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### **Education**

1992 Ph.D., Texas Christian University;  
1989 M.A., Texas Christian University;  
1986 B.A., University of Texas at Arlington.

### **Dissertation**

"Blood and Treasure: Confederate Imperialists in the American Southwest."

### **Doctoral Advisor**

Grady McWhiney, Ph.D., Lyndon Baines Johnson Professor of American History.

### **Classes Taught**

Public History, Heritage and Cultural Tourism, 19th Century American History, Spanish Borderlands, Frontier History, Native-American History, Southern History, Texas History, History of Mexico, Military History, Persons and Communities (Comparative Cultures).

### **Employment**

2006-present President and CEO, The Grady McWhiney Research Foundation;  
1997-2006 Executive Director, The Grady McWhiney Research Foundation;  
1997-2002 Chair, Department of History, McMurry University;  
2002-present Professor, McMurry University;  
1997-2001 Associate Professor, McMurry University;  
1993-1997 Assistant Professor, McMurry University;  
1992-1993 Visiting Assistant Professor, Texas Christian University;  
1990-1992 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas Christian University;  
1988-1990 Research Assistant, Texas Christian University;  
1987-1988 Technical Publications Analyst, General Dynamics Corporation;  
1984 Actor and Contractor, Six Flags Over Texas Gunfight Show  
1983-1984 Freelance Production Assistant, National Football League,  
National Basketball League, Major League Baseball, and NCAA  
Division One Southwest Conference sports telecasts;  
1983-1987 Writer, Arlington *Citizen Journal*, Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*;  
1981-1982 Games and Attractions staff, Six Flags Over Texas.

## **Honors, Awards, and Fellowships**

2008	Air War College, National Security Forum seminar member
2006	The Mitchell A. Wilder Award for Excellence in Publications and Media Design, given by the Texas Association of Museums;
2005	Mary Moody Northen Award, given by the Texas Historical Foundation for outstanding achievement in historic preservation for non-profit groups;
2003	The Grady McWhiney Award, given by the Dallas Civil War Roundtable for outstanding contribution to the study of the Civil War;
2003	Graduate's Faculty Appreciation Award, McMurry University;
2001	Fellow, The Philosophical Society of Texas;
2001	The Jefferson Davis Medal, presented by the Louisiana United Daughters of the Confederacy for work on the preservation of Fort Butler, Donaldsonville, Louisiana;
2000	The Gordon R. and Lola J. Bennett award for outstanding service, McMurry University;
1999	Honorary Fellow, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland
1998	Sam Taylor Fellowship--awarded by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education
1998	E. E. Hall Award for scholarship, McMurry University
1998	A. M. Pate Jr. Award, given by the Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable for best book on Trans-Mississippi Civil War history;
1998	Who's Who among American Teachers;
1997	Francis B. Simkins Memorial Lecturer, Longwood College;
1996	Certificate of Commendation--awarded by the American Association for State and Local History for the excellence in writing and publishing;
1996	Who's Who among American Teachers;
1996	Sam Taylor Fellowship--awarded by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education
1996	Gaspar Perez de Vallagra Prize for New Mexico History-- awarded by the Historical Society of New Mexico for the best book on New Mexico History;
1993	Fellow, St. George Tucker Society;
1993	United States Military Academy Military History Fellowship
1991	General L. Kemper Williams Prize for Louisiana History, -- awarded by the Louisiana Historical Association and the Historic New Orleans Collection to the best unpublished manuscript on Louisiana History;
1990	Robert L. Williamson Award for Texas History--awarded by the University of Texas at Arlington to the best manuscript on Texas History;
1988	Texas Christian University Graduate Fellowship;
1988	Phi Alpha Theta Honorary History Fraternity.

