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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD in Modern American History</b> Texas A&M University <i>Dissertation title: "Texas Pride: The Formation of Dallas' Gay Community, 1966-2003"</i> <i>Advisor and Committee Chair: Dr. Albert S. Broussard</i>	2022
<b>MA in Political Science</b> The University of Texas at Tyler	2014
<b>MA in History</b> The University of Texas at Tyler	2009
<b>BA in History</b> The University of Texas at Tyler	2006

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Assistant Professor of Instruction</b> The University of Texas at Tyler	2023-present
<b>Lecturer of History and Political Science</b> The University of Texas at Tyler	2011-2022
<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> The University of Texas at Tyler	2010-2011
<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> Kilgore College	2009-2011

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

Dotson, M. Rhys. 2017. "Hate Behind the Pine Curtain." *The Activist History Review*, October 18, 2017.  
<http://activisthistory.com/2017/10/18/hate-behind-the-pine-curtain/>

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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"Fight the Pulpit: The Dallas Gay Community and Their Resistance to a Cultural Holy War," The Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, February 2022.

"Fighting the Pulpit: The Dallas Gay Community and Their Resistance to a Cultural Holy War," The Southern Historical Association. Virtual, November 2021.

"Phyllis R. Frye: The Transgender Menace Who Fought for Trans Equality, 1980-2015," World History Association of Texas. Commerce, TX, February 2019.

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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### Articles

"Homophobia and Hate: The Murder of Nicholas West"

This article explores the use of homophobia rhetoric in public spaces and the impact it had on the three men who abducted and murdered Nicholas West in Tyler, Texas in 1993.

"The Dallas Way: Passive Protests and Resistance Methods of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus"

This article explores the Dallas Gay Political Caucus' use of passive protests and resistance, which were uncommon during the Gay Liberation movement, during the late-seventies and into the early eighties.

### Manuscripts

*The Dallas Way: The Formation of Dallas' Gay Community, 1966-2003*

This manuscript explores the formation and eventual dissolution of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus during the 1970s through the mid-1980s. During its infancy, the DGPC attempted to gain political favor through passive resistance and coalition building. Unfortunately, once the AIDS crisis swept through Dallas, the political caucus fractured and some members opted for more direct protests and demands. By exploring the evolution of the Gay Liberation movement in Texas, this project illuminates and contributes to the overall national narrative of community building by LGBT Americans, focusing on an overlooked region of activism in the broader historical arc of gay rights in the United States.

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Excellence in Teaching Award, The National Society of Leadership and Success, 2016  
The University of Texas at Tyler

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Member, Commencement Committee, 2023-present

Advisor, Psi Alpha Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, 2023-present

Advisor, Queer Straight Alliance, 2023-present

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Member, Southern Historical Association, 2024

Member, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, 2006-present

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## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

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Guest Lecturer, Whitehouse High School January 2023

Guest Lecturer, Whitehouse High School August 2019