

# Tai D. Kreidler

## Vita

### Education

- 1997      Doctor of Philosophy. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas  
Dissertation--"The Offshore Oil Frontier: The Formative Years."  
Major Fields: American West, Economic, Environmental, Modern Latin American, Eastern European.  
Minor Field: Geography.
- 1991      Administration of Archival and Manuscript Collections graduate work. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
- 1983      Master of Arts Degree. Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, Texas.  
Thesis--"Blossom on the Plains: Rotan and the Texas Central Railroad in the Fading West Texas Frontier."
- 1977      Bachelor of Arts Degree. Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, Texas.  
Major: History and Political Science

### Archival Experience

- 2006-      Co-Director. Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
- 1999--      Department Head. Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.  
Manages and coordinates the daily business of nine units in the Special Collections Library (Oral history, Special Projects, Reference Services, Photographs, Exhibits and Outreach, Audio-Video, Information Technology, Rare Books, and University Archives) in the areas of administration and budgeting, staffing, collection development, public service, user instruction, automation, and public relations. Additional duties include participation on Library committees and administrative council; performance of reference work; participation with local and regional archival and historical communities; supervision of grant projects. Formulates, authors and supervises three archival grant projects. Coordinates the Special Collection Library's participation in the TARO (Texas Archival Resources Online) EAD Project that has converted hardcopy collection inventories into Web-accessible finding aids. Reports to the associate dean for Special Collections and assists with public contacts and community work.
- Promoted to the rank of associate archivist with continuing appointment (tenure) in 1998.

- 1997--99 Head of Manuscript and Archives. Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.  
Helped to establish the organizational structure of the Special Collections Library. Managed the daily business of the Special Collection and coordinated the activities of nine units which include Oral history, Special Projects, Reference Services, Photographs, Exhibits and Outreach, Audio-Video, Information Technology, Rare Books, and University Archives. Formulated and submitted grant proposals to help process collections, and create finding aids to facilitate patron use.  
  
Continued to serve as the Archivist for the Southwest Collection unit.
- 1995-98 Assistant Archivist. Southwest Collection archives, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.  
  
Served as interim Archivist for the Southwest Collection. Coordinated the move to the new building. Assisted with the successful completion of the "Guide to Collections" project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Performed oral history interviews; direct responsibility for appraisal, accessioning and processing of manuscript, photograph, and film/video collections; supervised one full-time staff member and up to ten part-time graduate and student assistants; performed reference services; developed and presented public programs; served as oral history/field representative.
- 1993-95 Archival Assistant. Southwest Collection archives, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.  
Performed oral history interviews; direct responsibility for appraisal, accessioning and processing of manuscript, photograph, and film/video collections; supervised one full-time staff member and up to ten part-time graduate and student assistants; performed reference services; developed and presented public programs; served as oral history/field representative.
- 1992 Assistant Archivist. Southwest Collection archives, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.  
Performed oral history interviews; direct responsibility for appraisal, accessioning and processing of manuscript, photograph, and film/video collections; supervised one full-time staff member and up to ten part-time graduate and student assistants; performed reference services; developed and presented public programs; served as oral history/field representative.
- 1990-92 Research Assistant. Southwest Collection archives, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.  
Processed manuscript collections; supervised the work of seven student assistants in manuscript processing; performed reference services; created subject bibliographies for Southwest Collection holdings; conducted oral history interviews and picked up collections.

- 1983-87 Student assistant. Southwest Collection archives, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas. Processed Photograph Collection, implemented new index system and the cataloging of past and recent acquisitions.

#### **College Teaching Experience**

- 1998- Non-Departmental Faculty. History Department, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
- 1994 Visiting Professor. History Department, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
- 1988-90 Lecturer. History Department, Lamar University. Beaumont, Texas.
- 1983-89 Teaching Assistant. History Department, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
- Arts and Sciences Council's Outstanding Teaching Award. College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University, 1988.
- Outstanding Teaching Award--Graduate Student. History Department, Texas Tech University, 1986.
- 1977-80 Teaching Assistant. Teaching Assistant, History Department, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas

#### **Additional Administrative Experience**

- 1999-- Executive Director. West Texas Historical Association, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas. Manages the business affairs, budget, and correspondence; coordinates the planning for the annual meeting, assists with the editing of the journal, and supervises the publication of the newsletter.
- 1998-2001 Associate Editor. West Texas Historical Association, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas. Assists the editor in the publication of the association journal.

#### **Public History Research Experience**

- 2006 Fieldwork. Red River. Re-photography of the Red River boundary between Texas and Oklahoma.
- 2005 Fieldwork. Dickens County History. Traced the history of Dickens County, Texas with Bob Martin of the Dickens County Historical Association. Visited the sites of Dockum's Store, Indian campsite, Soldier's Mound, and the abandoned town site of Espuela, Texas.
- 2004 Fieldwork. Texan-Santa Fe Expedition. Traced the path of the Texan-Santa Fe Expedition in the Rolling Plains around Quitaque, Texas.
- 2004 Fieldwork. Black Water Draw. Traced the expanse of Black Water Draw to its source in eastern New Mexico.

