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EDUCATION:

PhD 2001 Washington State University, Pullman, WA
Department of History
Major Field: Middle East
Minor Fields: U.S. and Women

MAIS 1997 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
Major Field: Middle East Studies

BA 1996 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Department of History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Houston Community College, *Professor of History and Humanities*, 2006-

- WHI Innovation Fellow, 2020-2021
- Program Coordinator, Associate in Arts, Multidisciplinary Studies, 2019-2021
- TCCTA campus representative, 2019-
- Z-Course instructor, 2016-
- E-Learning Instructor, 2006-
- Open Educational Resources editor and author, 2006-
- Adviser, History Club, 2006-
- Instruction and Curriculum design, development, and evaluation, 2008-
- Coordinator, Dual Credit Program, 2006-2010
- Discipline Chair, 2009-2012
- Co-Director, Mexican American/Latino Studies Program, 2011-2014
- OAH Committee of the Community Colleges member, 2009-2012
- Course developer and instructor, Center for Teaching and Learning, 2007-2010
- Veterans Voices, discussion leader, 2019

***Journal of International Women's Studies*, 2005-**

- Editorial Board member
- Film Review editor
- Fellowship Review Board member

University of Maryland University College, *Adjunct Professor*, 2003-2007; 2016-;
Course Chair, 2004-2007

- Chair, World and Western Civilizations book committee
- Historical Writing, Historical Research, World History survey, Western Civ survey, US history survey
- Advised and mentored active duty and retired military personnel

American Public University System, *Adjunct*, 2008-2010.

- Graduate courses in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the non-state soldier
- Advised and mentored active-duty military personnel

Montgomery College, *Assistant Professor*, 2002-2003; *Associate Professor* 2003-2006

- History Curriculum Development committee, 2002-2006
- OER author, 2002-2006
- Steering Committee Title VI grant proposal team, 2002-2005
- Learning Community instructor, 2002-2005
- Phi Theta Kappa advisor, 2003-2006
- Chair, Global Education Strategic Initiative, 2003-2006
- International Studies Program Coordinator, 2003-2006
- Online training and educational resources for K-12 teachers, 2003-2006
- Dual Credit Outreach Coordinator, 2003-2006
- Created Middle East history and culture learning resources and summer workshops, 2004-2006
- Honors College Professor, 2004-2006
- Student Government Association advisor, 2005-2006

Texas A&M, *Adjunct*, 2002-2005

- Upper division Middle East and Latin American history.

University of Houston, *Adjunct*, 2003-2005, 2011

- US History survey courses

St. Thomas, *AP History Instructor*, 2001-2002

- US History survey courses and World Civilizations to 1500
- Curriculum Development Chair
- P-16 Initiatives Chair
- Assistant Football coach

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, *Visiting Instructor*, 2000-2001

- US History survey classes

Washington State University, *Graduate Instructor*, 1998-2000

- Western Civilization to 1500
- Introduction to Middle East History
- Introduction to Islamic Civilization

US Army, 1983-1990

- Spanish linguist
- Counterinsurgency ops
- US adviser
- Training development

EDITOR EXPERIENCES:

Journal of International Women's Studies, Editorial Board member, 2005-

Journal of Intercultural Disciplines, Visiting Editor, 2016-2017

Fronteras Unidas, HCC, History Department, e-pub, 2014-2017

The Bunchgrass Historian, Washington State University, Visiting Editor, 1999-2000.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Learning Web <http://learning.hccs.edu/faculty/james.rossnazzal>
Blogger <http://drjrj.blogspot.com/>
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/DrRossNazzal>
LinkedIn www.linkedin.com/in/DrJRN

CLASSES TAUGHT:

History (undergraduate, lower division)

Classical and Christian Europe, 500 BCE-700CE

Introduction to Mexican American History

Introduction to Middle East History

Introduction to the Islamic Civilization

Mexican American History to 1877

Mexican American History since 1877

Texas History

US History to 1877

US History since 1877

Western Civilizations to 1500

Western Civilizations since 1500

World History to 1500

World History since 1500

History (undergraduate, upper division)

Historical Methods
Historical Writing
Latin American Culture and Society
Middle East Culture and Society
Modern Middle East

History (graduate)

Arab-Israeli Conflict
The Non-State Soldier

Humanities

Introduction to Humanities
Introduction to Mexican American Culture
Minority Experiences in the US
Comparative Minority Experiences in the US

TEACHING AND LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS

Classes Developed:

