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Education:

- Ph.D., History, Oklahoma State University, expected 2020.
19th Century America, American Slave Culture, Public History
Dissertation: "Oklahoma's Civil War in Public Memory"
- M.A., History, Museum Studies, University of Central Oklahoma, May 2008.
Museum Studies, 19th Century American History
Thesis: "Combat, Supply, and the Influence of Logistics During the Civil War in the Indian Territory"
- B.A., History, Museum Studies, University of Central Oklahoma, August 2006.
American History, Museum Studies

Fields of Specialization:

Public History; 19th Century America; American Slave Culture

Professional Experience:

Executive Director:

January 2018 to Current: Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher, OK.

Manager of School and Family Programs:

January 2017 to September 2017: National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, OK.

K-12 Programs Manager:

April 2015 to December 2017: Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas.

Director of Education:

September 2009 to April 2015: Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, OK.

Curator of Education:

February 2007 to September 2009: Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Museum Curator:

August 2005 to February 2007: Laboratory of History Museum, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Publications and Documentaries:

- “Cow Town” documentary, Contributor, on OETA. Season 8, Episode 2, Aired January 10, 2019.
- How to Create a Historical Performance*, editor, National History Day, 2016.
- “*Historiography of Civil War Literature on the War in the Indian Territory*,” in *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Oklahoma Historical Society, Summer 2011
- “*Into the Heart of Rebellion: The Union Invasion of Indian Territory, 1863*”, in *The New Plains Review*, Editor Gladys Lewis, Edmond Oklahoma, April 2007.
- “*The Battle of the Coral Sea, May 7-8, 1942*,” in *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1941-1970*, Editor Chris Moose. Pasadena, California: Salem Press, December 2007.
- “*The Battle of the Philippine Sea, June 12-20, 1944*,” in *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1941-1970*, Editor Chris Moose. Pasadena, California: Salem Press, December 2007.
- “*Operation Dragoon, August 15, 1944*,” in *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1941-1970*, Editor Chris Moose. Pasadena, California: Salem Press, December 2007.
- “*The Road to Victory: The Siege of Fort Gibson*,” in the *Southwest Social Science Review*, Editor, Jeff Plaks. University of Central Oklahoma: Edmond, Oklahoma, 2005.

Teaching Experience:

- Principles of Museum Education, Undergraduate/Graduate course, University of Central Oklahoma.

Fellowships and Institutes:

- George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate and Garden, Project Based Learning instructor and facilitator, March 2016.
- George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens Life Guard Teacher Fellows Program, 2014
- Colonial Williamsburg Teachers Institute, 2012.
- George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens Teachers Institute, 2009.

Awards and Honors:

- Outstanding Outreach/Education Program, Oklahoma Museum Association, Taking History on the Road: Proactive Museum Education, 2009.
- Outstanding Outreach/Education Program, Oklahoma Museums Association, Call to Arms, 2008.
- UCO Presidential Partners John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Award, University of Central Oklahoma, 2007.
- Hauptman Fellows Award, Joe Jackson College of Graduate Studies,

University of Central Oklahoma, 2006-2007. Outstanding research, creative, and scholarly activities.
University of Central Oklahoma, Outstanding Graduate Award, Phi Alpha Theta, 2007-2008.
Mike Synar Award, University of Central Oklahoma Foundation, April 2007.
The Judith and Richard L. Greaves Award, University of Central Oklahoma, 2006.
Phi Alpha Theta Officer, President, University of Central Oklahoma, 2005-2006.
University of Central Oklahoma, Outstanding Undergraduate Award, Phi Alpha Theta, 2005-2006.

Presentations and Workshops:

“Alliance for Response Forum,” Oklahoma Museum Association, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, OK October 25, 2019.

“My Midlife Museum Crisis Discussion Panel” & “Directors Swap Meet,” Mountain Plains Museum Association, Albuquerque, NM, September 22-25, 2019.

“Rocking My Midlife Museum Crisis,” Oklahoma Museum Association, Durant, OK, September 18-20, 2019.

“Museum Hack: Now What?” and “Living History Swap Meet,” Mountain Plains Museum Association, Billings, MT, September 11-15, 2018.

“Teaching Oklahoma History through Images,” National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, September 28, 2017.

“Project Based Learning in the Classroom,” over 30 workshops for more than 450 teachers across Texas, Fall, 2016.

“NHD in MPMA,” Mountain Plains Museum Association, Oklahoma City, OK, October 23-27, 2016

“Georgia NHD Residential Institute,” Georgia National History Day, July, 2016.

“NHD Ask the Expert: Performances,” National History Day national webinar, January 12, 2015.

“Interactive History: Two Models for Historical Engagement,” Texas Council for the Social Studies, October 30 – November 1, 2015.

“Junior Historians: A Proven Extracurricular Model for Historical Engagement,” Texas Council for the Social Studies, October 30 – November 1, 2015.

“Building Museum Community,” Mountain Plains Museum Association, Wichita, Kansas, September 27 – October 1, 2015.

“Preparing your Delegation for the National History Day Contest,” National History Day Coordinators Meeting, College Park, Maryland, Session Presenter, October 2-5, 2014.

“Developing and Implanting a Master Education Plan,” Oklahoma Museum Association, Idabel, Oklahoma, Session Chair, scheduled September 24 – 26, 2014.

“New Coordinator Training,” National History Day webinar, presenter, scheduled September 24, 2014.