- 2003 Fieldwork. Pecan tree field trip to Gail, Texas. The tree was allegedly to be the one described in the accounts of the lost cavalry expedition in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 2002 Consultant. Surveyed and reported on Post City, Texas for Southwest Museum Services of Houston, Texas.
- 1989 Field work. Shelterbelt Zone of Northern Texas and Southern Oklahoma. May 22 - 24, 1989. Article published as "To Anchor the Wind: The Shelterbelt Program on the Great Plains." The Journal of the West. October, 1990.
- 1987-88 Research Assistant. Western Historical Studies. Lafayette, Colorado. Grand Teton National Park [Wyoming] Architectural Survey, 1987. County Seat Surveys for the Iowa State Historical Association, 1988. Bureau of Land Management Historic Architectural Survey of AMOCO oil lease--Bairoil, Wyoming, 1988.
- 1985 Research Assistant. Center for the History of Engineering and Technology. Texas Tech University. Seventeen County Survey of the Texas Rolling Plains for the Texas Historical Commission.
- 1983 Field work. Oklahoma Panhandle Country - Black Mesa Country [A re-assessment of Carl Coke Rister's "No Man's Land." Article presented at the 1984 West Texas Historical Assn. meeting].

#### **Records Management Experience**

- 1997-2003 Records Management Officer. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas. Secured yearly \$100,000 budget to support records management office. Established a permanent office for both records management and university archives. Supervises the update of the records retention schedule and submits updates to the state office.
- 1992 Project Director/Records Management Officer. Texas Tech University Records Survey. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas. Surveyed 21 linear miles of records, compiled university's first records retention schedule within a six month schedule and under budget. Established a records management program. Received the Outstanding Achievement Award, Texas Tech University.

#### **Offices**

- 2007 Secretary. College Baseball Foundation.
- 2001-02 Vice President. Texas Oral History Association.
- 1998-99 President. Texas Oral History Association.
- 1997-98 Vice President. Texas Oral History Association.
- 1997-98 Board member. West Texas Historical Association.
- 1997- Board Member. Texas Oral History Association.
- 1995- Book Review Editor. Texas Oral History Association.

## **Awards, Scholarships, and Grants**

- 2004      Outstanding Alumnus Award. College of Arts and Sciences, Midwestern State University.
- 2001      Summerlee, King and CH Foundation Grants. Funds to process the 500,000 item Winston Reeves Photograph Collection.
- 1999      The CH Foundation Grant. Funds granted to microfilm the 300 linear feet of historically significant JA Ranch Records.
- 1999      Texas Treasures Grant. Funds granted to inventory the 300 linear feet of historically significant JA Ranch Records.
- 1993      Outstanding Achievement Award. Texas Tech University. Awarded for outstanding service and dedication to Texas Tech University.
- 1988      Arts and Sciences Council's Outstanding Instructor Award. College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University.
- 1987      Seth Shepard McKay Scholarship. History Department, Texas Tech University. Awarded to graduate students working in Texas history.
- 1986      Graduate Student Teaching Award. History Department, Texas Tech University. Awarded to outstanding graduate student instructors.
- 1980      Phi Alpha Theta - National Award for Best Chapter. Tau Gamma chapter (Presided as chapter President).
- 1978      Scholarship Award. Phi Alpha Theta, Tau Gamma Chapter.

## **Publications**

**Academic.** A book manuscript on the petroleum industry is pending at a university press. Articles and book reviews published in a variety of academic publications including the Journal of the West, West Texas Historical Association Year Book, The Cross Timbers Review, and a chapter in a book on Texas History.

- 2006      Introduction for "Life in America: 60 Years as One of the Countrymen Living in America" by Hisanori Kano. To be published by Texas Tech University Press.
- 2006      "The Harvey Rhoads Story." Oral history monograph in collaboration with H. Allen Anderson. Reading draft completed for Eakin Press.
- 2005      "Out of the Land of the Philistines." Chapter in a history of North Central Texas. Midwestern State University Press. 2005
- 2005      "A Great Adventure: The Search for Offshore Oil, 1945-1960." Book manuscript submitted to Press. Completed first reader review.
- 2002      Book Review of "The Palo Duro Canyon Story" the East Texas Historical Association Journal.

