2007  
"The Origins of Nursing Education in Texas," East Texas Historical Association, Fall, 2004  
"The Wealth of Empire: England and the American Colonies" Burrell Lecture Series, Howard Payne University Fall, 2002  
"Where Has the Radical Woman in Higher Education Gone?" All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education, April 2000  
"Sexual Harassment in the Historical Profession," Southern Historical Association, November, 1999.  
"Texas Women in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II," Rosenberg Library Lecture Series, Texas A&M University at Galveston, March, 1997.  
"Collin County Women in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II," Collin County Historical Society, December, 1996.  
"Working on the Railroad: Training Ground for a Texas Progressive on the Political Track," Phi Alpha Theta Luncheon, Western Historical Association, October, 1996.  
"Another Battle to Fight: The Post-Office Politics of a Progressive Texas Governor," Mid-America Conference, September, 1995  
"It is my Duty: Texas Women in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II," Women's History Luncheon, Texas State Historical Association, March, 1995  
"Running for Governor in East Texas: The Election of Tom Campbell in 1906 and 1908," East Texas Historical Association, February, 1995  
"Texas Women in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II: The Early Years," Texas State Historical Association, 1993  
"Tom Connally and the Election of 1928," East Texas Historical Association, 1992  
"Wright Patman and Herbert Hoover: A Conflict in Philosophy and Ideas, 1929-1933," Mid-America Conference, 1991  
"Cleaning Up Texarkana: Wright Patman and the Enforcement of Prohibition, 1924-1928,"

Texas State Historical Association, 1987  
"The Making of a Texas Populist Congressman: Wright Patman as State Legislator, District Attorney, and Congressional Candidate," Mid-America Conference, 1985  
"Wright Patman and the Bonus Fight of 1932," Texas State Historical Association, 1984  
"The Texas Farm Bureau: The Early Years," West Texas Historical Association, 1982  
"Wright Patman: The Making of a Southwestern Populist," Western Historical Association, 1978  
"Wright Patman: Democratic Congressman from Texas," Southwestern Social Science Association, 1978  
"Wright Patman and the Impeachment of Andrew Mellon," Phi Alpha Theta, 1977  
"Texas and Mexico: Economic and Political Troubles," Southwestern Social Science Association, 1977  
"Thomas M. Campbell and Prison Reform," Texas State Historical Association, 1976  
"Thomas M. Campbell: Progressive Governor of Texas," Southwestern Social Science Association, 1975

### **Other Program Participation**

Commentator for sessions with the following associations:

Southwestern Social Science Association, 1981-1990, 1994  
Western Social Science Association, 1985  
Western Historical Association, 1982

Chair for sessions with the following associations:

Texas State Historical Association, 1998, 1999, 2000 panel organizer, 2001 panel organizer, 2002 panel organizer, 2003 panel organizer and chair  
Southwestern Social Science Association, 1979-1980, 1986, 1994  
Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meetings, 1986, 1989-1994, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2007  
Western Conference in British Studies, 1985  
East Texas Historical Association, 1991, 1993  
Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Meetings, 1997, 1999

### **CURRENT RESEARCH**

Biography of Texas Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell (1856-1923). Campbell was a progressive. As a reform governor from 1907-1911, he fashioned a legislative record with anti-trust, welfare, railroad, prison, and conservation laws. I finished the manuscript in August 2008. I have four historians who have read the manuscript and made comments (none of which were major). I am making those editorial

changes and will be submitting the manuscript to Texas A&M University

Press Spring 2009.

A History of Texas Army Nurses in World War II. Like other soldiers, they were sent to battlefronts all over the world and were on the frontlines. This project has been funded in part by the Coral H. Tullis Award. My research includes oral histories with veterans, document research in several archives including the National Archives and the Center

for Military History in Washington DC and the Fort Sam Houston Archives in San

Antonio.

Love Letters of Governor Campbell to his wife Fannie. Editing for a monograph.

Diary of Col. William Bruner of the Civil War. Editing for a monograph.

## **TEACHING**

### Courses Taught

U.S. History To 1877 (sophomore level)

U.S. History After 1877 (sophomore level)

Texas History

World History Survey

Colonial and Early National America

British History

Graduate Courses:

State and Local History: Texas and Transportation

State and Local History: Texas and the Early Twentieth Century

State and Local History: Texas and Twentieth Century Political Figures

State and Local History: History of Texas Public Schools with online components

Directed Readings and Selected Topics: Washington and Presidential Power Online

Directed Readings and Selected Topics: The Modern British Monarchy

Directed Readings and Selected Topics: British Influence on the U.S. Constitution/Legal History

Directed Readings and Selected Topics: Exploration and Colonization Online

Directed Readings and Selected Topics: Creating a Nation Online

Directed Readings and Selected Topics: British History Through Film

Post World War II (graduate seminar)

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### Southwestern Social Science Association

President 2001-2002  
President-Elect, 2000-2001  
Vice President, 1999-2000  
Site Selection Director, 2002-2005  
General Program Chair, 1994-1999  
Executive Council, 1992-1993, 1994-2005  
Site Policy Committee, 1989-2005  
Constitution and By-laws Committee, 2000-2002, chair  
Committee on Budget and Financial Policy, 1986-1989  
Interdisciplinary and Thematic Committee, 2000-2001

### Southwestern Historical Association

President, 1992-1993  
First Vice President and General Program Chair, 1991-1992  
Second Vice President and History Section Program Chair, 1990-1991  
Resolutions Committee Chair, 1989-1991  
American Paper Prize Committee, 1985-1991, Chair, 1989-1991

