

Ty Cashion, Associate Professor of History

(Current, Spring Semester 2009)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Texas Christian University, 1993

M.A., History, The University of Texas at Arlington, 1989

B.A., Economics, Austin College; Sherman, Texas, 1979
American University, Washington, D.C., Spring 1978 (“Washington Semester Program”)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sam Houston State University, Professor of History, 2009-present; research interests include American West, Texas, social history, and Spanish Borderlands

Sam Houston State University, Associate Professor, History, 2002-2009

Sam Houston State University, Assistant Professor, History, 1999-2002

Texas A&M-Commerce (formerly East Texas State University), Assistant Professor, History, 1994-1999.

Texas Christian University, Instructor, 1992-1994.

Ph.D. Fellow, Texas Christian University, 1990-1993

Economic Forecasting Consultant, 1991-1992: Provided consultation for Texas utilities companies regarding economic growth

Contel of Texas, Inc., February 1980-December 1990: Held several positions as a business manager and executive. Among duties and responsibilities: supervision of economic growth forecasts driving a \$45 million annual budget for roughly 200 publicly regulated telephone exchanges; the preparation and presentation of annual economic reports and various special reports to Division, Region, and Corporate staffs; conception and coordination of programs for territorial acquisitions, service improvement, and community development

BOOKS

The New Frontier: A Contemporary History of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. San Antonio: Historical Publishing Network, 2006. Pp. 272. Illustrations, foreword, endnotes, index.

Chapter in Kenneth L. Untiedt, ed., *Inside the Classroom (and Out): How We Learn through Folklore: "Seeing Red over Varsity Blues."* Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2005.

Sam Houston State University: An Institutional Memory, 1879-2004, foreword by Dan Rather; afterword by President James F. Gaertner. Huntsville: Texas Review Press, 2004. Pp. xx + 237. Illustrations, foreword, prologue, notes, index.

The Human Tradition in Texas. Co-edited with Jesus F. de la Teja. Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 2001. Pp. xxiii + 239.

Foreword in Edgar Rye, *The Quirt & the Spur: Vanishing Shadows of the Texas Frontier.* 1909, reprint, Texas Tech University Press, 2000.

Pigskin Pulpit: A Social History of Texas High School Football Coaches, foreword by O. A. "Bum" Phillips. Texas State Historical Association, 1998. Pp. xii + 309. Illustrations, foreword, preface, introduction, appendix, index.

A Texas Frontier: The Clear Fork Country and Fort Griffin, 1849-1887. University of Oklahoma Press, 1996. Pp. xvii + 366. Illustrations, maps, preface, introduction, six appendices, notes, bibliography, index.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Monograph: *The Future of Texas Letters: A Cultural-Intellectual History.* Beginning in the 1980s southern and western American history enjoyed an interpretive renaissance. Inexplicably, Texas was largely circumscribed. This project seeks to rehabilitate Texas as a part of both regions, first by discrediting the notion that Texas is somehow exceptional in the American experience. To point the way forward regionally, I will propose the original thought that Texas, to southern historians, is entirely part of the South, because figuratively they are listening for echoes; western historians on the other hand must listen for incipient voices, therefore only part of Texas can inform the experience of the West. My research will draw not only from history, but also from the fields of cultural geography, literature, and art and architecture to help explain how the land, the human experience, and the historical moment in time created regional character while maintaining a Texan identity.

JOURNAL ARTICLES & OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS

“What’s the Matter with Texas? The Great Enigma of the Lone Star State in the American West.” *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, 55, no. 4 (Winter 2005).

“Three R’s and the Hickory Stick on the Texas Frontier.” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 36, no. 2 (Fall 2002).

“Under Autumn Skies: Gary Gaines,” chapter in *The Human Tradition in Texas*, Ty Cashion and Jesus F. de la Teja, eds. Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 2001

“Coahuila y Texas,” (encyclopedia entry) *The United States and Mexico at War: Nineteenth-Century Expansionism and Conflict*, Donald S. Frazier, et. al. New York: Macmillan Reference, 1998: 99-100.

“Resurrecting the Western Hero: The Case of James A. Brock.” *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, 72 (1996): 7-20.

“Rewriting the Wild West for a New History.” *Journal of the West*, 34, no. 4 (Oct. 1995): 54-60.

“(Gun)Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: A Revisionist Look at ‘Violent’ Fort Griffin.” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, 99, no. 1 (July 1995): 80-94.

“Remembering the Big 33,” *Sound Historian: The Oral History Journal of Texas*, 4, no. 1 (Fall 1994).

“Life on Government Hill: Fort Griffin before the Boom,” *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, 70 (1994): 113-125.

