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PRESENT POSITION Associate Professor of History, Valdosta State College.

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE	European & U.S. History	General Administration
	College Teaching	Liaison & Coordination
	Historical Research & Writing	College Publicity
	Educational Fund Raising	Job Placement
	Commercial Broadcasting (Radio)	Electronics Repair/Maint.
	Digital Computers	Residential Construction

PERSONAL	Birthdate: 12/31/37	Wife: Kathleen C. Lancaster
	Excellent Health	Four children
	5' 8" 175 lbs.	

UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
M.A., 1970; Ph.D., 1972.

Major: 19th Century European History.
Minor: U.S. Diplomatic History.
Dissertation: "France and the United States, 1870-71:
Diplomatic Relations during the Franco-Prussian War
and the Insurrection of the Commune."
Dissertation Director: Warren F. Spencer.

Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Georgia
A.B., 1964.

Major: History.
Minor: French.

TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

U.S. Navy and Federal Aviation Administration Schools;
4,000+ classroom hours of electronics theory and equipment
training, 1955-1967.

STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENTS

Graduate School, University of Georgia:

NDEA Title Four Fellowship (1967-70).
Graduate Teaching Assistantship (1970-71).
Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History.
History Department grants for research (1970, 1971).
Grade Average: 3.82 on 4.0 scale.

Valdosta State College:

A.B. degree completed in three years while working full time.
Grade Average 3.75 on 4.0 scale.
Dean's List seven times.
Sigma Alpha Chi (local) Honor Society.
Alpha Chi (national) Honor Society.
Senior History Award (1964).
Who's Who Among Students (1964).
93rd percentile on GRE Aptitude Test.
Graduated with Class and Departmental Honors.

WORK
EXPERIENCE
1975 to
Present

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE, Valdosta, Georgia. Senior college of the University System of Georgia with enrollment of 5,500 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Positions:

1983 to present: Associate Professor of History.
1981 to 1983: Assistant Professor of History.
1975 to December 1981: Director of Development and Assistant Professor of History.

1981
to
Present

Duties: Teaching European & U.S. history courses, serving on college and department committees, professional development, and personal research.

Promotion, Tenure, Graduate Faculty:

Granted Tenure, September 1982.
Promoted to Associate Professor, September 1983.
Appointed to Graduate Faculty, November 1983.

Teaching
Activities
1981-1992

Courses taught:

History 100: World Civilization, I.
History 101: World Civilization, II.
History 200: Themes in U.S. & Georgia History.
History 291: Themes in U.S. & Georgia History (Honors).
History 300: Historiography & Research.
History 305/505: Special Topics in History.
History 322/522: Europe Since 1945.
History 431/631: North American Diplomacy Since 1914.
History 485: Directed Study in History.
International Studies 317/517: Focus [as History Topic].
History 810: Historiography
History 880: Seminar in European History.

Improvement of instruction by traditional approaches:

Unit at start of each survey course on how to analyze historical events, read textbook, take notes, & study.
Promotion of student participation at History & International Studies public programs.
Encouragement of class attendance by daily roll call & points for excellent attendance.
Communicating positive attitudes toward students & the study of history.

Improvement of teaching through application of technology:

Audio Tapes of History 200 lectures on permanent reserve in library.
Printed outlines (handouts) of lectures for each student.
Purchased computer programs for testing, administration & CAI.
Donated several to History Department.
Began using self-administered computer testing in survey courses (1984) as CAI; later in all courses.
Acquired 1600+ video documentaries concerning European, American, Asian & African history for classroom use.

Popularity of classes:

Ranked high on student evaluations.
Large enrollments.
High attendance rate.

Favorable evaluations by Department Head.

Professional Development and Application of Computer Skills:

Development
Activities
1981-1992

Intensively researched microcomputer hardware and software (during & after the Computer Facilitator Internship of spring 1983) with intent to purchase personal computer. Invested approximately \$5,500 in Columbia (IBM-compatible) personal computer, two printers, a modem, and software in December 1983 and January 1984.

