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## AREAS OF INTEREST

19th and 20th c. U.S. History, Southwest and Borderlands, American Westward Expansion, Indigenous Studies, Gender and Labor, Public History, Historic Preservation, Museum Studies

## EDUCATION

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
College Station, Texas (In progress, August 2016 – present)

*PhD: History, with a concentration in the Southwest and the Borderlands*  
Chair: Dr. Angela Hudson

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Natchitoches, Louisiana (2013)  
Summa Cum Laude

*MA: English, with a concentration in Folklife and Southern Culture*

*Thesis: Findings in Box Four in the Ora Williams Collection and in Oral Narratives with the Brittain and Williams Families*  
Chair: Dr. Lisa Abney

LOUISIANA SCHOLARS' COLLEGE AT NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
Natchitoches, Louisiana (2011)  
Cum Laude

*BA: Liberal Arts, concentration in Humanities and Social Thought*  
*BA: History*  
*Minor in French*  
*Minor in Music Performance, 'cello*

*Thesis: If You (Re)build It, They Will Come: The "Harvey Way," Historic Preservation, The Railroad, Women's History, and The Making of the American Southwest*  
Chair: Dr. T. Davina McClain

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Louisiana State University Rural Life Museum  
July 2017  
*Collections Intern*  
Duties:

- Created the RLM Lending Library
  - Develop and maintain library collections in Louisiana and Southern history, farming and rural lifeways, and historic preservation, physical and digital

- Collaborate with Collections archivists to develop processes for the routine acquisition, preservation, and access of the library collection
- Research, document, and present maintenance plans for the collection of rare books
- Process and input donations into PastPerfect

Texas A&M University Cushing Library and Archives

August 2017-present

*Museum Intern*

- Create “Black Churches in Texas” exhibition in collaboration with Brazos Valley African American Museum
  - Create proposal and budget for exhibition
  - Collaborate with BVAAM for exhibition plan, funding, and physical layout
  - Highlight and research regional churches
- Assist with selection and display in rotating exhibition cases

Texas A&M University

August 2016-present

*Graduate Teaching Assistant – History 106 and 105*

Duties:

- Grade essays and exams
- Assist in lectures
- Hold office hours for students

*Writing and Speaking Consultant - University Writing Center*

- Work one-to-one with undergraduate and graduate students to improve their writing and speaking, both online and in-person
- Help develop tutoring materials
- Conduct classroom workshops
- Represent the UWC at various functions.

Northwestern State University

January 2016-August 2016

*Affiliate Assistant Director for Project Lead The Way – Louisiana*

Duties:

- Act as liaison for the PLTW affiliate and programs across Louisiana
- Coordinate and execute all state and regional PLTW events, including Counselor Conference, Professional Development, Regional Mixers, Core Training, and State Conference
- Coordinate and serve as a team member in performing school PLTW certification visits
- Develop and execute plans to increase the number of PLTW schools in Louisiana, including conducting one-on-one meetings with teachers and administrators, assistance with fundraising, and curriculum development
- Create and maintain Northwestern State PLTW main website and event website
- Facilitate undergraduate credit for students

*Adjunct Faculty-Department of Language and Communication*

- Taught English 1020 Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric II
- Conducted a workshop series in Engineering Technology Senior Design Project I and II on creating a resume, report writing, and conducted mock interviews
- Faculty advisor for NSU French Club

Northwestern State University

October 2013-December 2015

*Assistant Director of Recruiting for Project Lead The Way and Engineering Technology*

Duties:

- Act as liaison for the Office of University Recruiting and Project Lead The Way
- Represent Northwestern State at high school recruiting functions, including parish and school presentations and college fairs
- Actively recruit students for the Engineering Technology program
- Coordinate and execute all state and regional PLTW events, including Counselor Conference, Professional Development, Regional Mixers, Summer Core Training, and State Conference
- Create and maintain Northwestern State PLTW and ET main websites and event websites

Highlights:

- Amassed \$55,000 in funding from Chevron Gulf Coast Unit designated for PLTW community outreach and conferences
- Assisted in cultivating scholarships from business and industry in Central Louisiana amassing over \$11,000
- Raised Engineering Technology applications by 55% and enrollment by 15% in designated Central Louisiana parishes (2012-13/2013-14)
- Raised participation in PLTW Teacher Summer Core Training by 164% (2013/2014)
- Planned and hosted Louisiana PLTW Counselor Conference with 53% participation increase (2014/2015), and first Louisiana PLTW State Conference
- Assisted in securing NSU course credit articulation program for PLTW Engineering courses
- Increased PLTW total programs by 65% and students rostered in PLTW classes by 126% (2013/2014)

## **HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION**

Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University

May 2012- May 2013

*Graduate Assistant*

- Co-Director of LSC First Year Experience, including Instructor for Freshman Orientation class, planning activities and events for retention purposes
- Coordinator of Spring 2012 Scholars' Day Academic Browse-Liberal Arts concentrations booths
- Teaching Assistant for sophomore level core classes and sophomore level literature classes

Northwestern State University Marketing and Branding

January 2012-May 2012

*Graduate Assistant*

- Coordinator of the University Campus Calendar
- Assisted in coordination of university press conferences and publicity events; conducted all post-event interviews
- Assisted in archival and preservation of NSU yearbook *Potpourri*
- Organized photographs and composed write-ups for the Virtual Campus Tours website

Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University

August 2011- January 2012

*Graduate Assistant*

- Assisted in coordinating the 2011 Louisiana Studies Conference

- Recruitment of participants, organizing venues and materials, and soliciting donors and supporters
- Copywriter for the 2011 Conference proceedings and *Louisiana Folklife Journal* (Vol. 32-33)

#### Northwestern State University Athletic Association

May 2010- June 2011

##### *Development Intern*

- Alerted donors about upcoming NSU Athletic Association events
- Oversaw stewardship component of Demon Victory Fund and NSU Athletic Association, including:
  - Timely delivery of donor gifts
  - Assisting with hospitality at NSU Athletic Association sponsored events
  - Assisting with hospitality at premium seated events, including football, and men's and women's basketball

#### Northwestern State University Office of Alumni and Development

May 2010- December 2011

##### *Research Assistant*

- Led research for targeted groups involved in Haynesville Shale for solicitation for donations and participation
- Organized search for a firm for proposed university marketing strategy
  - Researched various marketing firms
  - Conducted interviews with representatives of marketing groups
  - Scheduled appointments for conferences with cabinet members

#### Southfield School

Shreveport, Louisiana

2007- 2010

##### *Advancement Intern*

- Director and interviewer for *Southfield School 75<sup>th</sup> Oral History* videotape
- Committee Head for *Southfield Spice Cookbook* mass mailout order forms
- Assisted at Board of Trustees meetings, events, and fundraisers
- Coordinated recent alumni events

#### Northwestern State University Office of University Recruiting

August 2006- May 2010

##### *Louisiana Scholars' College Recruiting Ambassador*

- Coordinator and conductor of campus tours for prospective students
- Assisted at College Fairs and Alumni Receptions
- Directed weekly phone-a-thons
- Supervisor for underclassmen student workers

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

TAMU Dept. of History Research Travel Award-2016

Student-Alumni Association Presidential Scholarship-2012, 2013

Raymond Arthur Scholarship-2012, 2013

Ella Ward Memorial Scholarship-2011, 2012

Excellence Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Scholarship-2010-2011

LSC Research Award-2010, 2011

Phi Alpha Theta Member of the Year-2010

Academic Excellence Award-2006-2011

Outstanding Student Award-2006-2010  
Alice Dear School of Creative Arts Symphony Scholarship-2006-2011  
LSC Merit Scholarship-2006-2010  
NSU Presidential Ambassador Scholarship-2006, 2007

### **CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS**

Spring 2017 TAMU Indigenous Studies Working Group Symposium  
College Station, Texas  
*Women's Roles in the Tourism Production of an Authentic Native American Experience in the American Southwest*

2017 LSU History Graduate Student Association Graduate Student Conference  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
*The Fred Harvey Company, Taos Society of Artists, and the Santa Fe Railroad: Preserving the History, Artwork, and Concept of Authenticity as Commodity in the American Southwest*

2015 Louisiana PLTW Counselor and Administrator Professional Development Events  
University of New Orleans  
David Thibodeaux STEM Academy, Lafayette, Louisiana  
Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana  
*STEM Opportunities in High Education*

2014 Louisiana PLTW Counselor Conference  
St. Paul's School, Covington, Louisiana  
*Project Lead The Way – The Future of STEM Education*

2013 Louisiana Studies Conference  
Northwestern State University  
*A Small Reunion with a Pound Cake: An Interview with Jack Brittain and John Williams*

2011 Louisiana Studies Conference  
Northwestern State University  
*Newcomb Pottery: A Revolutionary Craft*

Northwestern State University Research Day, 2011  
*La Posada and El Garces: Preserving the Last Harvey Houses in the American Southwest*

Louisiana Historical Association Annual Conference, 2010  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
*La Posada: Preserving the Last Harvey House*

Northwestern State University Research Day, 2008  
Natchitoches, Louisiana  
*Wilhelm Fitzenhagen and the Cello Ensemble*

### **ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

History Graduate Student Organization-Secretary, 2017-18; Logistics Committee Member, 2016-17;  
Panel Chair for 2017 TAMU HGSO Conference  
NSU Homecoming Honor Court-2010  
NSU Emerging Leaders Conference-Facilitator, 2010-11  
Blue Key Honor Society-Member, 2010-11

NSU French Club-Founder and President, 2009-10; Vice President, 2010-11  
NSU Student Alumni Association-Traditions/Historian Committee Member, 2009-10; Member, 2009-present  
Purple Jackets Honor Society-Member, 2009-11  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society-Member, 2009-present  
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society-Member, 2008-present; Historian and Public Relations Representative, 2008-09; Secretary, 2009-10; President, 2010-11  
NSU Presidential Ambassador, 2006-07  
LSC Freshman Mentor, 2007; 2009; 2010

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Western History Association-Member, 2016-present  
Texas State Historical Association-Member, 2016-present  
Brazos Heritage Society-Member, 2016-present  
Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society-Member, 2014-present  
Natchitoches Historic Foundation-Board Member, 2014-2016; Member, 2014-present  
Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana Museum-Ambassador, 2011; 2013; 2015  
NSU Student-Alumni Association-Representative, 2012-13  
Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce-Chamber Ambassador, 2012-13  
Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony Orchestra-'cellist, 2006-2011; Assistant Principal 'cellist, 2007-2008  
Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony Orchestra Chamber Orchestra-'cellist, 2007-2009