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Education

- 1987: Ph.D., Rice University, Houston, TX (thesis director, Ira D. Gruber)
1982: B.A., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (university high honors)

Positions Held

- 2005- : Professor, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
2000-2005: Associate Professor, Texas Christian University
1997-2000: Assistant Professor, Texas Christian University
1994-1997: Associate Professor, Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, GA
1989-1994: Assistant Professor, Toccoa Falls College
1987-1989: Instructor (unranked faculty), Bartlesville Wesleyan College, Bartlesville, OK
1985-1987: Research Assistant, Jefferson Davis Papers, Rice University, Houston, TX
1984-1987: Adjunct Instructor, Houston Community College, Houston, TX

Publications

Books

Manifest Destinies: Westward Expansion and the Civil War. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.

The Chickamauga Campaign, (edited) Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2010.

The Shiloh Campaign. (edited) Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2009.

Sherman. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

Gale Library of Daily Life: American Civil War, 2 vols. (edited) Detroit: Gale Cengage Learning, 2008.

Grant's Lieutenants: From Chattanooga to Appomattox. (edited) Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2008.

Decision in the Heartland: The Civil War in the West. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2008

Shiloh: A Battlefield Guide. (with Mark Grimsley) Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2006.

Nothing but Victory: The Army of the Tennessee, 1861-1865. New York: Knopf, 2005. (Main selection of the History Book Club)

The Atlas of the Civil War. (with Kenneth Winkle) New York: Oxford University Press, 2004. Winner of the Distinguished Book Award of the Society for Military History, 2006.

Beneath a Northern Sky: A Short History of the Gettysburg Campaign, Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 2003.

The Loyal, True, and Brave: America's Civil War Soldiers. (edited) Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 2002.

A Scythe of Fire: A Civil War Story of the Eight Georgia Infantry Regiment. (with Warren Wilkinson) New York: Harper Collins, 2002.

While God is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2001.

Grant's Lieutenants: From Cairo to Vicksburg (edited) Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2001.

The Human Tradition in the Civil War and Reconstruction. (edited) Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 2000.

Cultures in Conflict: The American Civil War. (edited) Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2000

Civil War Generals in Defeat. (edited) Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1999 (selection of the History Book Club).

Chickamauga: A Battlefield Guide. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1999 (selection of the History Book Club).

No Band of Brothers: Problems of the Rebel High Command. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1999.

This Grand Spectacle: The Battle of Chattanooga. Abilene, TX: McWhiney Foundation Press, 1999.

Six Armies in Tennessee: The Chickamauga and Chattanooga Campaigns. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998.

The Musick of the Mocking Birds, The Roar of the Cannon: The Diary and Letters of William Winters, (edited) Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998.

The Art of Command in the Civil War. (edited) Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998.

The American Civil War: A Handbook of Literature and Research. (edited) Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1996.

A Deep Steady Thunder: The Battle of Chickamauga. Fort Worth, TX: Ryan Place Publishers, 1996.

Davis and Lee at War. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1995. (selection of the History Book Club)1995 Fletcher Pratt Award. Nominated for Pulitzer Prize.

Leadership and Command in the American Civil War. (edited) Campbell, CA: Savas Woodbury, 1995.

(with Gary W. Piggrem, Niles R. Holt, and William T. Walker) *GRE History Test Preparation*. Piscataway, NJ: Research and Education Association, 1992.

The Essentials of United States History, 1841-1877: Westward Expansion and the Civil War. Piscataway, NJ: Research and Education Association, 1990.

The Essentials of United States History, 1500-1789: From Colony to Republic. Piscataway, NJ: Research and Education Association, 1990.

(with Jerome McDuffie and Gary Piggrem) *The Advanced Placement Examination in United States History*. Piscataway, NJ: Research and Education Association, 1990.

Jefferson Davis and his Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1990. (main selection of the History Book Club); 1990 Fletcher Pratt Award

Chapters and Articles

“The March to the Sea,” *America’s Civil War/Civil War Times Illustrated* special edition, September 2004.

“Grant’s Scheming Subordinate: General John McClelland,” *MHQ* Autumn 2004.

“The Last Function of Government: Confederate Collapse and Negotiated Peace,” in Mark Grimsley and Brooks D. Simpson (eds.), *The Collapse of the Confederacy*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2001.

“The Scapegoat of Arkansas Post.” *MHQ*. Spring 2001.

“Davis, Bragg, and Confederate Command in the West,” in Gabor Boritt, ed., *Jefferson Davis’s His Generals*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

“Introduction,” for reprint edition of John Beatty, *The Citizen Soldier*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press (originally published, 1878), 1999.

“The Mexican War and Civil War,” in Robin Higham and Donald J. Mrozek, *Sources of U.S. Military History, Supplement IV*, 1999.

“Braxton Bragg,” in Charles F. Ritter and John Wakelyn, eds., *Leaders of the American Civil War* Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1999.

“Logan of the ‘Dirty-first’: John A. Logan and the Battle of Belmont.” *Civil War*. February 1999.

“Homespun Generals: Confederate Use of Non-Professional Generals,” *North & South*, 1998.

“Baptism of Fire: John B. Gordon and the Sixth Alabama at Seven Pines.” *Civil War*. June 1997.

“Dark Portents: Confederate Command at the Battle of Williamsburg,” in William J. Miller (ed.), *The Peninsula Campaign of 1862: Yorktown to the Seven Days*. Vol. 3. Campbell, CA: Savas Woodbury, 1997.

“Introduction,” for reprint edition of William E. Dodd, *Jefferson Davis*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press (originally published, 1907), 1997.

“Surveys and Textbooks,” in *The American Civil War: A Handbook of Literature and Research*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1996.