Contributor to *Resource Manual*, Norton, et. al., *A People & a Nation*, 4th ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1994

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Produced op-ed and variety articles; *Houston Chronicle*; *Huntsville Item*; *Port Arthur News*; *Wichita Falls Times-Record*; *Commerce Journal*.

Speeches to civic groups (such as Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs and Westerners Corral).

Featured speaker at American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas, and lecture series at TCU, Fort Worth; Rosenburg Library, Galveston; Austin College, Sherman.

Phi Alpha Theta speaker at Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, and UH-Downtown.

TCU, Ben Procter Scholarship, Committee member

BOOK REVIEWS

Pekka Hämäläinen, *The Comanche Empire* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008. Pp. vii + 500, maps, illustrations, notes, bibliography, index). *The Journal of Military History*, April 2009 (vol. 73, no. 2), 646-7.

Howard J. Erlichman, *Camino del Norte: How a Series of Watering Holes, Fords, and Dirt Trails Evolved into Interstate 35 in Texas* (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2006) *New Mexico Historical Review*, Fall 2008.

Sutherland, *The Robertsons, The Sutherlands, and the Making of Texas*. Elma Dill Russell Spencer Series in the West and Southwest. By Anne H. Sutherland. (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2006. xv + 222 pp. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index) *Western Historical Quarterly*.

Gary Clayton Anderson, *The Conquest of Texas: Ethnic Cleansing in the Promised Land, 1820-1875* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2005. Pp. 504. Illustrations, maps, notes, bibliography, index) *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, October 2006.

Harris III, Charles H., Louis R. Sadler, *The Texas Rangers & The Mexican Revolution: The Bloodiest Decade, 1910-1920* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2004) *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, Winter 2005.

Pace, Robert, and Donald S. Frazier, *Frontier Texas: History of a Borderland to 1880* (Abilene: Statehouse Press, 2004) *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.

DeArment, Robert K., *Bravo of the Brazos: John Larn of Fort Griffin, Texas* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2002) *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, October 2003

James L. Haley, *Sam Houston* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2002); *East Texas Historical Journal*, Fall 2003

David LaVere, *Contrary Neighbors: Southern Plains and Removed Indians in Indian Territory* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2000); *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Summer, 2002.

Light T. Cummins, *Austin College: A Sesquicentennial History, 1849-1999* (Austin: Eakin Press, 1999); *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, 2000

Jim Dent, *The Junction Boys* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999); *Sound Historian: The Oral History Journal of Texas* (1999)

Hal K. Rothman, ed., *Reopening the American West* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1998); *Journal of the West* (October 1999)

Patrick Dearen, *Crossing Rio Pecos* (Plano: Republic of Texas Press, 1997); *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (October 1997)

Harwood Hinton, ed., *Afoot and Alone* (Austin: The Book Club of Texas, 1996); *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, 1997

Gerald Saxon, *Transitions: A Centennial History of the University of Texas at Arlington, 1895-1995* (Arlington: UTA Press, 1995); *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, 1997 (co-written with Peggy J. Cashion)

Coy F. Cross III, *Go West Young Man!* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1995); *Journal of the West*, October 1997

Robert Wooster, ed., *Recollections of Western Texas* (Austin: The Book Club of Texas, 1995); *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, January 1996

James O. Breeden, ed., *A Long Ride in Texas* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1994); *The Journal of Mississippi History*, February 1995

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

West Texas Historical Association, April 3, 2009; keynote banquet speaker, "The End of Texceptionalism."

Texas State Historical Association, March 6, 2008; commentator: "The Texas Rangers: A Revisionist Review."

East Texas Historical Association, February 14, 2008; roundtable: "Texas: South, West, or Texceptional?"

Texas State Historical Association, March 4, 2006; "Conceiving a Texan West."

Texas State Historical Association, June 17, 2004; roundtable: "The Western Experience in Texas."

Texas State Historical Association, March 9, 2002; commentator: "Officers and Chaplains in the Frontier Army."

East Texas Historical Association, February 23, 2002; chair/commentator: "Poor Farms, Oil Wells, and Airfields: Changes Come to East Texas."

East Texas Historical Association, September 28, 2001, "Come Drink of My Whine: Confessions of a Frontier Revisionist."

American Studies Association of Texas, Huntsville, Texas November 16, 2001; "Sports at the Texas Crossroads."

Institute of Texan Cultures, Folklife Festival, San Antonio, June 8-9, 2001, "Tales from the 50-Yard Line."

Western History Association, San Antonio, October 14, 2000; "Texas in the Western Experience."

