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PRESENT POSITION

Taylor University, Upland, IN, Chair, History, Global & Political Studies and Associate Dean, Foundational Core Curriculum.

EDUCATION (B.S. degree to Ed.D.)

- Taylor University, Upland, IN. Bachelor of Science degree in social studies education, 1971.
- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. Master of Arts degree in history, 1976.
- Ball State University, Muncie, IN. Doctor of Education degree in Educational leadership with a cognate in history, 1998.
- Miami University, Oxford, OH and Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, additional graduate work in history.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES (From 1968 to the Present)

- Center Christian Church, Fairmount, IN. (1968-present), Minister (Ordained in 1973).
- Taylor Community Schools, Kokomo, IN. (1972-86), Social Studies Teacher (8th grade history; 9th grade civics; 10th grade world geography; 11th grade American history, psychology, sociology; 12th grade economics and contemporary world history), 1971-1986. Department Chair (grades 7 through 12).
- Indiana University at Kokomo, IN. (1976-1988), Adjunct Professor of history (American history survey courses & Indiana history).
- Taylor University, Upland, IN. Instructor and Adjunct professor of history.
- Oak Hill High School, Converse, IN. (1986-88), Assistant Principal (Discipline and Attendance).
- Anderson University, Anderson, IN. (2001-02), Adjunct Professor of Education (MAE program).
- Taylor University, Upland, IN. (1988-present), Dean of Faculty Development & Director of The Center for Teaching Excellence, Associate Professor of history (American history survey courses, world history survey courses, American diplomatic history, The World Since 1945, 20th Century U.S., Regional geography, Social Studies Methods and supervisor of student teachers), and department chair.

AWARDS

- Nominated as Outstanding Young Educator for Howard County, Kokomo, IN., 1984.
- Distinguished Professor of the Year, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1993 & 2004.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Council for the Social Studies
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Faith and History
- American Historical Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Geography Educators' Network of Indiana (Board Member & Vice President)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS (From 1978 to the Present)

- *Religious Newspapers in the Old Northwest by Wesley Norton*, a book review published in **History Reviews of New Books**, Spring 1978.
- "The Christian Response to Troubled Times," **The Lookout**, April 1981.
- "First Among Equals: Leadership Styles of Social Studies Chairs," a presentation at the Indiana Council for the Social Studies Conference, Terre Haute, IN., 1987.
- Moderator, "Christian Perspectives on Change in Central America," a presentation by Dr. Ronald Hoksbergen, Calvin College, with a response by Mr. Kent Hill, Institute for Religion and Democracy, during the "Peace, Democracy & Change in the 1990s" National Association of Evangelicals conference, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1990.
- "Cold War Geography: It Still Matters," GENI presentation, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1991 and Indiana University-Purdue University at Ft. Wayne, IN., 1992.
- "African-American Community: Weaver in 1940," co-presenter at the Popular Culture Association national conference, Louisville, KY., 1992.
- "Successful Practices that Empower and Equip Parents for Positive School Involvement," co-presenter at the Chapter 1 Regional Conferences at Vincennes University (1993 and 1994) and Indiana University-Purdue University at Ft. Wayne (1994 and 1995).
- "They Found Their Dreams at the Crossroads: A Glimpse into Life in Weaver (IN), an unpublished teaching unit and monograph on file in the county history collection at the Marion (IN) Public Library, 1996.
- "Textbooks, Teachers, and Religion: How to Introduce Religion in a Culturally Diverse Classroom," co-presenter at the Great Lakes Regional Social Studies Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 1996.
- "The Taylor University Curriculum," a Colleagues College presentation, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1996.
- "Religion in the Public School Classroom," Ball State University Educational Leadership Seminar, Indianapolis, IN., 1997

- “Religion in Indiana’s Public High Schools: A Survey of Superintendents, an Analysis of School District Policies, and a Review of 11th Grade U.S. History Textbooks,” dissertation completed for the Ed. D. degree, Ball State University, Muncie, IN., 1998.
- “Geopolitics in the Post-Cold War Era,” GENI presentation, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1998.
- “Staying Alive After Tenure,” Hobart Middle School Teachers Retreat, Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN., 1998.
- “The Case for Public Schools,” Taylor University Faculty Forum, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1998.
- “Holocaust Revisionists,” Holocaust Seminar, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1998, 1999, 2000.
- “The Role of Women in the Restoration (Christian Church/Church of Christ) Movement: An Historical Perspective,” Pastors’ Retreat and Seminar, Converse, IN., 1999.
- “The Roosevelts: Eleanor and Franklin,” Elderhostel Conference, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1999.
- “Geopolitics and Post-Cold War Geography,” GENI presentation for Eastbrook Community Schools, Upland, IN., 1999.
- “Questions to Accompany Freedom Shrine Documents,” a teachers’ guide co-authored with Dr. Carl Siler and published by the Muncie Exchange Club, Muncie, IN., 1999.
- “Needed: Leaders Who Integrate Mind and Soul,” Leadership Symposium, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1999.
- “An Historian Reflects on Postmodernism,” Philosophy 413 class, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 1999.
- “Marion (IN.) Goes to War: Vignettes from Marion and Grant County during World War II,” Grant County Historical Society Keynote Address, Marion, IN., 2000.
- “Church and State Issues Related to Public Education,” a presentation given to graduate school students in Educational Administration, Ball State University, Muncie, IN., 2000.
- “Christians and the Political Process,” **The Lookout**, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 2, 2000.
- Organizer and Moderator (history section), Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, University of Evansville, October 20, 2000. (Papers included presentations focusing on Robert M. Evans—founder of Evansville, Indiana and the impeachment trials of Andrew Johnson and William Clinton, and the public housing color line in Ohio during the Great Depression).
- “Holocaust Revisionism and the Classroom,” a presentation made to public school teachers from districts throughout East Central Indiana, Minnetrista Cultural Center, Muncie, IN., November, 2000.
- “Revisionism vs. The Historical Truth of the Holocaust,” a presentation made as part of a program sponsored by the Minnetrista Cultural Center, Muncie, IN., January 4, 2001.

