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EDUCATION

Graduate:

Ph.D. History

University of Houston

Houston, Texas

Dissertation: Images of Arabs in the United States Popular Culture

MA History

University of Houston

Houston, Texas

Thesis: Lyndon B. Johnson's Middle East Policy

Undergraduate

BA History

University of Houston

Magna Cum Laude

CURRENT POSITION

2015-Present

Division Chair, History Department

Houston Community College

Houston, Texas

Responsibilities:

- **Recruit, appoint, provide professional development opportunities for faculty. supervise 32 fulltime and 70+ adjunct faculty and one staff person.**
- **Schedule and staff 900+ History classes.**
- **Schedule and staff Dual Credit classes**
- **Manage the department's budget**
- **Curriculum development**
- **Evaluate performance of faculty**

- Educational planning, including Dual Credit and Distance Education courses
- Offer classes at all HCC campuses
- Organize and promote guest speakers, workshops and Dual Credit symposia
- Develop and Maintain connections with publishers
- Continue to teach history courses.

1997-2015 **Chair of History Department**
Northwest College

1986-present **Professor of History**
Houston Community College

GRANTS

2004 **Accepted for a grant in conjunction with Prairie View A&M**
Teaching Central Asian and Middle East History in China

2003 **Instructional Computing Grant, Houston Community College**
System, to develop a WebCT course

1998 **Instructional Computing Grant, Houston Community System,**
to develop a CD-ROM, “History in Eight Acts”

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Distinguished Advisor Award for Phi Theta Kappa
- Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor Award
- Teaching Excellence Awards
- Distinguished Service Award
- Salzburg Fellow

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chair, SACS Educational Program Committee
- Chair, History Curriculum Committee
- Faculty Senate President – twice
- Chair, Bedichek Faculty Development Fund Grants and Awards
- Co-Chair, Compensation Committee, Houston Community College
- Co-Chair, Accreditation Committee, Houston Community College
- Grant Director, “United States History and Monuments”
- Chair, restructuring and Vision Committee, Houston Community College
- Curriculum Committee
- Committee member for Dual Credit Rigor Symposium

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, *American Perspectives*

“The Image of Wealth in the Middle East,” Community College Humanities Review, 2003

Co-Editor, “Special Covenant”, American Heritage Publication

Co-Editor, *What’s Past is Prologue*

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “We the People: Discussions on America’s Role in the World,” United Nations Foundation

“Water Wars,” Bergen County College, Paramus, NJ

“A Faculty Perspective on the Development of Multimedia Instructional Computing Material,” Technology in Education Conference and Exposition, San Jose, CA

“The Effects of PC Globe on the Exam Scores of Community College History Students,” International Conference on Technology and Education, Paris, France

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

I have served as Phi Theta Kappa advisor for 22 years

Our Chapter, Omega Sigma, receives recognition annually