Continuously updated home-office computer equipment, 1984-1991
Replaced Columbia dual-floppy with Zenith hard-disk PCXT
Replaced Zenith with DTK 386SX dual high-density floppy, dual hard disk computer with 5 Megabyte RAM.
Acquired Bondwell Turbo-8 dual-floppy laptop for library work
Acquired Diablo D80IF and Panasonic KX-P1624 printers

Achieved proficiency in use of VSC-supplied programs, as follows:
WordPerfect 5.1
Paradox 2.0
Diploma (testing software supplied by text publishers)
Gradeguide (shareware grade recorder)

Purchased & learned various programs, including the following:
Disk Optimizer program (for defragmenting hard disk)
DoubleDisk disk compression program
Fast! cache (acceleration) software
French Assistant language translation program
French Pronunciation Tutor
Gem Desktop Publisher
Grammatic IV grammar checker (works inside WP5.1)
InfoSelect personal information manager (note-taking, sorting)
Key Publisher
Lap-Link III file transfer program
Microsoft DOS Version 5.0
Microsoft Windows Version 3.0
Microsoft Word for Windows Version 2.0
PC-Globe map & geographical data program
Quatro Pro Version 3.0
RightWriter for Windows Version 5 grammar checker
Screen Extender Version 2 (works inside WP5.1)
Teacher's Quiz Designer
Typist OCR scanner by Caere
Virucide 2.24 (virus killer)
WP Citation bibliography software (works inside WP5.1)

Served as consultant/witness, representing History Dept. and College of Arts & Sciences, in college-wide evaluation of computer requirements for instruction, 1986.

Workshops, Seminars, and Short Courses:

VSC Center for Instructional and Faculty Development,
Computer Applications Facilitator Internship, 1983.
Georgia Consortium, Terrorism Workshop, Mark Steinitz,
presenter, Perry, Ga., October 3-4, 1986.
VSC Center for Instructional and Faculty Development,
Slidewrite (computer program) Workshop, 1987.
VSC Center for Instructional and Faculty Development,
Gradeguide (computer program) Workshop, 1987.
VSC Center for Instructional and Faculty Development,
WordPerfect 5.0 (computer program) Workshop, 1989.

Professional Meetings and Travel Related to VSC Duties

Lowndes County Historical Society,
Regular monthly meetings, 1981-91.
Georgia Association of Historians, Annual Meetings,
Jekyll Island, Georgia, March 27-28, 1981,
Savannah, Georgia, February 8-10, 1983,
Columbus, Georgia, Spring 1986,
Atlanta, Georgia, April 1988,
Jekyll Island, Georgia, April 21-22, 1989.
Rotary International District 692 Annual Conference, Jekyll
Island, Georgia, April 12-14, 1981.
Rotary District 692 Annual Assembly, Middle Georgia
College, Cochran, Georgia, June 19, 1981.
Southern Center for International Studies Meeting,
Atlanta, August, 1984.
Georgia Historical Society Meeting, Thomasville, Georgia,
October 6, 1984.
Atlanta Economics Club/World Trade Club program, "Future of
East-West Economic Relations," April 18, 1985.
Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Annual Meeting,
Atlanta, February 27-28, 1987.
Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting,
New Orleans, November 1987.

Publications, Papers, Programs, Talks:

- Attended & set up public address system & taping of nearly all VSC International Studies & History Department public lectures, 1981-89.
- Presented program, on Rotary History, Rotary District 692 Annual Conference, Jekyll Island, April 12, 1981.
- Presented program, "Rotary Public Relations," Rotary District 692 Annual Assembly, Cochran, Georgia, June 1981.
- Panelist, 3rd session of "Georgia Since Reconstruction," responding to Dr. Numan V. Bartley's paper, January 14, 1985.
- Presented talk, "U.S. Relations with West Europe," to South Georgia chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, April 13, 1985.
- Presented paper, "Moody Field: Its Establishment and Some of Its Effects on Valdosta, Georgia," to Lowndes County Historical Society, January 1987.
- Presented program, "Use of Computers in Local History," to Lowndes County Historical Society, March 31, 1988.
- Presented paper, "Teaching History Through Computerized Self-Testing: Whether and How to do it (Inexpensively)," to Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting, Carter Center, Atlanta, April 1988. Published in Proceedings and Papers of the Georgia Association of Historians, 1988.
- Presented program, "Historical Preservation: Photographs," to Lowndes County Historical Society, January 1989.
- Article, "Establishment of Moody Field, 1940-1941," Piney Woods Journal of History I (1990): 49-66.
- Article, "Economic Effects of Moody Air Force Base upon the Valdosta, Georgia, Area in the 1950s." Piney Woods Journal of History 2 (1991). In process of being printed.
- Article, "Neutral Arms Sales and International Law during the Franco-Prussian War" ready to submit for publication.
- Laboratory manual in preparation for History 300, Historiography and Research.
- Revision of dissertation for publication. Have typed 600 pages into computer and am condensing to approximate half of original length, as requested by University of Georgia Press.
- Presenting paper, "British Arms Sales and International Law during

the Franco-Prussian War" to Georgia Association of Historians
Annual Meeting, February 28-29, 1992.