US History to 1877, Master course
US History since 1877, Master course
Introduction to E-Learning
Developing Student Assessment Strategies

Classes Taken:

Mapping Your Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives
Mapping Your Assessments and Activities
Z-Course Pedagogy
Adapting Teaching Strategies
Integrating Mobile Technology into the Classroom
Integrating an Educator's Philosophy of Education into the Curriculum
Developing Student Assessment Strategies
Teaching Early College and Dual Credit

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS:

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Texas Community College Teachers' Association
Southwest Council of Latin American Studies
East Texas Historical Association
National Coalition of History
Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence

Lone Star Veterans Association
Cold War Veterans Association
American Legion
Green Bay Packers, shareholder

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

American Perspectives: Readings in American History Vol. 1 & 2, 7th Ed., (McGraw-Hill Learning Solutions, 2017) Editorial member.

The Spirit of Magnolia Park: Ethnic Pride in a Mexican Community, 1909-2009
(Pearson, 2012)

A Pax Americana: The US Veto in the United Nations Security Council on the 'Question of Palestine' 1972-2007 (New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2008)

Open Educational Resources Ancillaries/Collections/Reference Guides:

Our Story: An Ancillary to US History (Pressbooks, 2019).

<https://ourstory.pressbooks.com/>

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About History But, Were Afraid to Ask: A Social History Reader from 1877-Present (Houston Community College, Canvas/Learning Web, 2018).

"Arise All Women Who Have Hearts" An Ethnic and Gender Studies Reader, Pre-Contact to 1877. (Houston Community College Canvas/Learning Web, 2017)

US History to 1877. (Rice University: Project Connexions/Open Stax, 2012).

The History Department Reader: 1877 to the Present (Houston Community College Learning Web, 2006)

The History Department Reader: Pre-Contact to 1877 (Houston Community College Learning Web, 2006)

Book Chapters:

"The Women of Palestine in American Women's Travel Writings," in *Crossing the Atlantic* (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2011).

Articles:

“The (Unverified) Life of Yasser Arafat,” University of Maryland University Center, *FYI Online*, January 2005 (http://www.umuc.edu/fyionline/january_05/fyionline3.html).

“Writing Their Own Way: American Women, Palestine’s Bedouins, and Issues of Safety in the Nineteenth Century,” *Al Raida* (Pioneer) The Quarterly Journal of the Institute of Women’s Studies in the Arab World, Volume XX, No. 101-102, Spring/Summer 2003 (February 2004).

“Second Wave American Feminism: Cora Agnes Benneson,” *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, August 2000; Reprinted in *Branching Out: The Journal of the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society*, Spring 2001.

“Judge William Inman of Colfax,” Part II *The Bunchgrass Historian*, 26, no. 1 (January) 2000.

“Judge William Inman of Colfax,” Part I, *The Bunchgrass Historian*, 25, no. 1 (April) 1999.

Essays:

“Where is the ‘Middle East’?” in *History in Dispute: The Middle East since 1945*. David Lesch, ed., Volume 14 (Columbia, SC: Manly, 2003/Farmington, MI: St. James Press, 2003).

“Israel’s Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence” in *History in Dispute: The Middle East since 1945*. David Lesch, ed., Volume 14 (Columbia, SC: Manly, 2003/Farmington, MI: St. James Press, 2003).

“The Intifada: Arafat and the Failed Policies of the PLO” in *History in Dispute: The Middle East since 1945*. David Lesch, ed., Volume 15 (Columbia, SC: Manly, 2003/Farmington, MI: St. James Press, 2003).

“The Gulf War: Oil, Trade, and the Sin of Independence” in *History in Dispute: The Middle East since 1945*. David Lesch, ed., Volume 15 (Columbia, SC: Manly, 2003/Farmington, MI: St. James Press, 2003).

“The Success of the Oslo Accords” in *History in Dispute: The Middle East since 1945*. David Lesch, ed., Volume 15 (Columbia, SC: Manly, 2003/Farmington, MI: St. James Press, 2003).

“Ethel Rosenberg,” in *Women and War*. Bernard Cook (ed.). (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Winnie Mandela,” in *Women and War*. Bernard Cook (ed.). (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Women and the Russian Revolution,” in *Women and War*. Bernard Cook (ed.). (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Women and the Arab-Israeli Wars,” in *Women and War*. Bernard Cook (ed.). (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Women of Iraq,” in *Women and War*. Bernard Cook (ed.). (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Women in Islamic Resistance Movements,” in *Women and War*. Bernard Cook (ed.). (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006).

