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## SUMMARY

- Historian/researcher of early U.S. republic/Texas history. Author of *The Lost War for Texas* by Texas A&M University Press. Book Review Editor for the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.
- Public Relations Professional with 25 years of experience, military veteran with 19 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve and two tours of active duty in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

## EDUCATION

- Master of Arts – History, Texas State University, 2016
- Bachelor of Arts – Journalism, Texas A&M University, 1995
- Bachelor of Arts – German, Texas A&M University, 1995
- Certificate – Certificate, Joint Professional Military Education, U.S. Naval War College, 2021

## RESEARCH

- *The Lost War for Texas: Mexican Rebels, American Burrrites and the Texas Revolution of 1811*; Texas A&M University Press, 2024.
- “The Origins and Motivations of the Gutiérrez-Magee Filibusters” – Master’s Thesis, Texas State University
- Published in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, *East Texas Historical Journal*, *Handbook of Texas Online*, *Texas Review of Books*.
- History Blog publishing original research: [www.texhist.com](http://www.texhist.com)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas Workforce Commission, 2020-Current  
Bernsen Consulting, Austin Tx., 2006-2019  
Operation Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2017-18  
Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq, 2007-2008  
The Lone Star Foundation, Austin Tx., 2004-06  
Texas Legislature, Austin Tx., 2002-2004  
U.S. Senate, Dallas Tx., 1999-2002

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Fluent in German; Reading comprehension of Spanish.  
Graduate of the Bleiker Public Participation course for Informed Consent in the public relations process, 2015.