- “Integrating History and Geography Knowledge and Skills As Part of Fourth Grade Indiana History,” **Viewpoints**, a special edition published by the Indiana Council for the Social Studies, Indianapolis, IN., January 2001.
- “A Matter of Prayer,” **The Lookout**, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 28, 2001.
- “Academic Counseling: A Critical Component in the Preparation of Christian Leaders to Reach a Multi-Ethnic World for Christ,” a presentation made to faculty, staff, and administration at Crossroads Bible College, Indianapolis, IN., June 5, 2001.
- “Christianity and the Historical Instruction of Children,” a presentation made as part of the Conference on Faith and History Biennial meeting at Huntington College, Huntington, IN., October 11, 2002.
- “Using Family History to Teach the U.S. History Survey,” a presentation made as part of the Fort Wayne Area Deans’ Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN., February 21, 2003.
- “Blackboard Online Discussion,” a presentation as part of the “Technology for Teaching” Conference at Taylor University, Upland, IN., August 25-26, 2003.
- “Classroom Discussion,” a presentation as part of Colleagues’ College at Taylor University, Upland, IN., August 29, 2003.
- *Rethinking American History in a Global Age* by Thomas Bender, a book review published in **Fides et Historia**, Grand Rapids, MI, Winter/Spring 2004.
- “The Intersection of Faith and History: Integrating Faith into Diplomatic History Courses,” a presentation as part of the Conference on Faith and History Biennial meeting at Hope College, Michigan, October 16, 2004.
- *A New Deal for the World: America’s Vision for Human Rights*” by Elizabeth Borgwardt, a book review published in **Fides et Historia**, Grand Rapids, MI, 2006.
- “Managing Professional Interdependence: A Model for Christian Scholarship,” co-authored with Dr. Skip Trudeau in *The Soul of a Christian University: A Field Guide for Educators*, edited by Dr. Stephen Beers, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2008.
- “Fifteen Year Follow-Up Geography Skills Test Administered in Indiana, 1987 and 2002,” co-authored with Dr. F. L. Bein and Mr. James J. Hayes, **Journal of Geography**, 108:1, 30-36 (May 2009).
- *Teaching What Really Happened*” by James Loewen, a book review for **Journal of American History**, Fall 2010.
- *What College Professors Wish Their Students were Taught About History in High School*, a presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Great Lakes Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN (November 2015).

COMMITTEES & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Teacher Education Committee, 1988-1997 (Member, Social Studies Area Content Consultant, and Chair. Primary author of Chapter 5, "Faculty Governance," of the NCATE self-study.)
- Faculty Personnel Committee, 1990-1992 (Member, Secretary, primary faculty author of the Faculty Assistance Fund with Dr. Richard Stanislaw and Dr. Daryl Yost.)
- Senior Seminar Steering Committee, 1992-2000 (chair of the Executive Committee: 1993, 1994, 1998 and co-chair in 1997. Led in the design of the IAS 495 course for the Fall term of 2003).
- University Cabinet, 1995-97 (Member).
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee, 1996-2000 (Member, chair, and co-chair).
- National Alumni Council, 1997 to 2009 (Member).
- Academic Policies Committee, 1997 to 2000 (Member).
- "Race & Racism," Faculty Forum Panel, Taylor University, Upland, IN., May 2001.
- Curriculum Management Committee, 2000 to 2004 (Chair of Goal Oriented Major sub-Committee, Chair of the Committee during the TARGET general education review).
- Director of Summer School, May 2002 to the present (Served on the committee that revised the Summer Honors program for high school students, 2003).
- Irish Studies Program Steering Committee (Member), 2000 to the present.
- Panelist for a student initiated campus wide discussion of issues concerning social justice/injustice in America, Taylor University, Upland, IN., November 2004.
- Member, VPAA search committee, Taylor University, Upland, IN., 2004.
- Speaker, Presidential Election Forum, Taylor University, Upland, IN., October 2008.
- Vespers Speaker, Taylor University, Upland, IN, March 2009.
- Chapel Speaker, Taylor University, Upland, IN January 2010.
- Colleagues College Devotions, Taylor University, Pokagon State Park, August 2010.
- Foundational Core Committee, 2014-Present).
- Led BCTLE faculty reading group (3 sessions), Fall 2015.
- Member, Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee, Fall 2015.
- Member, Shared Governance Task Force, Spring 2015 to Present.
- Co-Chair, Colleagues College Planning Committee Spring/Fall 2016.

