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**EDUCATION:**

Rice University, Ph.D., 1979  
Rice University, M.A., 1977  
Rice University, B.A., 1973

**PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Department Head, History, Texas A&M University, 2003-  
Interim Department Head, History, Texas A&M University, 2002-2003  
Professor, Texas A&M University, 2001  
Associate Department Head, 1999-2002  
Associate Graduate Coordinator, 1988-1991  
Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, 1985-2001  
Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, 1979-1985  
Project Director/Oral Historian, Woodson Research Center,  
Rice University, 1978-79  
Instructor, Houston Community College, 1978-79  
Visiting Instructor, Austin College (summers), 1977-78

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Books

The Path to a Modern South: Northeast Texas Between  
Reconstruction and the Great Depression (Austin: University of  
Texas Press, 2001)

Texas Merchant: Marvin Leonard and Fort Worth, with Victoria  
Buenger (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1998)

Texas Through Time: Evolving Interpretations, editor with Robert  
A. Calvert (College Station: Texas A&M University Press,  
1991)

Texas History and the Move Into the Twenty-First Century, with  
Robert A. Calvert. Volume 2 in James F. Veninga and  
Catherine Williams (eds.), Preparing For Texas in the 21st  
Century: Building A Future For the Children of Texas  
(Austin: Texas Committee for the Humanities, 1990)

But Also Good Business: Texas Commerce Banks and the Financing of Houston and Texas, with Joseph A. Pratt (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1986)

Secession and the Union in Texas (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1984)

#### Articles

"The Story of Texas?: The Texas State History Museum and Memories of the Past," Southwestern Historical Quarterly 105 (January 2002): 481-493

"Texas and the South" Southwestern Historical Quarterly 103 (January 2000): 309-326

"World War I and Northeast Texas," Locus 8 (Spring 1996): 111-133

"'This Wonder Age': The Economic Transformation of Northeast Texas, 1900-1930," Southwestern Historical Quarterly 98 (April 1995): 519-549

"Between Community and Corporation: The Southern Roots of Jesse H. Jones and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation," Journal of Southern History 56 (August 1990): 481-510

"Enduring Problems in the Interpretation of Post Annexation Texas Politics," West Texas Historical Association Yearbook 66 (1990): 77-89

"Secession Revisited: The Texas Experience," Civil War History 30 (Winter 1984), 293-305

"Texas and the Riddle of Secession," Southwestern Historical Quarterly 87 (October 1983), 151-182

"Unionism on the Texas Frontier, 1859-61," Arizona and the West 22 (Autumn 1980), 237-254

"An Introduction to Secession: Antebellum Texas and the Lower South," E. C. Barksdale Student Lectures: Essays in History 6 (1980), 99-131

"Secession and the Texas German Community: Editor Lindheimer vs. Editor Flake," Southwestern Historical Quarterly 82 (April 1979), 379-402

#### Book Chapters

"Jesse Jones," in Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. and Michael L. Collins (eds.) Profiles in Power: Twentieth-Century Texans in

Washington (Arlington Heights: Harlan Davidson, 1993): 61-81  
(reprinted by the University of Texas Press, 2003)

"The Shelf Life of Truth in Texas," with Robert A. Calvert, in  
Buenger and Calvert (eds.), Texas Through Time (1991), ix-xxxv

"Flight From Modernity: The Economic History of Texas Since  
1845," in Buenger and Calvert (eds.), Texas Through Time (1991),  
310-341

#### Forewords and Reference Entries

American National Biography (New York: Oxford University Press,  
1999): Jesse H. Jones, volume 12, 209-211

New Handbook of Texas (Austin: TSHA, 1996): Eugene Black;  
Constitution of 1861; Constitutional Union Party; Leonard  
Brothers; J. M. Leonard; O. P. Leonard; John P. Osterhaut;  
Secession in Texas; Secession Convention; Unionism in Texas

Dictionary of American Biography (1994): H. L. Hunt

Encyclopedia of American Business History and Biography: 20th  
Century Banking and Finance (Columbia, S.C.: Brucoli Clark  
Laymen, 1990): Jesse H. Jones, 191-198; William McChesney  
Martin, 237-239