“Marion Harland,” *The Latchkey*, November 2010.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Progressivism and Civil Rights Movements, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Environmentalism, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Labor Movement, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Populism, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Public Education Reform, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Socialism/Political Radicalism, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Temperance, in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

Women's Rights,” in *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements* (Facts on File, 2013)

“Fannie Farmer,” in *Encyclopedia of American Women* (Facts on File, 2011)

“Ida Harper,” in *Encyclopedia of American Women* (Facts on File, 2011)

“Married Woman Act of 1860,” in *Encyclopedia of American Women* (Facts on File, 2011).

“Women’s Business Ownership Act of 1988,” in *Encyclopedia of American Women* (Facts on File, 2011)

Book Reviews:

Itineraries in Conflict: Israelis, Palestinians, and the Political Lives of Tourism, by Rebecca Stein. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2008. Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change, 2010.

Support Any Friend, Kennedy’s Middle East and the Making of the U.S.-Israel Alliance, by Warren Bass. New York and Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 2003; H-Net Book Review, Published by H-Levant@h-net.msu.edu 20 Jan 2005.

The War for Palestine: Rewriting the History of 1948, by Eugene L. Rogan and Avi Shlaim, eds. New York and Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 2001; H-Net Book Review, Published by H-Levant@h-net.msu.edu, 2 Jan 2003.

Textbook Reviews:

African Americans in the United States. A Historical Reference Guide. Herbert Toler. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishing, February 2018.

A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 5th ed., Ian Bickerton, et al., New York: Prentice Hall, February 2009

America’s History: Volume One to 1877, 6th ed., James A. Henretta, et al., Boston: Bedford St. Martin’s Press; February 2008.

World Civilizations: The Global Experience, by Peter N. Stearns. New York: Longman, 2004. Reviewed for publisher in preparation for a fifth edition; October 2005.

Global Passages, Volume I, by Roger Schlesinger ed. (et al.) New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004. Reviewed for the publisher in preparation for a second edition, September 2004.

A History of World Societies, Volume 2, Sixth Edition, by McKay, Hill, Buckler, and Ebrey (eds.). New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2000l. Reviewed for the publisher in preparation for a seventh edition, September 2004.

Manuscript Reviews:

OER Starter Kit for Program Managers, “Ch. 16: Project Management.” By Stephanie Buck. Rebus, 2021.

Marking Open and Affordable Courses: Best Practices and Case Studies. Allen, Nicole (Lead author). Rebus, 2019.

Christopher Columbus and the Enterprise of the Indies by Geoffrey Symcox and Blair Sullivan; Bedford/St. Martin’s Press, November 2003.

Work in Progress:

The Last Crusade: US Intelligence Operations in Central America, 1979-1990.

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

“An OER Textbook: Design Thinking and ‘Pinata Innovation’” OpenEd21 Conference, October 22, 2021.

"Authoring and Remixing," OER Core Elements Academy, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, panel member, June 22, 2021

“Design Thinking and OER in the US Survey.” Open Texas 2021 Virtual Conference, University of Houston-Downtown, March 11th, 2021

“Writing Their Voices into History: Student/Faculty Cooperative Content in OER,” OEGlobal 2020 Virtual Conference, November 16-20, 2020.

“CoReq Engagement Through OER History Textbook Creation,” Annual Corequisite Virtual Conference, West Houston Institute, October 2nd, 2020.

“Writing Their Own Way: How Students Demonstrate Their Voices in the Historical Narrative in *A Road Less Traveled: An Ancillary to Our Story*.” Houston Community College Annual Faculty Conference, Houston, TX., March 7th, 2020.

“Our Story: Co-Authored an OER History Textbook with Undergraduates to Enhance Student Success and Retention.” 28th ICDE World Conference on Online Learning,” Dublin, Ireland. Nov. 7, 2019.

“Don’t ‘Set it and Forget it!’ A Baker’s Dozen of Proven Success Strategies for and Approved by Online Learners.” Corequisite Courses: A Journey to Success Conference, West Houston Institute, June 22nd, 2019.

“Beyond the Introduction: Strategies to Better Learn Who Your Students Are, How They Became Your Students and Their Success Tips for Next Semester’s Students.” Corequisite Courses: A Journey to Success Conference, West Houston Institute, June 22nd, 2019.

