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**Education:**

Ph.D., History, Oklahoma State University, December 2021.  
Public History, Nineteenth-Century America, Oklahoma History  
Dissertation: “Administering History: The Oklahoma Historical Society  
and the Civil War in Indian Territory”  
Graduate Certificate, Museum and Curatorial Studies, Oklahoma State University,  
July 2021.  
M.A., History, Museum Studies, University of Central Oklahoma, May 2008.  
Museum Studies, Nineteenth Century American History, Oklahoma  
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

**Research Fields:**

Public History, Public Memory, Museum Education, Oklahoma History

**Classes Taught:**

Museum Management and Leadership  
Museum Education  
Introduction to Museum Interpretation  
Controversies in the World of Museums  
Museum Internship  
Museum Studies

**OU Service:**

Museum Studies Committee, SLIS  
Governments, Libraries, and Museums Special Initiatives

**Professional Experience:**

**The University of Oklahoma**

Lecturer, Museum Studies|School of Library and Information Studies, May 2025 Current

**The Chisholm**

Executive Director, January 2018 – August 2025

**National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**

Manager of School and Family Programs, January 2017 – September 2017

Contracted Project Manager January 2018 – 2025

**Texas State Historical Association**

K-12 Programs Manager, April 2015 – December 2017

Assistant Editor, *Texas Historian*

**Oklahoma History Center**

Director of Education, September 2009 – April 2015

Curator of Education, February 2007 – August 2009

**Laboratory of History Museum**

Curatorial Assistant, August 2005 to February 2007

**Fellowships and Institutes:**

American Association of State and Local History, Leadership and Administration  
for History Organizations, 2022

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Garden, Project-Based Learning  
instructor and facilitator, 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:**

Oklahoma Museums Association's President's Award, 2021.

Oklahoma Humanities State Scholar, 2021-2022.

LeRoy H. Fischer Scholarship in History, Oklahoma State University, 2020.

OA Hilton Memorial Scholarship, Oklahoma State University, 2020.

Outstanding Outreach/Education Program, Oklahoma Museums 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.

## **Publications and Documentaries:**

- Review of *Outriders: Rodeo at the Fringes of the American West* by Rebecca Scofield, *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Winter, 2024-2025.
- Review of *War on Record: The Archive and the Afterlife of the Civil War* by Yael A. Sternhell, *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Fall 2024.
- Review of *Hugh Lenox Scott, 1853-1934, Reluctant Warrior* by Armand S. La Potin. *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Fall 2023.
- “Oklahoma’s Cattle Trails” three-part series in *Oklahoma Horses*, January/February, March/April, May/June issues 2021.
- “The Chisholm Trail,” Contributor, on LoyalTV. Season 1, Episode 129, released December 15, 2021.
- “Oklahoma Crossroads: The Heart of Rural America,” in *Oklahoma Humanities* Fall/Winter 2021.
- “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,” *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Oklahoma Historical Society, Summer 2011
- “Into the Heart of Rebellion: The Union Invasion of Indian Territory, 1863” *The New Plains Review*, 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, 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 Moos, Salem Press, December 2007.
- “Operation Dragoon, August 15, 1944,” in *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1941-1970*, Editor Chris Moose, Salem Press, December 2007.
- “The Road to Victory: The Siege of Fort Gibson,” in the *Southwest Social Science Review*, Editor, Jeff Plaks, 2005.

## **Memberships and Organizations:**

American Alliance of Museums, EdCom Special Issues Committee, 2013 – 2016.

Institute for Learning Perspectives, Board President, 2018 – 2021.

Mountain Plains Museum Association, 2005 – present.

Board Member, 2019 – present.

Advocacy Committee Chair, 2023 – present.

Conference Committee Co-Chair, 2016 – 2023.

National History Day Executive Council, 2012 – 2016.

Coordinators Conference leadership 2014, 2016.

Conference Co-Chair, 2018.

Oklahoma Council for the Social Studies, 2011 – 2025.

Oklahoma Museums Association, member, 2004 – present.

Board Member, 2012 – 2015, 2017 – present.

Advocacy Committee Chair, 2022 - present.

Oklahoma Museum Educators, member, 2004 – 2021.

2010 – 2015 OKME Chair.

Oklahoma Social Studies Review Committee, 2011, 2013, 2024.

Oklahoma Social Studies Supervisors Association, 2009 – 2015; 2018 – 2025.

Oklahoma Spring Social Studies Conference, Organizer, 2010 – 2015.

Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association, 2015 – 2016.

Red Carpet Country Board of Directors, 2018 – 2025.

President 2021 – 25.

University of Central Oklahoma Museum Studies Advisory Board, 2009 – 2014.

## **Conference Presentations, Workshops, and Webinars:**

“Talking Toxicity at Work” and “Using your Museum Property Act and Other Tools to Refine your Collection,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Omaha, Nebraska, October 2025.

“Learning Today for the Museums of Tomorrow,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Weatherford, Oklahoma, September 2025.

“Advancing Advocacy,” Oklahoma Arts Conference, Lawton, Oklahoma, October 2023.

“Eating the Elephant: Institutional and Departmental Planning,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, September 2023.

“Advocacy 2.0,” Oklahoma Museums Association, September 2023.

“The Ins and Outs of In-Person Advocacy,” Webinar, Oklahoma Museums Association, February 2023.

“Becoming an Effective Advocate,” Webinar, Mountain Plains Museums Association, October 2022.

“Workplace Sustainability,” “Director’s Cut Q&A,” and “Is Your Board Stuck in the Past,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 2022.

“Getting Your Advocacy On,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Enid, Oklahoma, September 2022.

“Oklahoma’s Cattle Trails,” International Chisholm Trail Association, Webinar, February 2022.

“Setting Sail for Advocacy,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Shawnee, Oklahoma, September 2021.

“Roundtable Discussions: Directors Panel,” “Responding to Emergencies,” and “Memorialization Revisited,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Virtual, September 2020.

“911: Disaster Response,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Webinar, September 18, 2020.

“Civil War Medicine in the Indian Territory,” Honey Springs Battlefield, Checotah, Oklahoma, February 2020.

“Alliance for Response Forum,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 2019.

“My Midlife Museum Crisis Discussion Panel” & “Directors Swap Meet,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 2019.

“Rocking My Midlife Museum Crisis,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Durant, Oklahoma, September 2019.

“Museum Hack: Now What?” and “Living History Swap Meet,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Billings, Montana, September 2018.

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

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

“NHD in MPMA,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Oklahoma City, OK, October 2016

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

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

“Interactive History: Two Models for Historical Engagement,” Texas Council for the Social Studies, Dallas, Texas, October 2015.

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

“Building Museum Community,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Wichita, Kansas, October 2015.

“Developing and Implanting a Master Education Plan,” Oklahoma Museums Association, Idabel, Oklahoma, Session Chair, scheduled September 2014.

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

“National History Day: The Road to Nationals,” National History Day webinar, May 2014.

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

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

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

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

“Why Not Volunteers? Developing Staff and Volunteer Partnerships” and “Building Family Audiences,” Mountain Plains Museums Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, Session Chair, October 2012.

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

“Oklahoma Spring Social Studies Conference,” Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 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 2012.

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

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

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

“Hands-on History in the Classroom.” 2011 State Superintendent’s Social Studies and Fine Arts Conference, Moore, Oklahoma, Session Chair, January 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 2010.

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

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

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

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

“CVs, Resumes, and Portfolios: What you need to know.” Mountain Plains Museums Association Annual Conference, Taos, New Mexico, September 2006.

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