“National History Day: The Road to Nationals,” National History Day national webinar, primary presenter, May 8, 2014.

“Connecting With Teachers,” Oklahoma Museum Educators Annual Meeting, Oklahoma Museums Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 20, 2014.

“Come, See, Do: Creating a Participatory Program Plan,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Enid, Oklahoma, Session Chair, September 25-27, 2013.

“Creating the Participatory Museum,” Oklahoma Museum Educators Annual Meeting, Oklahoma Museums Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 27, 2013.

“The Dust Bowl,” Smithsonian National Youth Summit, Affiliate Partner, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, October 17, 2012.

“Why Not Volunteers? Developing Staff and Volunteer Partnerships,” Mountain Plains Museum Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, Session Chair, October 3-5, 2012.

“Building Family Audiences,” Mountain Plains Museum Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, Co-presenter, October 3-5, 2012.

“Developing Staff and Volunteer Relationships,” International Conference on Tribal Museums, Archives, and Libraries, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 5, 2012.

“Oklahoma Spring Social Studies Conference,” Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 31, 2012. Conference organizer and presenter “Incorporating Living History and Role-play into the Classroom.”

“Civil War Surgeons,” 2012. Tulsa Community College, Civil War Sesquicentennial Symposium, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 17, 2012.

“Washington and War,” 2012 Tulsa, Oklahoma, Teaching American History Workshop, January 2012.

“Managing Education Program Volunteers.” 2011 Oklahoma Museum Educators Annual Meeting, Oklahoma Museums Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 23, 2011.

“Oklahoma Through the Decades.” 2011 State Superintendent’s Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference, Moore, Oklahoma, Session Chair, January 8, 2011.

“Hands-on History in the Classroom.” 2011 State Superintendent’s Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference, Moore, Oklahoma, Session Chair, January 8, 2011.

“Why Not Volunteers? Developing Staff and Volunteer Partnerships.” American Association of State and Local History/Oklahoma Museums Association Annual Meeting, Session Co-Chair, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 23-25, 2010.

“Living History in the Classroom.” 2010 State Superintendent’s Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference, Moore, Oklahoma, Session Chair, February 6, 2010.

“A History of Rock and Roll in Oklahoma. 2010 State Superintendent’s Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference, Moore, Oklahoma, Session Chair, February 6, 2010.

“The Latino’s in Oklahoma.” 2010 State Superintendent’s Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference, Moore, Oklahoma, Session Chair, February 6, 2010.

“Teaching Oklahoma Geography and History Using Oral Histories, Living Histories, and Landscapes.” National Council for Geography Education, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 18-21, 2007.

“CVs, Resumes, and Portfolios: What you need to know.” Mountain Plains Museum Association Annual Conference, Taos, New Mexico, Session Chair, September 18-22, 2006.

“Researching the Past: Bringing History to Life for Today’s Student.” Oklahoma Museum Association, Oklahoma Museums Association Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 27-29, 2006.

“The Road to Removal: The Cherokee Story.” College of Liberal Arts and the Joe C. Jackson College of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Central Oklahoma, Student Symposium XVII, April 12, 2006.

“Tragedy at Schnee Eifel: The end of the 422nd and 423rd,” Undergraduate Paper, Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians/Phi Alpha Theta, Regional Conference, East Central University, March 3-4, 2006.

“From Theory to Conceptualization, The 11th Air Assault Division (TEST),” Undergraduate Paper, Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians/Phi Alpha Theta, Regional Conference, East Central University, March 3-4, 2006.

“Into the Heart of Rebellion: The Union Invasion of Indian Territory,” Undergraduate Paper, Phi Alpha Theta, National Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 3-6, 2006.

“University History,” Laboratory of History Museum Educational Program, University of Central Oklahoma, 2005-2006.

“Bridging the Gap; Connecting the Student with Meaningful Professional Development,” Undergraduate Paper, Mountain Plains Museum Association Annual Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, September 13-16, 2005.

“The Road to Victory: The Siege of Fort Gibson,” Undergraduate Paper, Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians/Phi Alpha Theta, Regional Conference, Oklahoma Baptist University, February 25-26, 2005.

“Mutual Benefit: The Advantages of a Close Student/Professional Relationship,” Oklahoma Museums Association Annual Conference, Edmond, Oklahoma, September 22-24, 2004.

Memberships and Organizations:

American Alliance of Museums, 2013-2016.

EdCom Special Issues Committee.

Institute for Learning Perspectives, Board President, 2018-2019.

National History Day Executive Council, 2013-2016.

Coordinators Conference leadership 2014, 2016.

Mountain Plains Museum Association, 2005-2009, 2012-2019.

Board Member, 2019

2016, 2017 Annual Conference Committee, 2018 Conference Co-Chair, 2019 Conference Committee.

Oklahoma Council for the Social Studies, 2011-2019.

Oklahoma Museums Association, member, 2004-2019.

Board Member, 2012-2015, 2017-current.

Oklahoma Museum Educators, member, 2004-2019.

2010-2015 OKME Chair.

Oklahoma Social Studies Review Committee, 2011, 2013.

Oklahoma Social Studies Supervisors Association, 2009-2019.
Spring Social Studies Conference, Organizer, 2010-2015.
Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association, 2015-2016.
Red Carpet Country Board of Directors, 2018-2019.
University of Central Oklahoma Museum Studies Advisory Board, 2009-2014.