



**Curriculum Vita  
Spring 2026**

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<b>EDUCATION</b>
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University of North Texas - 2023

Ph.D. in History

- Dissertation: The First Lady of Washington City: Margaret Bayard Harrison Smith, Family, and Politics in the Early Republic
- Areas of Study Women and Gender History, Old South, Local History, and Roman History

Southeastern Louisiana University -2009

Masters in History

- Thesis: "The Social and Political Motives behind the Emperor Julian's Pagan Revival"

Mississippi State University – 2005

BS Secondary Education (Social Studies)

<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>
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The Handbook of Texas On-line, Entry: "Still, Rae Mandette Files"

<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>
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East Texas A&M University

Pride Prep Instructor -- August 2021 to

Present HIST 1302 U.S. History Since

Reconstruction HIST 1301 U.S. History to

Reconstruction

Grayson College

Adjunct Instructor -- August 2023 to December  
2023 GOVT 2306 Texas Government (Online)

Tarrant County College

Adjunct Instructor -- August 2017 to May  
2021 HIST 1301 U.S. History to  
Reconstruction HIST 1302 U.S. History  
Since Reconstruction HIST 2301 Texas  
History

University of North Texas

Teaching Fellow – August 2016 to May 2018  
Fall 2016 – HIST 2620, U.S. Since Reconstruction  
Spring 2017 – HIST 2610, U.S. to Civil War  
Fall 2017 – HIST 2620, U.S. Since Reconstruction  
Spring 2018 -- HIST 2610, U.S. to Civil War

University of North Texas

Teaching Assistant –  
August 2014 – To May 2018

Denman Junior High School

August 2010 – May 2011 (U.S. History, World History)

McComb High School

Jan. 2010 – May 2010 (Economics, U.S. Government)

Southeastern Louisiana University

Teaching Assistant  
August 2006 – May  
2009

McComb High School

Oct. 2005 – May 2006 (World History, Advanced World Geography)

<b>RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS</b>
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My research focuses on the role of women in early Washington City society. My dissertation is the first biography of Margaret Bayard Smith and examines her role in the sociopolitical world of the young capital. It also examines the social norms of the Early Republican Era regarding family and child rearing and examines the complexities of class and race relations of that day.

