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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Department of
History

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in History / Texas A&M University

August 2024 - Expected May 2028, College Station, TX

Master of Arts in History / Tarleton State University

August 2019 - May 2023, Stephenville, TX

Bachelor of Arts in History and English, *cum laude* / Hardin Simmons University

August 2013 - May 2017, Abilene, TX

Publications

Christian, Zac. "Mays, Osceola Douglas." *Handbook of Texas Online*, February 19, 2025.

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/mays-osceola-douglas>.

Christian, Zac and Russell Stites. "Burleson, May Jane Walker [Jennie May]." *Handbook of Texas Online*, March 6, 2025.

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/burleson-may-jane-walker-jennie-may>.

Awards

- Glasscock Graduate Arrival Fellowship, Texas A&M University, 2024-2026

Teaching and Research Fields of Interest

- Native American History
- Public History
- United States to 1877
- United States since 1877
- Western Civilization to 1500
- Western Civilization since 1500
- Texas History
- Atlantic World
- Twentieth Century Culture

Teaching

Teaching Assistant / Department of History, Texas A&M University

August 2024 - Present, College Station, TX

- Graded term papers for dozens of students per class to evaluate their understanding of history and their writing abilities.
- Led class discussions and group test reviews.
- Met with students as needed to discuss class and correct misunderstandings.

Embedded Dual Credit History Instructor / Ranger College and Comanche High School

July 2021 - May 2024, Comanche, TX

- Instructor of record for two history sections per semester.
- Taught surveys in U.S. History to 1877 and Western Civilization to 1500 in the fall semesters and U.S. History since 1877 and Western Civilization since 1500 in the spring semesters for three years.
- Independently created lectures and assessments for all sections using up-to-date historical scholarship.
- Utilized theatrical lectures, multimedia, primary source documents, and student discussions to help students gain appreciation for and understanding of history.
- Prepared high school students for the rigor of university education.
- Co-directed Comanche High School's theater performances for the 2021-22 school year. Stepped down after the first year for time.
- Announcer for the CHS marching band in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Provided general assistance to the high school's theater and band for all three years of employment, including helping with fundraisers, traveling on buses as a chaperone to events, and working with students individually as needed. Comanche is a low-income Title One district, so teachers perform many jobs.

Youth Pastor / Fellowship Baptist Church

June 2020 - July 2021, Goldthwaite, TX

- Researched, wrote, and delivered sermons to junior high and high school students on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Wrote and recorded weekly five-minute devotional videos for social media.
- Planned Wednesday night activities for students.
- Organized trips and summer activities for the youth group.

Substitute Teacher / Goldthwaite Consolidated Independent School District

August 2020 - May 2021, Goldthwaite, TX

- Implemented teachers' lessons for classes at all levels for K-12.
- Gained experience in classroom management.

Substitute Teacher / Comanche Independent School District

August 2019 - March 2020, Comanche, TX

- Implemented teachers' lessons for classes at all levels for K-12.
- Gained experience in classroom management.
- Employment ended with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Student Director—Junior High Theater / H. R. Jefferies Junior High School

August 2012 - May 2013, Comanche, TX

- Assisted the high school theater teacher in teaching an eighth grade theater class from the local junior high as a senior.
- Co-directed the eighth graders in one play for each of the fall and spring semesters.

American Sign Language Tutor to Special Needs Students / Comanche Elementary School

August 2011 - May 2012, Comanche, TX

- One of ten high school students in a third year American Sign Language class who taught basic words and phrases to special needs students at the local elementary school, grades K-5.
- Worked in pairs with another high school student in the program, with the assistance of the special education teachers and aids at the elementary. Each of the five pairs of high schoolers went to teach for one hour a week, each covering a different day and using materials provided by our instructor.

Other Educational Experience

Library Night Supervisor / Hardin-Simmons University—Richardson Library

August 2016 - May 2017, Abilene, TX

- Promoted from student worker in August 2016.
- Oversaw the university library from 9 pm to 12 am, Sunday through Thursday.
- Supervised student workers.
- Assisted patrons with research questions and locating materials as the librarian stand-in for the nights.
- Counted the money at the circulation desk and locked it away in the back office at the end of each shift, then locked up the library for the night.

Student Worker—Periodicals and Government Documents

Department / Hardin-Simmons University—Richardson Library

August 2013 - August 2016, Abilene, TX

- Personally selected to balance the university faculty's budget requests to the library for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 fiscal years.
- Selected as the public representative for the Periodicals and Government Documents Department for the 2014-2015 school year, which included meeting with new students to present the department's resources and having my own "READ" poster in the library with a favorite book and a short biography.
- Processed new periodicals into the library system and shelved them accordingly.
- Performed paperwork for binding periodical volumes. Collected loose issues of completed volumes of periodicals as each new volume began, filled out a bindery request form, prepared the issues, and mailed the packages. Inventoried and shelved bound volumes upon arrival weeks later.
- Digitized microfiche documents.
- Reviewed decades' worth of government documents, researched their current use, and discarded superseded documents.

Student Worker—High School Library / Comanche High School

August 2012 - May 2013, Comanche, TX

- Performed circulation duties for the high school library as a senior.
- Checked books in and out to other students.
- Shelved previously used books.