### Texas Faculty Association

State President, 2004-2008  
Acting State Past President, 2002-2004  
State Secretary Treasurer, 1998-2002  
State Executive Committee, 1996-present  
State Grievance Representative  
State Membership Committee  
President, Tarleton Chapter, 1994-1998  
Representative Assembly, 2005, 2006, 2007

### Texas State Historical Association

Program Committee, 2008  
Distinguished Speakers Program, 2005  
Leadership in Education Committee, 2002-2003  
Liz Carpenter Award Committee, Chair, 1997-1999  
Organizer, Women's History Forum, 1994-present  
Women's History Luncheon Speaker, March 1995  
Program Committee Chair, 1995-1996  
Resolutions Committee, 1993-1994

Program Committee, 1992-1993  
H. Bailey Carroll Award Committee, 1990-1993  
Long Range Planning Committee, 1985

#### Organization of American Historians

Membership Co-Chair for Texas 2008-09

#### Phi Alpha Theta

Advisory Board, 1995-1999  
International Councillor, 1993-1995  
Faculty Advisor, 1985-the present

#### Texas State Teachers Association

Board of Directors, 2004-2008  
House of Delegates, 2005, 2006, 2007

#### Southern Historical Association

Membership Committee, 1992-1993, 1996-1997

#### East Texas Historical Association

Chamberlain Award Committee, 1988-1989, Chair, 1994-1995  
Membership Committee, 1995-1996

#### Western Historical Association

Luncheon Speaker, Phi Alpha Theta, October 1996

#### Other Professional Activities

Testimony before Texas Senate Finance Sub-Committee on Higher Education, 2005  
NEA Higher Education Conference, Welcoming Speaker, 2005  
One of 24 faculty invited to review and update the CLEP exam at Princeton, NJ, April 1999  
SATII Multiple choice question designer for ETS, 1999  
One of 35 faculty in the United States invited to attend the National Education Association

Critical Issues Seminar on Teaching, Research, and Technology in Washington, D. C.

1993

University Consultant, Faculty Consultant and Table Leader, Advanced Placement Readings,

Educational Testing Service, 1988-2006  
Member, H-Texas Editorial Board



## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Chair, COLFA Fort Worth Program Committee  
Faculty Development Committee, 2006-2008  
Calendar Committee, Chair, 2001-2004  
Passport Program Tutor, 2001  
Diversity Task Force, 1999 Academics Subcommittee  
Curriculum Committee, 2000-2002  
Invited to TAMU Academic Convocation for 125 years  
Faculty Advisory Committee  
    Vice Chair 1997-1998  
    Secretary 1996-1997  
University Faculty Women  
    President, 1990-1991  
Access and Equity Committee, 1994, 2000-2002  
Committee to Rewrite TSU Policy on Sexual Harassment, Chair 1993-1995  
Sub-Committee on Sexual Harassment, Gender Equity Task Force, 1992-1993  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Council for Women in Higher Education, Texas

    Faculty Association Representative, 1992-1993  
Graduate Council, 1987-1993  
Graduate History Advisor, 1987-1993  
Faculty Development Committee, 1992-1994  
Student Affairs Committee, 1993-1998  
Alpha Beta Chi Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta  
    Faculty Advisor, 1985-the present  
Delta Zeta Sorority, Xi Nu Chapter  
    Faculty Advisor, 1991-1999  
    College Chapter Director, 1991-1996  
Management Council of the Institute for Applied Research, 1991-1992  
Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure Committee, 1990-1993  
University Research Committee, Chair, 1990-1992  
Self Study Committee Graduate Program, 1988  
History Major Counselor, 1985-1987  
University Library Committee, 1983-1984, 1999-2001

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS**

Who's Who in America 2007  
Distinguished Speakers Program, Texas State Historical Association, 2005  
Tarleton Development Leave, 2004-2005  
Tarleton Faculty Achievement Grant, 1997-2000 (3-year award)  
Tarleton Faculty Development Grant, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2002  
Merit Plus Award, Spring 1999  
Coral H. Tullis Award 1993 from the Texas State Historical Association  
Tarleton State University Student Government Association Nominee for the Jack and Louise  
  
Arthur Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1992  
University Research Summer Grants from Tarleton State University, 1984, 1985, 1993, 1994  
American Association of University Women Stephenville Chapter Nominee for Woman of the

Year 1987

Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow 1980 from the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Franklin D. Roosevelt

Library

Moody Fellow 1979 from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Foundation

Institute of International Education Fellow 1976, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland

American Association of University Women Fellow Fort Worth Chapter 1976

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

Speaker, Texas State Historical Association and Fort Bend ISD History Workshop, 2005  
Carroll High School, Southlake, TX--Provides historical documents and materials to French

language courses, 2001-2002

Judge, North High Mount Elementary School History Fair, 1999

Speaker, Silver Taps Ceremony, October 1998

Speaker, Multi Cultural Services Diversity Awareness Series, October, 1998

Judge, Mineral Wells Elementary School, Second and Third Grade Science Fair, 1995

Member, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

Member, National Organization for Women, 1998-2000

Member, Women's Sports Foundation, 1994-1999

Member, National Association for Women in Education, 1994-1999

Speaker, Tarleton Area Educational Office Personnel, 1992

Speaker, Current Readers Club of Stephenville, 1992

Speaker, Lamplighter School of Dallas, 1989

Speaker, Spring Garden Elementary School Bedford, 1989

Speaker, Study Club of Stephenville, 1988

Erath County Women's Political Caucus, President, 1987-1988

Delta Zeta Sorority Alumnae

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