## Publications

### Books

- Donald S. Frazier. *Blood and Treasure: Confederate Empire in the Southwest*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1995.  
(History Book Club Edition, 1995)
- Donald S. Frazier. *Cottonclads! The Battle of Galveston and the Defense of the Texas Coast*. Fort Worth, Tx: Ryan Place Publishers, 1996.
- Donald S. Frazier, ed. *The U.S. and Mexico at War: Nineteenth Century Expansionism and Conflict*. New York: Macmillan, 1998.  
(*Booklist's* Editor's Choice, 1998)
- Tracy Shilcutt, David Coffey, and Donald S. Frazier. *Historic Abilene : An Illustrated History*. San Antonio, Texas: Historical Publishing Network, 2000.
- Robert F. Pace and Donald S. Frazier. *Frontier Texas: History of a Borderland to 1880*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: State House Press, 2004.
- Donald S. Frazier, Robert F. Pace, and Robert W. Wettemann. *The Texas You Expect: The Story of Buffalo Gap Historic Village*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: State House Press, 2007.
- Donald S. Frazier, Robert F. Pace, and Steve Butman. *Abilene Landmarks: An Illustrated Tour*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: State House Press, 2008.
- Donald S. Frazier, *Fire in the Cane Field: The Federal Invasion of Louisiana and Texas, January 1861- January 1863*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: McWhiney Foundation Press, 2009.
- Donald S. Frazier, ed., *Loving: The Civil War Letters of Gus Ball, 23<sup>rd</sup> Texas Cavalry and McMahan's Texas Battery*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: State House Press, 2009.
- Donald S. Frazier, *Thunder across the Swamp: The Fight for the Lower Mississippi, February-June 1863*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: McWhiney Foundation Press, 2010.
- Donald S. Frazier, *Blood on the Bayou: Tom Green's Texans and the Defense of Louisiana and Texas, July 1863-March 1864*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: McWhiney Foundation Press, 2011.
- Donald S. Frazier, *Death at the Landing: The Contest for the Red River and the Collapse of Confederate Louisiana*. Buffalo Gap, Texas: McWhiney Foundation Press, 2012.
- Donald S. Frazier. *Americans at War, 1861-1865: The Struggle for Southern Independence*. London: Routledge, under contract.

## **Refereed Articles**

- "'Carnival of Death': The Cavalry Battle of Cheneyville, Louisiana, May 20, 1863," *Louisiana History* (forthcoming, 2001);
- "'The Battles of Texas will be Fought in Louisiana': The Assault of Fort Butler, June 28, 1863," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 104 (January 2001): 333-362;
- "Sibley's Brigade at the Battle of Galveston," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 99 (October, 1995): 174-198;
- "Cottonclads in a Storm of Iron," *Naval History*, 8 (May/June, 1994): 26-32;
- "Texans on the Teche: The Texas Brigade at the Battles of Bisland and Irish Bend, April 12-14, 1863," *Louisiana History*, 32 (Fall, 1991): 417-435;
- "Dusty Roads and Dried Beef: The Human Side of Sibley's Texas Brigade," *E. C. Barksdale Student Lectures: Essays in History*, 11 (1989-1990): 269-287.

## **Forewords, Introductions, Compendia and Chapters**

- Forward to Red Steagall. *Cowboy Corner: Conversations* (Abilene: Statehouse Press, 2004).
- Introduction to James Bruce Frazier. *What I learned on the Ranch: Stories from a West Texas Childhood* (Abilene: McWhiney Foundation Press, 2003).
- Foreword to Jerry Thompson. *Civil War in the Southwest: Recollections of the Sibley Brigade* (College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University Press, 2001);
- Introduction to Don E. Alberts. *The Battle of Glorieta: Union Victory in the West* (College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University Press, 2000);
- "Long Marches and Short Rations: The Advance of Sibley's Brigade on Valverde," in Charles Carroll and Lynne Sebastian, eds., *Fort Craig: The United States Fort on the Camino Real* (Socorro: Bureau of Land Management, 2000), 95-107.
- "'Out of Stinking Distance': The Guerilla War in Louisiana," in Daniel E. Sutherland, ed., *Guerrillas, Unionists, and Violence on the Confederate Home Front* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1999), 151-170;
- "Confederate Imperial Designs on Northwestern Mexico," *Compendium of the First Annual Palo Alto Conference* (Brownsville, Texas: Palo Alto National Battlefield, 1994);
- "The Disputed Border: An Encyclopedia of American-Mexican Conflict," *Compendium of the First Annual Palo Alto Conference* (Brownsville, Texas: Palo Alto National Battlefield, 1994);