East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, September 28-30, 2000; chair: "Pride and Prejudice"

Texas Folklore Society, Nacogdoches, April 20-22, 2000; paper: "Seeing Red over Varsity Blues"

West Texas Historical Association, Midland, March 31, April 1, 2000; paper: "The Three R's and the Hickory Stick on the Texas Frontier"

Southwest Social Science Association, Galveston, Texas, March 14-18; chair/commentator for panel: "Twentieth Century Signposts"

East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, September 24-26, 1999; paper: "Jonathan Hamilton Baker: Frontier Educator"

Texas State Historical Association, Dallas, Texas, March 4-6, 1999; open panel president: "Texas High School Coaches: A Twentieth-Century Institution"

West Texas Historical Association, Abilene, Texas, April 17-18, 1998; chair/commentator for panel: "Army Posts and Stage Stations on the Texas Frontier"

East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas, September 19-20, 1997; paper: "Texas High School Coaches and the Values of Manhood"

West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, Texas, April 11-12, 1997; chair/commentator for panel, "From the Frontier"

Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, March 6-8, 1997; commentator for panel, "Science, Pseudoscience, and Folklore in the Letters and Papers of Dr. Gideon Lindecum"

West Texas Historical Association, Canyon, Texas, April 19-20, 1996; paper: "Texas Teens Conquer Pennsylvania: Football's Big 33"

Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, Texas, March 2-4, 1995; paper: "Putting the 'Wild' in the Wild West: Perceptions of Violence at Fort Griffin, Texas"

West Texas Historical Association, Snyder, Texas, April 8-9, 1995; paper: "The Case of James A. Brock"

Mosaic of Texas Culture, Abilene, Texas, March 10-12, 1994; paper: "The Case of Lottie Deno"

West Texas Historical Association, Midland, Texas, April 8-9, 1994; paper: "Life on Government Hill: Fort Griffin before the Boom"

Western Historical Association, New Haven, Connecticut, October 14-17, 1992; paper: "Resurrecting the Western Hero"

Southwest Social Science Association, Austin, Texas, March 18-27, 1992; paper: "Western Mythology for the Common Man"

Western History Association, Austin, Texas, October 16-19, 1991; paper: "Blood on Their Hands: Vigilante Justice on the Northwest Texas Frontier, 1876-1878"

Southwest Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March 27-30, 1991; paper: "Fort Griffin: A Study in Frontier Violence"

GRANTS & AWARDS

Sam Houston State University, Faculty Research Grant, 2009

Member, Texas Institute of Letters, 2007

Fellow, East Texas Historical Association, 2007

Sam Houston State University, Faculty Research Grant, 2000-2001

Texas A&M University-Commerce, Applied Faculty Research Grant, 1997-1998

Rupert N. Richardson Award for "Best Book" in Texas and Western History, 1996 for *A Texas Frontier*

East Texas State University, Applied Faculty Research Grant, 1995-1996

Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities to support publication of *A Texas Frontier*

East Texas State University, Mini-Grants for research, Fall 1994, Spring 1995

Contributing essayist in *Journal of the West*, "Best Issue," 1995

East Texas State University, Faculty Development Grant, 1994-1995

First Prize, "Best Graduate Paper," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Hardin-Simmons Univ., 1992

First Prize, "Best Paper Overall," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Tarleton State University, 1991

First Prize, "Best Paper, American History," Southwest Social Science Association, 61st Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 1991

"Special Award," E. C. Barksdale National Essay Competition, University of Texas at Arlington, 1988

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Book Review Editor, *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*, 1995-2001

Editorial Board, *Sound Historian: The Oral History Journal of Texas*, 1997-present

East Texas Historical Association:

Program Chair for Spring 2006 meeting

President, 2002-2003

Vice President, 2001-2002

Second Vice-President, 2000-2001

Resolutions Committee, chairman, 2000-2001

Endowment Committee, 2000-2001

Board of Directors, 1997-2000

Membership Committee, 1996-present

Program Committee, 1997, 1999

H-Texas (internet group), Advisory Board, 1997-present

National History Day Director, East Texas Region, 1994-1998

Texas State Historical Association, Program Committee, 1996, 2005; Program Chair 2006

N.E.H. Grant Advisor, Texarkana Museum System, 1996

Manuscript Referee: Texas A&M Press, University of Nebraska Press, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Texas Press, and Texas Tech University Press; Pearson Longman Press

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Organized Research & Sponsored Programs Committee

President's Committee on Academic Culture

President's Committee on FM 980 Development

Athletic Council

Visitors' / Alumni Center Building Committee

Advisor, Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity (ΣΤΓ)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS Present & Past

Western Historical Association

Western Writers of America

Southern Historical Association

Texas State Historical Association

Texas Oral History Association

East Texas Historical Association

West Texas Historical Association

Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society of Historians

Texas Folklore Society