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Curriculum Vitae

Executive Director
Humanities Texas
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Positions Held

Executive Director, Humanities Texas, 2003–present

Director, Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives and Records Administration,
1991–2003

Liaison, Foundation for the National Archives, 1992–1997

Director, Presidential Election Study, LBJ School of Public Affairs, 1988–1991

Special Assistant to the Archivist of the United States for World War II Programs, 1990–1991

Chief of Acquisitions and Oral History, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum,
1976–1991

Archivist, LBJ Library, 1973–1975

Education

The University of Texas at Austin — Ph.D. (History), 1984

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Graduate Studies, 1970–1971

Harvard University, Independent Graduate Studies, Summer, 1970

The University of Texas at Austin — B.A. (Government), 1968

Professional Activities

Board of Directors, Congressional Education Foundation, 2009–present

Board of Advisors, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Ohio State University, 1999–present

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2008

Member, Provost's Council on the Humanities, The University of Texas at Austin, 2004–2007

Founding member, Association of Centers for the Study of Congress, 2003–present

Program Committee for 2006, Texas State Historical Association, 2005

Board of Visitors, Southwestern University, 2005–present

Member, Content Advisory Committee, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, 2000–2003

Advisory Board, National Digital Library Program, Law Library of Congress, 1996–2003

Board of Directors, Everett McKinley Dirksen Congressional Leadership Center, 1993–1999

Editorial Advisory Board, *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, 1989–1995

Advisory Board, Vietnam War Oral History Project, 1989–1992

Member, World War II Commemorative Task Force, San Antonio, 1991

Member, Presidential Studies Group, The University of Texas at Austin, 1988–1991

Chair, Program Committee, Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 1989

Steering Committee, Encyclopedia of Congress Project, 1986–1989

Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee, The University of Texas School of Law, 1986–1988

Planning Committee, “The Future of Texas” conference, Dallas, 1987

Faculty, Texas Sesquicentennial Oral History Workshop, Austin, February, 1985

Faculty, Modern Archives Institute, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C.,
June 1–12, 1981

Member, Walter Prescott Webb Centennial Committee, Texas State Historical Association

Speaker, Texas Humanities Resource Center, University of Texas at Arlington, 1982

Publications

- Launching the War on Poverty: An Oral History*. New York: Twayne, 1996. (New edition released by Oxford University Press in 2010.)
- “A Southern Lady: [Lady Bird] Johnson Represented Best of Region,” *Houston Chronicle*, July 14, 2007.
- “One Person Can Be Catalyst for Change,” *The Dallas Morning News*, June 12, 2000.
- “Reedy Remembered as Senate Press Secretary Who Made Difference,” *Roll Call*, April 1, 1999.
- “The NAACP in Texas,” in George Ward, ed., *The New Handbook of Texas*. Austin, 1996.
- “Huey P. Long,” in Donald C. Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morton Keller, (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*. New York: Prentice Hall, 1995.
- “Michael S. Dukakis,” in Leonard W. Levy and Louis Fisher, (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*. New York: Gale Group, 1994.
- “Presidential Election, 1988,” in Leonard W. Levy and Louis Fisher, (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*. New York: Gale Group, 1994.
- “Thurgood Marshall: A Hero of Many Texas Battles,” *Dallas Morning News*, July 31, 1993.
- Ed., *Financing Presidential Campaigns: 1988 to 1992*. Austin: Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 1991.
- Ed., *Texas in Transition*. Austin: Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 1986.
- “The NAACP in Texas, 1937–1957.” Ph.D. dissertation, The University of Texas at Austin, 1984. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International, 1984.
- “Blacks Challenge the White University,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, LXXXVI, October, 1982.
- “Heman Marion Sweatt: Civil Rights Plaintiff,” in Alwyn Barr and Robert A. Calvert (eds.), *Black Leaders: Texas for Their Times*. Austin, 1981.
- “The Rise of the NAACP in Texas,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. LXXI, April, 1981.
- “Alvin J. Wirtz,” in Eldon Stephen Branda (ed.), *The Handbook of Texas: A Supplement*. Vol. III. Austin, 1976.
- “Huey Long and the Chaco War,” *Louisiana History* XI, Fall 1970, 293–311.

Assorted Book Reviews

Presentations

- “Liz Carpenter, Texas,” Texas State Historical Association, El Paso, March 3, 2011.
- “Remembering LBJ’s War on Poverty,” Texas Book Festival, Austin, October 17, 2010.
- “*Tales from the Crypt: Inside the National Archives*,” Houston Philosophical Society, April 16, 2009.
- “Five Dimensions of a Useable Past,” Tarrant County Historical Society, Fort Worth, January 8, 2009.
- “*An Offer You Can’t Refuse: The National Archives in Transition*,” Keynote Address to the Society of Southwest Archivists, Houston, May 22, 2008.
- “The Humanities in Texas,” Texas Book Festival, October 30, 2004.
- “Museum Moments: Reflections on Vision and Collaboration,” Texas Association of Museums, Waco, April 1, 2004.
- “Texas Antecedents of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*,” The University of Texas at El Paso, February 3, 2004.
- “Interviewing Political Elites,” Society of American Archivists, Washington, D.C., August 31, 2001.
- “Heman Sweatt and his Lawsuit,” Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, The University of Texas at Austin, April 12, 2000.
- “The War on Poverty,” National Association of Community Action Agencies, Austin, October 15, 1999.
- “LBJ: Larger than Life,” Remarks at the National Park Service ceremony, LBJ Grove, Washington, D.C., August 28, 1999.
- “Research in the Records of Congress,” National Capitol Area Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., March 9, 1996.
- “Exploring the Past,” The Congressional Club, Washington, D.C., February 16, 1995.
- Remarks, Congressional Papers Conference, Portland, Maine, September 16, 1994.
- “Remembering Joe B. Frantz,” Remarks at memorial service, Austin, November 20, 1993.
- “Capturing Congress: Creating Major Historical Research Sources,” National Council on Public History, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1993.
- “Issues in Oral History: Assets, Access, and Preservation,” Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region, Washington, D.C., November 6, 1992.
- Roundtable, “Archival Research: A New Look at an Old Tool,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 3, 1992.

“Lost Opportunities for Research,” Texas State Historical Association, Lubbock, 1989.

“The NAACP, Criminal Cases and Racial Violence,” Texas State Historical Association, Galveston, 1988.

“The NAACP and The White Democratic Primary,” Texas Southern University, 1988.

Comment: New Scholars Seminar, Texas State Historical Association, 1988.

Panelist: “Presidential Library Oral History Programs: Multiple Perspectives,” Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference, Washington, D.C., 1988.

“Lyndon Johnson in Oral History,” Elderhostel Conference, Austin, 1988.

“Interviewing on Sensitive Topics,” Oral History Association, Pensacola, Florida, 1985.

“Who Are My People...My Community,” produced by the Texas Association of Museums, 1983.

“The Presidential Libraries: Bicentennial Perspectives,” The Eleventh National Colloquium on Oral History, Montebello, Canada, 1976.

Memberships and Affiliations

The Friar Society, The University of Texas at Austin

The Philosophical Society of Texas, President, 2009

The Association of Centers for the Study of Congress

The Texas State Historical Association

Grants and Awards

United States Senate Resolution No. 150, 108th Congress, 1st Session

Lyndon B. Johnson Historian Achievement Award, Presented by Natl. Assn. of Community Action Agencies, 1999

Outstanding Government Employee Merit Award

Personal

Spouse: LeAnn Lakin Gillette, since 1979

Children: Rob, Kenneth, and David Gillette

Hobbies: Running, cycling, photography