“It’s OK to Fail. Not Only Is Failure an Option, It’s an Expected Outcome. Do Not Panic.” Overcoming the Online Divide workshop, Organization of American Historians Committee on Community Colleges. April 5th, 2019.

“Our Story: Faculty-Student Collaboration on Creating OER History Sources.” National Association of Chicano/a Studies, NACS Tejas Foco conference. Feb. 14th, 2019.

“Personalized Learning Option: From the Classroom to the Neighborhood and Back Again,” Humanities and Philosophy Annual Conference, Houston, November 3, 2017.

“Rethinking the World Civilization Survey Class” American Historical Association Texas Conference, Houston Community College, September 25th, 2017

“White Flight and the Creation of a Mexican American Barrio in Houston,” East Texas Historical Association Fall Conference, Nacogdoches, TX, October 14, 2016.

“Using Local History to Increase Student Retention and Student Success in the US Survey Class,” National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates annual conference, New Orleans, Feb. 12th, 2016.

“Increasing Student Success and Retention through Local History,” Organization of American Historians, Community College Workshop, Milwaukee WI, April 20th, 2012.

“Magnolia Park, TX: An Archival History,” Southwest Conference of Latin American Studies, Miami FL, March 9th, 2012.

“Mexican American Self-Identity: Latino, Hispanic or Something Else?” National Association of Chicano Scholars, San Marcos Texas, March 2nd, 2012

“SACBE: Interdisciplinary Interconnectivity at Houston Community College: The HCC Oral History Archival Project,” HCC Faculty Conference, February 25th, 2012.

“Jim Crow Comes to Europe,” High School History Teachers Conference, Rice University, June 29th, 2011.

“The Reluctant Belligerent,” High School History Teachers Conference, Rice University, June 29th, 2011.

“From New Look to New Frontier: Foreign Policy during the Long 1950s,” High School History Teachers Conference, Rice University, June 29th, 2011.

“Women and War,” Houston Community College, Women and Gender Studies Conference, Eastside College, April 15th, 2011.

“Facebook as an Extension of the Classroom,” Houston Community College, Faculty Conference, February 26th, 2011.

“Open Educational Resources: Creating Virtual Readers” Houston Community College Faculty Conference, January 31st, 2009

“MySpace and Our Students: Another Way to Communicate,” Houston Community College Faculty Conference, January 31st, 2009

“Effective and Public Means to Communicate with Our Students,” Houston Community College System, Faculty Instructional Conference, August 18th, 2008.

“Early Alert: An Effective Way to Reach Your Students,” Houston Community College System, Faculty Instructional Conference, August 18th, 2008.

“Gender and the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” Women and Gender Studies Conference, Houston Community College, March 20th, 2007.

“Surging Against Plagiarism,” Houston Community College, Faculty Conference, February 17th, 2007.

“The Death Penalty, Terrorism, Abortion, the Klan – Introducing Sensitive, Hot-Button, or Potentially Loaded Topics,” Montgomery College, Conference Day, February 17th, 2005.

“Reinventing the Wheel: Creating Spaces for International Education and Community Outreach through Alternative Teaching Resources,” North Harris-Montgomery County College District Conference Day, Cy-Fair College, February 19th, 2004.

“American Women’s Orientalism in the Nineteenth Century,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference; Pullman, Washington; April 2000.

“Transient Neighbors: The Chinese of Eastern Washington, 1870-1900,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Spokane, Washington; April 1999.

PRESENTATIONS:

“Send more Chuck Berry!” Voyager, Carl Sagan and Johnny B. Goode -from the Birth to the Future of Rock and Roll.” Houston Community College, October 20th, 2021.

“Paul Hernandez, the Brown Berets, and the Black Citizens Task Force: Austin, 1983.” Hispanic Heritage Month, Houston Community College, October 1st, 2020.

“Economic History of Institutional Racism.” Online Learners, Houston Community College, July 21st, 2020.

“In the Shadow of George Floyd: A Discussion on White Privilege and Institutional Racism.” Online Learners, Houston Community College, June 10th, 2020.

“Medical Knowledge and Gender in Advertising: The Woman Problem, 1850s-1950s,” Women’s History Month, Houston Community College, Mar 10th and 11th, 2020.

“OEW2020: A Brief History of OER, Copyright Issues, and *A Road Less Traveled: An Ancillary to Our Story*, an OEW2020 Highlighted Publication.” Open Education Week 2020, Houston Community College. Mar 3rd, 2020.