## **Scholarly Contributions**

- David S. Heidler, ed., *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War: A Political, Social, and Military History* (Denver: ABC-Clio, 2000);
- David S. Heidler, ed., *War of 1812: An Encyclopedia* (Denver: ABC-Clio, 1998);
- The New Handbook of Texas* (Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1996);
- David T. Zabecki, ed., *Encyclopedia of World War II in Europe* (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1996);
- Spencer Tucker, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Great War, 1914-1918* (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1996);

## **Work in Heritage and Cultural Tourism**

**Denton, Texas, Visitors and Convention Bureau.** Contributed historical expertise to aid in the development of the Butterfield Overland Trail as a viable tourism product benefiting North Texas and making it eligible for historical trail status from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**City of Nocona, Texas.** Worked with the industrial development board of Nocona to recommend ways that heritage and cultural tourism might be integrated into an economic development strategy for the city of Nocona.

**McMurry University, Heritage and Cultural Tourism Degree.** Working with Dr. Robert Pace, developed an undergraduate degree plan in Heritage and Cultural Tourism.

**McMurry University, History Adventures Program.** Secured funding and helped design travel program for undergraduates, alumni, and prospective students.

**Frontier Texas, Abilene.** Served as historical, concept, and cartographic consultant for \$12,000,000 facility in Abilene, Texas. Designed content for an interactive museum on the history of the Texas Frontier and the interaction between natives, buffalo hunters, the military, cattle drivers, and settlers.

**The Texas Civil War Museum, Fort Worth.** Advised on tourism related issues for a \$7,000,000 museum; wrote and produced a 30-minute film.

**Texas Travel Industry Association.** Member, and advised on the Education Vacation initiative.

**The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau.** Served on the board of this organization for more than seven years; helped develop tourism initiatives include the successful receipt of a Preserve America grant.

**Windshield History.** Worked with Dr. Robert Pace and the Abilene Visitors and Convention Bureau to script and produce two driving tour CDs that allow travellers to gain historical insights into the region as they travel its highways and roads.

**Fort Butler Foundation.** Provided research and scholarly support for the development of a historic site in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, at the site of a Civil War battle involving African-American troops.

**Glorieta Pass, New Mexico.** Reviewed interpretive plan and provide media support for the development of this important Civil War battlefield.

**The Buffalo Gap Historic Village, Buffalo Gap.** Led efforts to save, develop, preserve, and make financially independent this 8 acre facility with 20 historic structures housing more than 9,000 artifacts relating to the history and culture of West Texas.

**State House Press.** Led efforts to purchase this company, move it to Buffalo Gap, Texas, and revitalize its list of Texas History books as well as intentionally linking titles to heritage and cultural tourism venues including the U.S.S. *Texas* and the Alamo. There are more than 100 State House Press titles in print.

**McWhiney Foundation Press.** Led efforts to purchase Ryan Place Publishers, move them to Buffalo Gap, Texas, and rechristen them as McWhiney Foundation Press while expanding its offerings to include site specific Civil War titles for sites including Vicksburg, Mobile, Gettysburg, and Pea Ridge, Arkansas. There are more than 40 McWhiney Foundation Press titles in print.

### **Work with Non-Profits**

- Starting in 1996, I have led the team that founded the McWhiney Foundation has taken it from a modest organization with an annual operating budget of \$30,000 to an organization with more than \$2,500,000 in assets and an annual budget of nearly \$400,000;
- Served on the grants board for the Future Fund of the Community Foundation of Abilene;
- I have raised more than \$5,500,000 in operating, capital, and endowment funds;
- Created a suite of components for the McWhiney Foundation include Statehouse Press, McWhiney Foundation Press, Buffalo Gap Historic Village, and the McWhiney Collection.

### **Cartography**

More than 2,000 scholarly, historical maps produced for monographs, museum exhibits, reference books, and web-based publication including work for a variety of prestigious publishers and authors around the world;

### **Book Reviews**

Twenty books in eleven different journals and publications; ten manuscripts for five university presses; article reviewer and evaluator for the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, *Journal of the West*, *Journal of the Early Republic*; and *Military History of the Southwest*.