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member of Textbook Adoption Committee (Elementary Social Studies Texts), Madison-Grant Schools, Fairmount, IN., 1998.
- Project Historian for Grant County Black History Council funded by Lilly and the Indiana State Historical Society, Marion, IN., 1998.
- Member of Textbook Adoption Committee (Secondary Science Texts), Madison-Grant Schools, Fairmount, IN., Spring, 1999.

- Author of a revised statement on racism for the Taylor University student handbook, Upland, IN., Summer, 1999.
- Panelist for the Indiana Professional Standards Board (IPSB Social Studies Portfolio Alignment of IPSB Standards & INTASC Principles), Indianapolis, IN., 2000.
- Contributor to “The Next Level Project,” (a collection of student essays and faculty evaluation comments for publication in a pamphlet distributed to high school seniors throughout Indiana during the 2001-2002 academic year), Thomas Miller & Associates, Greenfield, IN., Spring term, 2001.
- Reviewer for the Indiana Department of Education (Indiana Social Studies Standards, Grades K-12), Indianapolis, IN., June, 2001.
- Contributor to “Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Frameworks” portion of the *Indiana Academic Standards in Social Studies* project, Indiana Department of Education, Indianapolis, IN., January-February, 2001.
- Reviewer for the Indiana Department of Education (Specifications for the Social Studies Core 40 Assessments, High School World History), Indianapolis, IN., December 2002.
- Reviewer for the Indiana Department of Education (Specifications for the Social Studies Core 40 Assessments, High School World Geography), Indianapolis, IN., January, 2003.
- Contributor to the Indiana Department of Education Social Studies Core 40 Assessments Exam (High School Geography), Indianapolis, IN., May/June, 2003.
- Reviewer for the Indiana Department of Education (Test items for the Social Studies Core 40 Assessments, High School World History), Indianapolis, IN., July 2003.
- Judge for “We The People...the Citizen and the Constitution” Contest (Indiana Congressional District Three Middle School Hearings Sponsored by the Indiana Bar Association, Indiana Bar Foundation, the Indiana Judges Association, the Social Studies Development Center of IU, and the Center for Civic Education), Indiana University/Purdue University, Ft. Wayne, IN, November 2003, 2004,& 2005.
- Participant in the First Indiana Congressional Conference on Teaching the Constitution in Social Studies Methods of Teaching Courses sponsored by the Indiana Council for the Social Studies, Indiana Bar Association, Indiana Bar Foundation, the Indiana Judges Associate, the Social Studies Development Center of IU, and the Center for Civic Education, Purdue University, April 2004.
- Membership Representative for the Organization of American Historians at the Indiana Council for the Social Studies Annual State Conference, Indianapolis, IN., March 12, 2004.
- Contributor to the Indiana Department of Education project creating a new Core 40 geography course (The Geography & History of the World), Indianapolis, IN., March-June, 2004 & April-May, 2005.
- Committee Member, Junior High Principal Search Committee, Madison-Grant United Schools, Fairmount, IN., May 2004.
- Speaker, “An Historian Reflects on the American Presidency,” Hartford City Rotary Club, Hartford City, IN., June 2004.

- Member, High School Principal Selection Committee, Madison-Grant Untied Schools, Fairmount, IN., May 2005.
- Instructor, Taylor University Elderhostel program, Upland, IN., July 2005.
- Speaker, National Honor Society Induction program, Madison-Grant High School, October 2008.
- History Consultant, Marion Public Library/Museum, Marion, IN., 2013-2015.
- Judge for We the People (Middle School District Competition), Fort Wayne, IN., November 2015).
- Member, University Program Review Task Force, Taylor University, 2015-16.
- Member, Shared Governance Task Force, Taylor University, 2015-16.
- Moderator & Planner, “Both Sides of the Aisle: A Political Forum with Indiana State Representatives,” Sponsored by the History, Global & Political Studies Department, Taylor University, Upland, IN., April 2016.
- Speaker, Hooding Ceremony, Master of Arts in Higher Education Ceremony, Taylor University, May 2016.
- Interviewed for WTIU/WFYI (Bloomington/Indianapolis Public Television) for an October 2016 special focusing on the role of religious faith on Indiana voters in the Presidential Election, June 2016.