Achievements as President, Lowndes County Hist. Society, 1989-91:

Museum, until 1989 open only on Sunday afternoons, now open to
the public six afternoons per week.

Part-time curator employed to supervise museum, using grant of
\$5,000 from Lowndes County Tourism Commission, & increasing
annual number of museum visitors from a few hundred to more
than 3,000.

Committee structure expanded to involve more members and accomplish
more work.

Grant acquired from Lowndes County Commission and State of Georgia
for funds (\$25,000) to repair museum basement to make possible
expansion of historical society activities and services.

Grant application (10/23/90) to American Association of Museums for
Museum Assessment Program.

Memberships, Offices, in Professional & Other Organizations:

Southern Historical Association.

Georgia Historical Society.

Georgia Association of Historians,

Publications Committee (1979-82); served as
committee's agent to arrange first publication
of GAH Proceedings.

Membership Committee (1988-89).

Lowndes County Historical Society,

Vice President, with responsibility for programs
and publicity, 1988-89; President, 1989-91.

Thronateska Heritage Foundation.

Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History,

Faculty advisor, 1988-92.

Phi Kappa Phi, VSC Chapter Secretary (1982).

Omicron Delta Kappa.

Rotary Club of Valdosta,

Member several committees, 1978-84,

Assistant Editor of Rota-Reel, 1980-81,

Editor of Rota-Reel, 1981-84.

Rotary International, District 692,

Publicity Chairman, 1980-81.

First Baptist Church,

Sunday School Department Director, 1979-82,
Sunday School Teacher, 1982-83,
Deacon, 1976-89.

Committee Memberships, College, 1981-92:

International Education Committee, 1977-82 & 1984-89.
Copyright Committee, 1976-92.
Campus Development Committee, 1984-85, 1988-89.
Archives Committee (formerly Special Collections), 1982-89.
Student Financial Aid Committee, 1975-81 & 1984-89.

Committee Memberships, History Department, 1981-92:

Scholarship Committee, chairman, 1982-85.
Planning Committee, 1983-88.
Inventory Committee, chairman, 1982.
Library Committee, 1981-82, 1986-92 (Chm. 1988-89).
History of Civilization Committee, 1981-82.
Self-Study Committee on Purpose, chairman, 1989.
American History Committee, 1988-92.

July 1975
to
Dec. 1981

Duties as Director of Development and Assistant Professor
of History:

Coordinate institutional advancement activities of the
Development, College Relations, and Informational Services
Offices, supervising the following personnel: Director of
College Relations, Head of Informational Services,
4 secretaries and 15 student assistants (1976-80).
Coordinate fund raising from private (non-government) sources.
Assist President in long-range planning, matters affecting
accreditation, evaluation of professional activity of faculty
& administrators, preparation of reports, correspondence, and
special assignments.
Serve as Executive Secretary of VSC Foundation.
Teach history one-third time.

Achievements, 1975-81:

Significantly improved procedures, planning, and basic
organization for college advancement work. For example:

Proposed creation of and served on Mission-Study Task

Force to write new statement of purpose for VSC.
Assisted President S. Walter Martin in consolidating separate Development & College Relations offices into single administrative unit.
Secured greatly enlarged space for Development office, effective with move to Powell Hall in 1980.
Successfully conducted first unified VSC Annual Fund drive (1976) combining formerly separate Alumni Association and VSC Foundation drives.
Designed & implemented improved procedures and materials for receiving, recording, & acknowledging gifts.
Secured administrative support to acquire automated equipment needed for advancement work, most notably:
IBM typesetting equipment
IBM Mag Card/A typewriter (1977)
Pitney-Bowes inserting machine (1978)
IBM Keypunch machine (1978)
Mini-computer (advocated 1979-81; CADO acquired 1982)
Directed two-year research into alumni records to correct address errors & other deficiencies and facilitate major increase in number of contacts in 1982 & subsequently.

Expanded college advancement activity, notwithstanding advancement staff cut from 4 to 3 in 1977. For Example:

Implemented deferred giving program.
Designed & implemented Tribute Fund program.
Designed & implemented minimum gift program (Founders Association).
Increased number of VSC Bulletin issues from 3 to 4 per year & added parents to mailing list.
Increased number of regional phonathons from 2 in 1976 to 11 in 1977.
Increased number of Annual Fund mailings from 2 in 1974 to 6 in 1978.
Organized highly successful nationwide phonathons in 1980 and 1981, using student volunteers as callers.
Devised plan that resulted in dramatic increase in faculty participation & gifts to Annual Fund.
Wrote, designed, & published numerous fund-raising brochures, including the following:
"Numbers, The 1976 Annual Fund." December 1975.
"A New Beginning." January 1976.