### **Other Publications**

More than a dozen articles for newspapers and trade magazines on historical or tourism related topics;

### **Pedagogy**

More than 10 American History workshops and Texas History workshops for public school teachers in Texas and North Carolina;  
 Horizons in Teaching History, *New Technology in the Texas History Classroom*, The University of North Texas, 1996;  
 Faculty Retreat, *Incorporating Technology in the Classroom*, McMurry University, 1996;  
 The University of Virginia, *Making History on the Web*, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1996.

- Sledge, Robert W. and Donald S. Frazier. *Snapshots in Time: Readings in American History* (American Heritage Custom Publishing, 1995);
- Frazier, Donald S., *Instructor's Resource Manual* for Mary Beth Norton et. al, *A People and a Nation: A History of the United States, Brief Edition* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1995);
- Frazier, Donald S., Marvin Schultz, Richard Bruce Winders, and Robert Pace, *Instructor's Resource Manual* for Mary Beth Norton et. al, *A People and a Nation: A History of the United States* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1993);

### **Other Consulting and Related Employment**

- President, Cross Ell Ranch Corporation;
- Lecturer for the Center for the American Idea, Houston, Texas
- Historical Consultant and on-air talent for the History Channel documentary on the history of Mexico (1999);
- Historical Consultant for *Hispanic Nation: Made in the U.S.A.* produced by Mediaworks, Bethesda, Maryland for participating National Public Radio Stations (1998);
- Guest for *The People's Agenda*, radio call-in show produced by KERA 98.1 Radio, Dallas, Texas, for participating National Public Radio Stations (1998);
- Program Evaluator, *The U.S.-Mexican War: A Sesquicentennial Symposium*, University of Texas, Arlington (Summerlee Foundation, 1996);
- Program Evaluator, *The Challenge of Statehood: A Sesquicentennial Symposium on Texas Annexation*, University of Texas, Arlington (Summerlee Foundation, 1995);
- Historical Consultant for *The Mexican-American War: A Documentary* produced by KERA, Dallas, Texas (1993-1998);
- Historical Accuracy Consultant for Lorna C. Mason, *A History of the United States: The Beginnings to 1877* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1992).
- Educational Legislation Consultant for State Representative Kent Grusendorf, Arlington, Texas (1992);
- Historical Consultant for the Bransom Civil War Museum, Bransom, Missouri;
- Historical Consultant for the Palo Alto National Battlefield, Brownsville, Texas.

### **Invited Professional Meetings, Symposia and Lectures**

Since 1989, I have presented more than 25 scholarly papers, panels, or presentations at professional meetings and symposia in the United States and Mexico on topics ranging from military history to heritage tourism including meetings of the Texas State Historical Association, West Texas Historical Association, East Texas Historical Association, the Louisiana Historical Association, and the Texas Travel Industry Association.

### **Related Professional Items**

Since 1989, I have presented lectures and made presentations to more than 150 community and affinity organizations across the country, including Civil War Roundtables, Book Festivals, dining clubs, and service groups.

### **Professional and Community Service**

2008-	Abilene Visitors and Convention Bureau Board
2005-2008	University Research and Planning Committee
2003-2007	Board, Frontier Texas, Inc.
2002-2004	Faculty Council, McMurry University
2001-2007	Abilene Visitors and Convention Bureau Board
1998-2003	Interim Board (ex officio), Texas Forts Trail Association
1996-1999	University Research and Planning Committee
1994-1996	Computer Task Force, McMurry University
1994-1999	Taylor County Historical Commission
1994-1996	Education Committee, School of Education, McMurry University
1993-1996	Honors Committee, McMurry University
1993-	Sponsor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
1993-	Sponsor, Gamma Sigma Women's Social Club
1992-1993	Undergraduate Committee, History Department, Texas Christian University
1988	Consultant, Junior Achievement Applied Economics Program

### **Professional Memberships**

American Association of Living History Farms and Museums  
 Texas Travel Industry Association  
 Southern Historical Association  
 St. George Tucker Society  
 Texas State Historical Association  
 The Texas Philosophical Society  
 The Texas Historical Foundation

### **Personal**

Member, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, roll number C0047998.