“Henry C. Sheldon,” in Michael Bauman and Martin Klauber (eds.), *Historians of the Christian Tradition: Their Methodology and Influence on Western Thought*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1995.

“Beauregard and Bermuda Hundred,” in *Leadership and Command in the American Civil War*. Campbell, CA: Savas Woodbury, 1995.

“Williamsburg.” *Civil War*. June 1995.

“Red River Blues.” *Civil War*. September 1995.

“On Smaller Fields.” *Confederate Veteran*. 1995.

“Vicksburg: Davis, Van Dorn, Pemberton—A Triangulation of Shortcomings.” *Civil War*. August 1994.

“Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee in the Seven Days,” in William J. Miller (ed.) *The Peninsula Campaign of 1862: Yorktown to the Seven Days*. Vol. 1. Campbell, CA: Savas Woodbury, 1994.

“To Capture Washington.” *America’s Civil War*. May 1993.

“‘The Indeterminate Quantities’: Jefferson Davis, Leonidas Polk, and the End of Kentucky Neutrality, September 1861,” *Civil War History* (December 1992), 38:289-97.

“Confederate Command Options, 1864” in *The Campaign for Atlanta*. Campbell, CA: Savas Woodbury, 1992.

“Formula for Disaster.” *Civil War*. January/February 1992.

“How to Lose a City.” *Civil War*. January/February 1991.

“‘Dismembering the Confederacy’: Jefferson Davis and the Trans-Mississippi West,” *Military History of the Southwest* (Spring 1990), 20:1-22.

Entries

8 entries in *Encyclopedia of American Military History*. New York: Facts on File, 2003.

6 entries in John W. Chambers, et al. (eds.), *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

28 entries in John A. Garraty (ed.), *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

5 entries in Richard N. Current (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of the Confederacy*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1993.

8 entries in *Worldbook Encyclopedia*. Chicago: Scott Fetzer, 1993.

1 entry in William C. Davis (ed.), *The Confederate General*. Harrisburg, PA: Cowles Magazines, 1991.

Reviews

More than 100 book reviews in [American Historical Review](#), [Journal of American History](#), [Journal of Southern History](#), [Civil War History](#), [Georgia Historical Quarterly](#), [Journal of East Tennessee History](#), [Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly](#), [Register of the Kentucky Historical Society](#), [Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter](#), [Alabama Historical Review](#), [Tennessee Historical Quarterly](#), [Military History of the West](#), [Journal of Military History](#), [North Carolina Historical Review](#), [Choice](#), [The Historian](#), [Virginia Magazine of History and Biography](#), [H-CivWar](#), [Blue & Gray](#), [Civil War](#), [Civil War Regiments](#), [Civil War Times Illustrated](#), [Newsletter of the Blue and Gray Education Society](#), [The Color Bearer](#), and [North & South](#).

Papers/Lectures Presented

3 scholarly papers presented at the Society for Military History Convention, 1 at the Southern Historical Association Convention, and 1 at the Melville/Whitman Conference (Siena College, Loudonville, New York).

Over 50 guest lectures at venues including the Smithsonian Institute, Johns Hopkins University, the U. S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Auburn University, Ashland University, Gettysburg College, Hill College, Southeast Louisiana University, Liberty University, Crimean-American College, and Civil War Round Tables in Atlanta, Austin, Chattanooga, Dallas, Decatur (Illinois), Fort Worth, Houston, Kansas City, Knoxville, Lexington, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Pensacola, and Waco, and symposia of the Blue & Gray Education Society and the Civil War Society.

Other Professional Activities

Chaired session of Virginia's Civil War conference, University of Richmond, February 2002

Chaired sessions of Southwest Social Sciences Association Convention, San Antonio, April 1999, and in Galveston, April 2000

Chaired session of the Citadel Conference on the South, Charleston, South Carolina, April 2000

Editor of Scholarly Resources' "American Crisis" Series of books on the Civil War era.

Co-editor (with Mark Grimsley and Brooks D. Simpson) of the University of Nebraska Press's Civil War battlefield guide series.

Member, editorial board, *North & South Magazine*.

Commented on session of Duquesne History Forum, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, October 1991.

Reviewed more than 30 book manuscripts for University of North Carolina Press, University Press of Kansas, University Press of Kentucky, Vanderbilt University Press, University of South Carolina Press, University of Iowa Press, University of Nebraska Press, St. Martin's Press, Scholarly Resources, University of North Texas Press, and Elliott & Clark Publishing.

Refereed several articles for *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, and *Journal of Military History*.

Awards and Grants

- 2006: Finalist for TCU Chancellor's Award for Research and Creative Activity
- 2003: Finalist for TCU Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Scholarship
- 2002: Grady McWhiney Award (given by Dallas Civil War Round Table)
- 1999: History Book Club selection for *Chickamauga: A Battlefield Guide*
- 1999: History Book Club selection for *Civil War Generals in Defeat*
- 1999: TCU faculty research grant
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- 1996: Toccoa Falls College Faculty Scholar of the Year
- 1995: Fletcher Pratt Award (given by New York Civil War Round Table) for *Davis and Lee at War*
- 1995: History Book Club selection for *Davis and Lee at War*
- 1991: Toccoa Falls College Faculty Scholar of the Year

- 1990: Fletcher Pratt Award (given by New York Civil War Round Table) for *Jefferson Davis and His Generals*
- 1990: History Book Club Main Selection for *Jefferson Davis and His Generals*

Professional Memberships

Southern Historical Association
Society for Military History
Society of Civil War Historians

Teaching Fields/Areas of Interest

American Civil War and Reconstruction
Nineteenth-Century United States History
Southern History/Old South
United States Military History
American Colonial and Revolutionary History
United States Constitutional History