“From ‘Can’t We All Get Along’ to ‘We Only Kill Black People’: An Overview of the Power of Camcorders, Police, and Race Relations, 1991-2017.” Black History Month, Houston Community College, Feb. 5th and 6th, 2020.

“Access and Equity Through the Use of OER and OER Pedagogy,” Houston Community College History Department Fall Workshop, Nov. 22, 2019.

“Being an Historian,” Career Day, McWhirter Elementary School. Webster, TX. Nov. 14, 2019.

“From Communists Insurgents to Legitimate Politicians in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala: FMLN, FSLN and the URGN, 1979-2019.” Hispanic Heritage Month, Houston Community College, Oct 2nd and 3rd, 2019.

“Do Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History? Emma Smith Devoe versus May Arkwright.” Women’s History Month, Houston Community College, March 26th and 27th, 2019.

“How I Met Terrance Patterson: A Ten-Year-Old Boy’s Experience on the Bussing Question, 1974” Black History Month, Houston Community College, February 28th, 2019.

“OER at HCC,” Adjunct Academy Workshop, Feb 22-23, 2019.

“Send more Chuck Berry!” Voyager, Carl Sagan and Johnny B. Goode -from the Birth to the Future of Rock and Roll.” Houston Community College, October 18th, 2018.

“Nate Boyer: The Man Behind that SOB Who Took A Knee.” Houston Community College, Juneteenth recognition. June 19th, 2018.

“Camtasia, Panzoid, Free Video Footage, Webestools and ffpt. Creating vivid video presentations with free effects and high production values.” History Department meeting, May 15th, 2018.

“A Return to Mercantilism? Why Free Market Conservatives Have Turned their Backs on Free Trade.” Houston Community College, The Last Lecture Series, May 1st and 2nd, 2018.

“Locked in the Closet: The Struggle for Leadership of the Suffrage Movement in Washington between Emma Smith DeVoe and May Arkwright Hutton.” Houston Community College, Women’s History Month, March 20th and 21st, 2018.

“Open Educational Resources for a History Classroom,” OER Week, Houston Community College, February 26th, 2018.

“Four on the Floor: The Beat of Pop Music from Chuck Berry to the Trammpps” Houston Community College, Black History Month, February 13 and 14th, 2018.

“I Know Black People: The Story Behind the Photograph of President Kennedy with King and other Civil Rights Leaders, August 28th, 1963.” Houston Community College, January 22nd and 23rd, 2018.

“A Veteran’s Account of Fighting Communist Insurgency in El Salvador, 1985-1990.” Veterans Day commemorations “Celebrating Veterans Success,” Houston Community College, November 9th, 2017.

“Mexican-American Rap from the South Park Mexican to Bo Bundy,” Hispanic Heritage Month, Houston Community College, September 28th, 2017

“The First 100 Days of the Post 9/11 Presidents,” Houston Community College, Last Lecture Series, May 4th, 2017.

“The Hallmark Effect on Mothers’ Day, 1914-2014,” Houston Community College, History Club, April 25th, 2017.

“Traveling with the Ladies: Travelogues and American Society in the Victorian Era,” Women’s History Month, Houston Community College, March 9th, 2017.

“How I Met Terrance Patterson: A Ten-Year-Old Boy’s Experience in the Bussing Question, 1974” Black History Month, Houston Community College, February 9th, 2017.

“Five Characteristics of Success from the Classroom to the Boardroom,” Houston Community College, Welcome Back, January 17th, 2017.

“Immigrant Communities’ Fourth of July Celebrations, 1820-1920.” Houston Community College, Online presentation, June 30th, 2016.

“The Americanization of Foreign Celebrations,” Cinco de Mayo celebration, Houston Community College, May 5th, 2016.

“Writing Their Own Way: Women Enter the National Debates on the Changing Roles of Politics, Religion, and Culture in American Society in the 19th Century Through Travelogues,” San Jacinto College, Women’s History Month, March 5th, 2016.

“The Pecan-Sheller’s Strike in San Antonio, 1938: An Intersection of Gender, Economics, and Politics,” Houston Community College, Women’s History Month, March 9th, 2016.

“Busing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1975,” Houston Community College, Black History Month, February 24th, 2016.

“Jim Crow Comes to Europe, 1918-1925,” Houston Community College, Black History Month, February 23rd, 2016.

“Christianity, African Slaves, and the Second Great Awakening,” San Jacinto College, Black History Month, February 20th, 2016.

“Hip Hop Culture in Houston, 1975-Present” Houston Community College, History Club, Black History Month, February 10th, 2016.