"The VSC Annual Fund." February 1979.

"Final Report, 1979 Annual Fund." November 1979.

"The Eighties, A Decade of Opportunity for VSC."
February 1980.

"Final Report, 1980 Annual Fund." November 1980.

"The Valdosta State College Founders Association."
March 1981.

"105 in '75: The 1981 Annual Fund." February 1981.

Wrote, photographed, edited, produced, & narrated 15-minute
slide/sound show on VSC Annual Fund for presentation
to civic clubs & VSC groups, 1980.

Improved results of Annual Fund drives. For Example:

Annual giving rose from less than \$29,000 in 1975 to more
than \$119,000 in 1981.

Total private gifts quadrupled from 1977 to 1981, reaching
\$196,000.

Number of donors more than tripled in three years,
exceeding 3,300 in 1981.

Donors of record increased 466% in three years, totaling
4,594 in 1981.

VSC chosen as U.S. Steel Award Finalist for Alumni Giving
Improvement in 1980 over previous year.

Assisted president in general administration. For example:

Edited & dealt with Regents Office on issues related
to Statutes of Valdosta State College, 1976.

With Dr. Louie Brown, developed successful proposal
to provide training for Defense Civil Preparedness
Agency, Region three (eight-state area), in 1977.

Compiled and edited president's annual reports, 1975-78.

Served as director of ten-year SACS self-study leading
to reaccreditation of VSC in 1980.

Served on several college committees, notably:

Administrative Council (ex officio).

Goals and Long-range Planning (ex officio).

College Advancement (ex officio & chairman).

Enrollment Projections (chairman, 1975 and 1976).

Forward VSC.

Student Financial Aid.

International Studies.

Ad hoc Committee to Study Impact of Government
Regulations on Higher Education.
Mission Study Task Force.
Steering Committee, Ten-Year SACS Self-Study.
VSC Foundation Scholarship Awards.

Sept. 1971
to
June 1975

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE, Williamsburg, Kentucky. Liberal arts college affiliated with Kentucky Baptists and serving 1,650 students, mostly from Appalachia.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

June 1973
to
June 1975

Position: Director of Alumni, Placement, and Information Services and Assistant Professor of History.

Duties:

Responsible for career placement, duplication and printing, publicity, alumni affairs, editing Cumberland College Magazine, and teaching European history or U.S. diplomatic history when needed.

Shared alumni fund-raising duties with Development Office. Supervised news director, teacher placement director, 2 secretaries, and 15 student photographers, reporters, typists, photo processors, and machine operators.

Jointly responsible as executive director of alumni association to alumni Board of Directors and to college administration.

Member of 7 faculty committees (chm. of 2) and Planning (Development) Council.

Author, editor, designer of three 20-page magazines:

The Cumberland College Magazine, Summer, 1973.

The Cumberland College Magazine, Fall, 1973.

The Cumberland College Magazine, Spring, 1974.

Reason for Change: Accepted employment as Director of Development at Valdosta State College.

June 1971
to
June 1973

Position: Assistant Professor of History.

Duties: Teaching European and diplomatic history.

Achievements:

Taught 2 upper-level and 3 survey courses each semester
(15 semester hours, 4 preparations).

Completed 600-page dissertation during first year of teaching.
Served as associate chairman of SACS Self-study Committee
on Physical Plant.

Wrote History Department's physical plant & library self-study
reports to standards committees for ten-year self-study.

Elected by students as sponsor of senior class, 1972-73.

Reason for Change: Two-year appointment expired; was
offered alumni post described above.

May 1960
to
Sept. 1967

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, Tallahassee, Florida,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Valdosta, Georgia.

Position: Electronics Technician, GS-7 to GS-11.

Duties:

Maintenance of long-range radar, IFF systems, microwave link,
radar indicators, VHF and UHF communication equipments,
multi-channel tape recorders, and Common Digitizer computer.

April 1959
to
April 1960

WCEH RADIO, Hawkinsville, Georgia. Commercial broadcast
station, 610 KC, 500 watts.

Position: Engineer-Announcer.

April 1955
to
Dec. 1958

UNITED STATES NAVY, AEWRON FOUR, Jacksonville, Florida.
Squadron equipped with Lockheed Radar Superconstellation
aircraft & with assigned mission of hurricane reconnaissance
and tracking of experimental missiles.

Position, 1958: Aviation Electronics Technician, 2nd Class.

01/14/92