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### **Current Position:**

Chair of the Department of History and Political Science  
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**Citizenship:** United States of America

**Family Status:** Married (Julie Anne Frierson Chrisman)  
Two children (Katelyn Anne and Cole David)

### **Education:**

Texas A&M University; College Station, Texas  
Doctor of Philosophy (History), December 2001  
Dissertation: "The Price of Moderation: Texas Baptists and Racial  
Integration, 1948-1968."  
Directors: Robert A. Calvert and Walter Buenger

Baylor University; Waco, Texas  
Master of Arts (History), May 1990  
Thesis: "The Public Life of Caso March: Anti-Establishment Campaign  
in the Democratic Party, 1946-1950."  
Director: Thomas L. Charlton

Baylor University; Waco, Texas  
Bachelor of Arts (History), December 1987

Sunset High School; Dallas, Texas  
Diploma, May 1983

Additional Study: The University of North Texas (1991)

**Doctoral Exam Areas:**

History of Southern Culture  
Texas Political and Social History  
American History  
Twentieth Century Europe  
Social Welfare History

**Areas of Specialization:**

American history: Labor history and Progressivism.

Southern history: Religion and culture in the twentieth century.

Texas history: Religion and politics.

European history: Germany in the twentieth century.

**Professional Experience:**

- August 2005 to present: Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; Belton, Texas
- May 2004 to present: Associate Professor of History, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas
- August 2000 to May 2004: Assistant Professor of History, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas
- August 1997 to June 2000: Assistant Professor of History and Political Science, East Texas Baptist University; Marshall, Texas
- August 1993 to July 1997: Instructor of History and Political Science, East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas
- March 1991 to July 1991: Student Assistant, Oral History Collection, University of North Texas; Denton, Texas
  - Transcribed oral history interviews for a special project involving survivors of War World II Holocaust.
  - Conducted research and interviewed former members of the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- January 1990 to June 1990: Student Assistant, Institute for Oral History, Baylor University; Waco, Texas
  - Researched various historical topics.
  - Transcribed oral history interviews and edited numerous other interviews.

- June 1989 to August 1989: Graduate Assistant, Institute for Oral History
  - Transcribed oral history interviews and edited numerous other interviews.
  - Participated in study to develop the oral history of the Texas Hill Country.
- April 1991 to August 1991: Researcher, City of Lewisville; Lewisville, Texas
  - Researched history of Lewisville and conducted oral history interview with Lewisville citizens to develop recent history of city's growth.
  - Transcribed and edited interviews
- August 1988 to December 1988: Legal Assistant, Mills, Miller, & Matkin: Waco, Texas
- January 1988 to June 1988: Intern, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Washington, D. C.
  - Worked as librarian and legal assistant. Researched church and state-related topics and updated topic files.
  - Assisted the general counsel of the BJCPA

### **Courses Taught:**

#### History

American History before 1877 (ETBU, UMHB)  
 American History after 1877 (ETBU, UMHB)  
 History of Western Civilization I (UMHB)  
 History of Western Civilization II (UMHB)  
 History of Texas (ETBU, UMHB)  
 History of the American South (ETBU)  
 History of American Diplomacy (ETBU, UMHB)  
 History of Europe since 1914 (ETBU)  
 History of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian America (UMHB)  
 History of the Civil War and Reconstruction (UMHB)  
 History of Latin America (UMHB)  
 Research Methods (UMHB)  
 Contemporary America (UMHB)  
 The Emergence of Modern America (UMHB)  
 Seminar in Oral History (ETBU, Harrison County Historical Commission)

#### Political Science

American Government (ETBU)  
 Texas Government (ETBU)

Additional Teaching/Research Fields

American South	Oral History
American Cultural History	Quantitative Methods
American West	Twentieth Century Europe
American Political History	Latin American
Texas History	Texas Politics
Southern Protestantism	Religious Political Activism
American Diplomatic History	

**Publications:**

Review of Gospel Tracks through Texas: The Mission of Chapel Car. By Wilma Rugh Taylor. (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2005). Forthcoming in The Journal of Southern History.

Review of All According to God's Plan: Southern Baptist Missions and Race, 1945-1970. (Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 2005). Forthcoming in The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Article, "Texas Baptist Leaders in the 1960s: Theological Conservatives and Political Moderation," in Texas Baptist History, (forthcoming, spring 2006).

Several book reviews in the Journal for the American Studies Association of Texas, The Journal of Southern History, and The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society.

**Presentations and Professional Development:**

Chaired session for "Frontier in Baptist Church Music," at the Baptist History and Heritage Society's annual meeting, May 24, 2003. Belton, Texas.

Presented paper "Texas Baptist Leaders in the 1960s: Theological Conservatives and Political Moderation" at the Texas State Historical Association's Annual meeting, March 6, 2003, El Paso, Texas.

Attended "The First Year Experience," a retention program presented by the The National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition; April 2000, the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.

Chosen to attend a seminar in "American Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism," lead by George Marsden, Notre Dame University, as part of the Calvin College Summer Seminar program, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June-July, 1999.

Chaired session of the American Studies Association of Texas, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, "America: Contrasts, Changes, and Challenges," Marshall, Texas; November, 1996.

Presented paper "The Social Motives of Religious Movements in Protestant America," American Studies Association of Texas, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, Marshall, Texas; November 1996.

Presentation on "The Texas Hill Country: An Oral History," Oral History Association's joint meeting with the Texas State Historical Association's Annual meeting, Galveston, Texas; March 9, 1989.

Conducted oral history project in Blanco, Texas, in conjunction with the LBJ Heartland Council and the Institute for Oral History at Baylor University, Summer, 1988.

### **Professional Memberships:**

American Historical Association  
Southern Historical Association  
Texas State Historical Association  
Baptist History and Heritage Society  
Texas Baptist Historical Association  
American Studies Association of Texas

### **Institutional Committees and Service:**

Faculty sponsor for Eta Omicron, UMHB's local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta  
Member of university's Institutional Effectiveness Committee (2002 to present)  
Member of university's planning committee for the Baptist History and Heritage Conference held at UMHB (spring, 2003).  
Member of the UMHB faculty's Christian Planning Committee (2003-2004)  
Co-organizer of the Freshman Year Experience Program at ETBU (2000)  
Faculty Senator (ETBU, 2000)  
Member of the Athletic Committee (ETBU, 1999-2000)  
Member of the Admission's Committee (ETBU, 1998-2000)  
SACS Educational Support Services Committee (ETBU, 1995-1998)  
Student Activities Committee (ETBU, 1994-1997)  
Academic Advisor and Student Mentor Program (ETBU, 1994-2000)  
Sponsor for ETBU's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (1994-2000)

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Director  
Institute for Oral History  
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