“African Americans and the Civil Rights Movement in Houston, 1954-1974,” San Jacinto College, January 27th, 2016.

“Christmas for African Slaves in Texas, 1836-1865,” Houston Community College, History Club, December 5th, 2015.

“African Slaves and Thanksgiving” Houston Community College, History Club, November 21st, 2015.

“Turf Wars: Mexican American and African American Civil Rights movements in Texas, 1945-1975” Houston Community College Hispanic Heritage Month, October 17th, 2015

“From Scott Joplin to Jay Z: African Americans and American Pop Music,” Black History Month, Houston Community College, February 18th, 2015.

“Women and Religion in the Middle East, the US, and Germany,” Women’s History Month, Houston Community College, March 5th, 2015.

“The Americanization of the Battle of Puebla and Mexican Culture,” Cinco de Mayo celebration, Houston Community College, May 1st 2014.

“Black Women Rock! African American Women and Hip Hop,” The Other 11 Months Lecture Series, Houston Community College, March 22nd, 2014.

“From Scott Joplin to Jay Z: African Americans and American Pop Music,” The Other 11 Months Lecture Series, Houston Community College, October 5th, 2013.

“Mexican Americans and American Pop Music from the Jazz Age to Hip Hop,” Hispanic Heritage Month, Houston Community College, September 26th, 2013.

“Have it Your Way: The Burger King Effect on Culture and the Other,” Cinco de Mayo celebration, Houston Community College, May 2nd, 2013.

“Historically Speaking with Dr. Ross-Nazzal: An HCC Blog,” Houston Community College, October 10th, 2012.

“Mexican American Pop Culture: Assimilation since the Jazz Age,” Hispanic Heritage Houston Community College, September 26th, 2012.

“African Americans and the Good War,” Houston Community College, Black History Month, February 21st, 2012.

“African Americans and the Great War,” Houston Community College History Club, February 7th, 2012.

“A Brief History of Magnolia Park,” Houston Community College History Club, January 24th, 2012.

“History of the USS Arizona,” Pearl Harbor Day, Houston Community College, December 7th, 2011.

“Gender Roles in Mesoamerican Societies,” Houston Community College, History Club, Native American History Month, November 22nd, 2011.

“Traveling with The Ladies: Gender, Travel, and Nationalism in American Women’s Travel Accounts on Palestine in the Nineteenth Century,” Houston Community College, History Club, October 19th, 2011.

“From Pre-Rock to Post-Modern: Mexican American Pop Culture,” Hispanic Heritage Month, Houston Community College, October 13th, 2011.

“The Magnolia Park Project: An Example of Diversity and Inclusiveness in the Classroom,” HCC Southeast Convocation, September 16th, 2011.

“Charles Young and the Buffalo Soldiers, 1865-1907,” Juneteenth Celebration, Houston Community College, June 15th, 2011.

“Jim Crow Comes to Europe: African Americans and the Great War,” Houston Community College, Black History Month, February 23rd, 2011.

“A Date Which Will Live in Infamy, Remembering Pearl Harbor,” Pearl Harbor Day, History Club, Houston Community College Fraga campus, December 6th, 2010.

"Romans as Myth Makers," Houston Community College, History Club, November 6th, 2010.

“How to Study for a History Midterm Exam,” History Club, Dual Credit students, Fraga campus, Sep 27th-28th, 2010.

“Time Management,” History Club, Dual Credit students, Fraga campus, Sep 7th-8th, 2010.

“How to Write for History Classes,” History Club, Dual Credit students, Fraga campus, Sep 1st and 2nd, 2010.

“How to Take Notes from Lectures,” History Club, Dual Credit students, Fraga campus, Aug 30th-31st, 2010.

“How to Read a College History Textbook,” History Club, Dual Credit students, Fraga campus, Aug 30th-31st, 2010.

“Making the World Safe for Jim Crow: The American Expeditionary Force and the American Chaste System in France, 1917-1920,” Black History Month Presentation, Houston Community College, Fraga Campus, February 26th, 2010.

“Remembering Pearl Harbor Over Time”, Pearl Harbor Day, sponsored by the College Veterans Association, Houston Community College, December 8th, 2009.

“The Emancipation Proclamation as a Foreign Policy Statement,” Southeast College Juneteenth Celebration, Houston Community College, June 19th, 2009.

“Easter in 1865: Effects of the Lincoln Assassination on a Religious Holiday,” Houston Community College, Houston Community College, April 8th, 2009.