Foreword, Rebellious Ranger, by W. J. Hughes (Norman: University  
of Oklahoma Press, 1990), xi-xiv

#### Film

"Brother Can You Spare a Billion: The Story of Jesse H. Jones"  
(1998 KUHT/Houston Public Television) consultant and commentator

#### **REVIEWS IN:**

Agricultural History  
American Historical Review  
Arizona and the West  
Business History Review  
Civil War History  
Georgia Historical Quarterly  
Hispanic American Historical Review  
Houston Review  
Journal of American Ethnic History  
Journal of American History  
Journal of Arizona History

Journal of the Early Republic  
Journal of Interdisciplinary History  
Journal of Southern History  
Journal of the West  
Locus  
Military History of the Southwest  
Southwestern Historical Quarterly  
Social Science Quarterly  
Western Historical Quarterly

**MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED FOR:**

Agricultural History  
Business History  
Journal of Southern History  
Houghton Mifflin  
LSU Press  
Southwestern Historical Quarterly  
Texas A&M University Press  
University of Texas Press  
University of Oklahoma Press

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Texas State Historical Association  
Fellowship Committee, 2003-2004  
Chair, Book Prize Committee, 1994-96  
Book Prize Committee, 1992-94  
Executive Council, 1988-92  
Chair, Program Committee, 1991-92  
Program Committee, 1987-88, 1989-90, 1992-93, 2000-01  
Membership Committee, 1986-87

The Southern Historical Association  
Book Prize Committee, 2001-03  
Program Committee, 1991  
Membership Committee, 1991-92

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

East Texas Historical Association

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

The Coral H. Tullis Award, for the best book on Texas history, 2002, Texas State Historical Association (for Path to a Modern South)

Finalist, Friends of the Dallas Public Library Award for the Book Making the Most Significant contribution to Knowledge, Texas Institute of Letters, 2002 (for Path to a Modern South)

Certificate of Commendation, American Association for State and Local History, 2002 (for Path to a Modern South)

Michael P. Malone Award, for the best article, essay, or commentary on state, provincial, or territorial history in North America, 2001, Western Historical Association ("Texas and the South")

Fellow, 2001, East Texas Historical Association

Fellow, 2000, Texas State Historical Association

Faculty Development Leave, 1990-91, Texas A&M University

Research Grant, 1988, Texas Committee for the Humanities

Jefferson Davis Award, 1984, Confederate Memorial Literary Society (Secession and the Union)

Best Historical Publication of 1984, Texas Historical Commission (Secession and the Union)

H. Bailey Carroll Award, 1984, Texas State Historical Association, for the best article in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly ("Texas and the Riddle of Secession")

The Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award, 1980, United Daughters of the Confederacy, (manuscript version of Session and the Union)

Mary Hayes Ewing Publication Prize in Southern History, 1980, Rice University

Best Paper Presented in U.S. History, 1980, Southwestern Social Science Association

Barbara Field Kennedy Prize in American History, 1979, Rice University

Robert Williamson Award, 1978, E. C. Barksdale Student Lectures, University of Texas at Arlington

## **CURRENT RESEARCH:**

"Inventing Texas: The Interplay of History and Memory since 1820"

In 1908 G. L. Vaughan, a tenant farmer, moved to Texas from Alabama. He summed up the reasons for the move as follows: "The smooth land that was easy to cultivate, and higher wages for work, and the charm that the word Texas had in most places won us over." Texas existed as a physical place with good land and high wages and as a cultural phenomenon created by both history and memory. Explaining how place, culture, history, and memory developed over time and how and why their relationship changed over time is one purpose of this book. Another purpose is to explain how this relationship between history and memory influenced specific events and trends such as the Texas Revolution, annexation, the growth of slavery, secession, white on black violence, the growth of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s, the role of government in everyday life, changing gender roles, segregation, and desegregation.

I have in mind a book that builds on several of the themes of my recent writings, especially "Texas and the South", "The Story of Texas?", and Path to a Modern South. I will draw on newspaper editorials, letters, diaries, textbooks, records of civic ceremonies, commemorative art, history essay contests, and organized celebrations of significant events in the past.