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EDUCATION

PhD in Modern American History Texas A&M University <i>Dissertation Title:</i> “Texas Pride: The Formation of Dallas’ Gay Community, 1966-2003” <i>Advisor and Committee Chair:</i> Dr. Albert S. Broussard <i>Comprehensive Exam Fields:</i> Early American History, Modern American History, History of Civil Rights, History of Women and Gender, and Women in Science (Sociology)	2022
MA in Political Science University of Texas at Tyler	2014
MA in History University of Texas at Tyler	2009
BA in History University of Texas at Tyler	2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Instruction University of Texas at Tyler	2024 – Present
Assistant Professor of Instruction University of Texas at Tyler	2023 – 2024
Lecturer of History and Political Science University of Texas at Tyler	2011 – 2023
Adjunct Faculty University of Texas at Tyler	2010 – 2011
Adjunct Faculty Kilgore College	2009 – 2011

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate (History) United States History I United States History II Historical Methods and Research Industrial and Progressive America America During the World Wars History of Modern America, 1932 to the Present America Since 1945 History of Mexican Americans The Long Sixties Modern Conservative America	History of Texas History of African Americans Undergraduate (Political Science) American Politics Texas Politics Graduate (History) History of African Americans
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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts

The Dallas Way: The Formation of Dallas' Gay Community, 1966-2003 (under contract with New York University Press with an expected submission date of November 2024)

Articles

"Hate Behind the Pine Curtain." *The Activist History Review*, October 18, 2017.
<http://activisthistory.com/2017/10/18/hate-behind-the-pine-curtain/>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Fight the Pulpit: The Dallas Gay Community and Their Resistance to a Cultural Holy War," The Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, February 2022.

"Fighting the Pulpit: The Dallas Gay Community and Their Resistance to a Cultural Holy War," The Southern Historical Association. Virtual, November 2021.

"Phyllis R. Frye: The Transgender Menace Who Fought for Trans Equality, 1980-2015," World History Association of Texas. Commerce, TX, February 2019.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Articles

"Homophobia and Hate: The Murder of Nicholas West"

This article explores the use of homophobia rhetoric in public spaces and the impact it had on the three men who abducted and murdered Nicholas West in 1993 in Tyler, Texas.

"It Takes GUTS: AIDS Protests in a Conservative Southern City, 1987-1990"

Through a detailed exploration of the Gay Urban Truth Squad's (GUTS) protests and the efforts of the Dallas Gay Alliance, this article sheds light on the dynamics of civil disobedience and advocacy within the conservative milieu of a major southern city, Dallas, Texas. The critical role of community-led initiatives in effecting change and influencing public health policy during a crisis that transcended social and demographic boundaries is examined. This article has been submitted to the *Southern Cultures* journal for consideration.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Effective Teaching Practice Framework, The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education 2024

Excellence in Teaching Award, The National Society of Leadership and Success, University of Texas at Tyler 2016

MEDIA AND JOURNALISM

[The History of Labor Day with UT-Tyler Professor M. Rhys Dotson](#). ABC, KLTV (Tyler, Texas), September 1, 2022.

Quoted in "[The Remarkable Story of How a Teenage Runner Battled the Legacy of R.E. Lee.](#)" in *ESPN.com*, October 7, 2020.

GRADUATE THESIS COMMITTEE

“From the First to the Last: The 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War, 1861-1865” Michael Allen Knous, Jr. (MA, 2024) University of Texas at Tyler (committee member)

DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Tenure-track Search Committee, Department of History	Spring 2024
Member, Commencement Committee	2023 – Present
Advisor, Psi Alpha Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society	2023 – Present
Advisor, Queer Straight Alliance	2023 – Present

PUBLIC HISTORY, PUBLIC EDUCATION, & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Guest Lecturer, Faculty Workshop – Tyler ISD	August 2024
AP Exam Reader, American History	June 2024
Guest Lecturer, Faculty Workshop – Whitehouse ISD	January 2023
Guest Lecturer, Faculty Workshop – Whitehouse ISD	August 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Alliance for Texas History	2024
Member, Southern Historical Association	2024
Member, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society	2006 – Present