“Iraq Without Saddam: Year Five,” Houston Community College, History Club, December 4th, 2008.

“History of World Fairs and Expositions,” Houston Community College, History Club, July 15th, 2008.

“The Emancipation Proclamation as a Foreign Policy Statement,” Houston Community College Juneteenth Celebration, June 19th, 2008.

“Tactical Infrastructure: The Wall and Environmental Justice,” Houston Community College Earth Day celebration, April 22nd, 2008

“Year Five in Review: The US in Iraq,” Houston Community College, History Club, April 12th, 2008.

“Houston History and Culture,” Panel Presentation for German Exchange Students, Houston Community College, March 19th, 2008.

“Making the World Safe for Jim Crow: The American Expeditionary Force and the American Chaste System in France, 1917-1920,” Black History Month Presentation, Houston Community College, February 28th, 2008.

“Why We Fight, Why We Remember,” Houston Community College, Southeast campus Veterans’ Association, December 8th, 2007.

“Iraq Without Saddam: Year Four,” Houston Community College, History Club, December 4th, 2007.

“History Forum: Historical Answers to Students’ Questions,” Houston Community College, History Club, November 7th, 2007

“A History of ‘Illegal Immigration,’ 1776-2006” Houston Community College, Hispanic Heritage Month, October 3rd, 2007.

“Wars in Iraq and the Environment, 1991-2007,” Houston Community College Earth Day Workshop, April 19th, 2007.

“Year Four Review: The US in Iraq,” Houston Community College, History Club. April 10th, 2007.

“Iraq Without Saddam: Year Three,” Houston Community College, History Club, December 5th 2006.

“Year Three Review: The US Occupation of Iraq,” History Club, April 13th, 2006.

“Iraq Without Saddam: Year Two,” Montgomery College, The Middle East Center, December 8th 2005.

“The New Iraqi Constitution: Winners, Losers, and the Baath Party,” International Education Week, Montgomery College, November 17th, 2005.

“*The Kite Runner* – A Panel Presentation,” International Education Week, Montgomery College, November 15th, 2005.

“Year Two Review: The US Occupation of Iraq,” Middle East Center, Montgomery College, April 14th, 2005.

“International Education in Houston: Our Consulates,” Montgomery College, International Education Awareness Day, April 6th, 2005.

“Iraq Without Saddam: Year One,” Montgomery College, The Middle East Center, December 8th 2004.

“A Bastion of Islamic Radicalism or Western Liberalism? Higher Education in the Post 9/11 Middle East,” Tomball College, November 16th, 2004.

“Year One Review: The US Occupation of Iraq,” Lyceum, Montgomery College, April, 15th, 2004.

“US-Iraqi Relations, An Examination of U.S. Involvement in Iraq,” Academy for Life Long Learning, Montgomery College, March 4th, 11th, 18, 25th, 2004.

“Writing Their Own Way: American Women’s Travel Writings on Palestine in the Nineteenth Century,” Communications Across the Curriculum, Montgomery College, January 21, 2004.

“The Middle East: 1973,” 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District, Montgomery College, 3 December 2003.

“The Arab-Israeli Conflict: An Overview,” Race and Ethnicity workshop, Montgomery College, December 2, 2003.

“U.S. Foreign Policy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1948-2003,” Academy for Life Long Learning, Montgomery College, 7, 14, 21 November 2003.

“How to Select a Publisher: The Separation among History, Politics, Gender Studies, Religion, Geography, and Literature,” Communication Across the Curriculum, Montgomery College, October 1, 2003

“War Drums: An Open Forum on the Second Gulf War,” Montgomery College, April 2, 2003.

“U.S. Foreign Policy and Iraq: 1968 to 2003,” Lyceum, Montgomery College, March 5, 2003.

“Teaching of Religion in U.S. Classrooms,” North Carolina Council for the Social Studies; Greensboro, North Carolina; February 2001.

“Israeli and Palestinian Human Rights since Oslo,” Human Rights Topics, Amnesty International Club; Durham, North Carolina; December 2000.

“I’ve Heard that Song Before: Middle East Human Rights Records and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1948-Present,” Human Rights Symposium, Washington State University; Pullman, Washington; December 1997.

ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Houston Community College (2006-Present)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2020-)
History Discipline Committee (2006-)
Adviser, Eastside History Club (2007-)
District Curriculum Team (2015-)
Z-Course Committee (2016-)
Adjunct Quality Committee (2016-)
Multidisciplinary Studies Program Coordinator (2019-2021)
Veterans Voices Discussion Leader (2019)
Editor, *Fronteras Unidas* (2015-2017)
P16 Initiatives Coordination, (2008-2011)
Open Educational Resources Committee member (2009-2012)
Adviser, Veterans Club (2009-2012)
Dual Credit Coordinator (2006-2012)
P16 Initiatives Coordinator (2006-2012)
Co-Director, Mexican American/Latino Studies Program (2011-2014)
Hispanic Heritage Month Committee (2011-2013)
Comprehensive Student Success Program, committee member (2011)
Curriculum Specialist, Quality Assurance (2010)
History Discipline Chair (2009-2012)
Houston Pathways Initiative Vertical Team (2009-2011)
SACS curriculum assessment team, Southeast College (2007-2008)
Certificate in Teaching and Learning Effectiveness Product Development Team,
(2007-2010)
Teaching and Learning Effectiveness Steering Committee, (2007-2008)
Faculty Senate representative (2006)
Women’s Resource Center mentor (2006)

Lone Star Community College District (2002-2006)

History Discipline Committee (2002-2006)
Advisor, Student Government Association (2005)
Curriculum Committee (2005)
Montgomery College Faculty Senate Standing Sub-Committee (2005)
Montgomery College Distance Learning Committee (2005)

Chair, Student Activities Committee, Montgomery College (2004-2005)
Co-Chair, Global Education Strategic Initiative Committee, District (2004-2006)
Phi Theta Kappa, Faculty Advisor, Montgomery College (2004-2006)
Mentor for Developmental Students, Montgomery College (2004-2006)
NHMCCD Conference Day Presenter (2004-2006)
NHMCCD Honor Code Committee (2004-2005)
Faculty Community Volunteer Committee, Montgomery College (2003-2006)
Mentor Committee, Montgomery College (2003-2004)
Communication Across the Curriculum, Montgomery College (2003-2006)
International Students Advisory Board, Montgomery College (2003-2006)
President's Strategic Planning Committee, Montgomery College (2003)
Registration Committee, Montgomery College (2003)
Honors History Faculty, Montgomery College (2002-2006)
History Club, Co-Faculty Sponsor, Montgomery College (2002-2005)
Honors Society, Montgomery College (2002-2005)
Student Activity Committee, Montgomery College (2002-2005)

Other

OAH Committee on Community Colleges (2009-2012)
Chair, World Civilizations Textbook Committee, UMUC (2005-2006)
Chair, US History Curriculum Committee, St. Thomas (2002)
Phi Alpha Theta Program Committee, Washington State University (1997-2000)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cub Scouts (2019-)
McWhirter Elementary School PTA (2018-)
Clear Lake Green Space Committee (2011-)
American Legion (2010-)
Clear Lake City Civic League (2003-)
Patriot Guard Riders (2010-2012)
American Legion Riders (2010-2012)
NASA Lions Club, Charter Member (2007-2010)
Trustee, Clear Lake City Community Association (2006-2008)
"Kids' Camp" History Coordination/Instruction (2004-2005)
Academy for Lifelong Learning, Instructor, Montgomery College (2003-2005)
Dual Credit Coordination/Outreach, History, Montgomery College (2003-2006)
K-12 Summer Workshop Coordination, Montgomery College (2003-2005)

GRANTS

- 2014 Houston Community College Tech Fellowship
- 2012 Houston Community College “Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Integrating mobile technology into the classroom.”
- 2011 Houston Community College iPad Fellowship
- 2004 North Harris Montgomery Community College District Grant
-Middle East history conference
- 2003 North Harris Montgomery Community College District Grant
-Established the Middle East Center

AWARDS/HONORS

Houston Community College

- West Houston Innovation Fellow (2020-2021)
- Instructional Service Outstanding Faculty Award (2017)
- Magnolia Park Oral History Project Award (2013)
- Innovation and Student-Centered Assessment Award (2013)
- Student Organization of the Year -History Club (2012)
- NEH Landmark Summer Scholar (2010)
- Webb-Smith Award (2009)
- Student Organization of the Year -History Club (2009)
- Student Organization Adviser of the Year -History Club (2009)
- Faculty Teaching Excellence Award nominee (2008, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018)

Lone Star College

- Faculty Excellence Writing Award (2003)
- Honors Faculty (2002-2005)
- Best Vegetarian Chili, Annual Chili Cook Off (2002)