- 2001 "Hermine Tobolowsky: Mother of Texas' Equal Legal Rights Amendment" in Ty Cashion and Jesus F. De La Teja's [editors] The Human Tradition in Texas.
- 2001 Book Review of Capitol Women: Texas Female Legislators, 1923-1999 by Nancy Baker Jones and Ruth Winegarten in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly [476-477] January 2001.
- 2001 Year Book. The West Texas Historical Association Year Book. Associate Editor.
- 2000 Year Book. The West Texas Historical Association Year Book. Associate Editor.
- 1999 Year Book. The West Texas Historical Association Year Book. Associate Editor.
- 1998 "The Southwest Collection: 50 Years In the Saddle." West Texas Historical Association Yearbook, 1998.
- 1996 "Petroleum Reserves As Natural Resource." The Journal of the West July 1996.
- 1994 Book Review of Captain Jack Crawford: Buckskin Poet, Scout and Showman by Darlis Miller in the West Texas Historical Association Year Book [203-205] 1994.
- 1990 "To Anchor the Wind: The Shelterbelt Program on the Great Plains." The Journal of the West. October, 1990.
- 1986-87 "Sentinel on the Plains," Cross Timbers Review [two part article published in the Fall, 1986 and Spring, 1987 issues].
- 1984 Book Review of Abilene: An American Centennial--A Collection of Historic and Contemporary Photographs by Fane Downs and Roy Flukinger in the West Texas Historical Association Year Book [228-229] 1984
- 1982 "Texas Town Promoters: Charles Hamilton, W. E. Spencer and the Building of Rotan," West Texas Historical Association Yearbook, 1982. Vol. LVIII, pp. 142-158.

**Reference books, Reports, and Fieldwork. Three publications that include contributions toward, or compilations of archival finding aids, record management documentation, and architectural fieldwork findings.**

- 2005 "Affairs of the Association." Report to the West Texas Historical Association published in The Year Book--the association journal.
- 2004 "Affairs of the Association." Report to the West Texas Historical Association published in The Year Book--the association journal.
- 2003 "Affairs of the Association." Report to the West Texas Historical Association published in The Year Book--the association journal.
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- 2000 "Affairs of the Association." Report to the West Texas Historical Association published in The Year Book--the association journal.
- 1996 Southwest Collection Manuscript and Photograph Collection Guide. Contributing editor. Prepared by the Southwest Collection of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas in fulfillment of a National Historic Preservation and Research Commission grant.
- 1992 Texas Tech University Records Retention Schedule. Compiler, supervising editor and project director.
- 1988 A Historic Resources Reconnaissance of the Bairoil, Wyoming Historic District Including Historic Property Types, and Evaluation Standards. Contributing Assistant Historian. Prepared by Western Historical Studies of Lafayette, Colorado for John and Mavis Greer Archaeological Consultants and The AMOCO Production Company in fulfillment of Bureau of Land Management regulations.

**Popular. Seven articles published in university magazines, local newspapers, and video documentaries.**

- 2002 "The Place for Football." Techsan Magazine. July/August 2002.
- 1998 "The Southwest Collection: Fifty Years of History." Techsan Magazine. Spring 1998.
- 1998 "The Coaching School." Techsan Magazine. Winter 1998.
- 1997 "The SWC Lives on at Texas Tech (Southwest Conference Records)." Techsan Magazine. January/February 1997
- 199X Sports Installment. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
- 1995 "The Brief Story of Tech's Nuclear Engineering Program." Techsan Magazine. November/December 1995.
- 1994 "Do You Believe In Miracles? (1966 TTU-Arkansas Football Game)." Texas Techsan Magazine. September/October 1994.
- 1993 "World War II Training Exercises." Techsan Magazine. September/October 1993.
- 1991 Introductions to Humble Oil and Refining Company's "Texas In Review" installments. Southwest Collection. Texas Tech University.
- 1984 Television script for ads commemorating Lubbock 75th Anniversary - Reese Air Force Base. Via the Southwest Collection. Texas Tech University.

**Papers Presented/Sessions Presided**

- 2006 Paper Presented. "West Texas Football Trinity: Sammy Baugh, Big John Kimbrough and Dick Todd" at the Texas State Historical Association meeting in Austin, Texas.
- 2005 Conference Organized. West Texas Historical Association, Sul Ross, Texas.
- 2004 Session Organized and Presided. East Texas Historical Association meeting in Nacogdoches, Texas.

- 2004 Conference Organized. Joint meeting of the Texas Map Society and the West Texas Historical Association, Abilene, Texas.
- 2004 Session Organized. East Texas Historical Association meeting in Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 2003 Conference Organized. West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, Texas.
- 2003 Session Organized. East Texas Historical Association meeting in Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 2002 Session Organized. Texas Oral History Association at the Texas State Historical Association meeting in El Paso, Texas.
- 2002 Conference Organized. West Texas Historical Association, San Angelo, Texas.
- 2001 Paper Presented. "Art and Artists of West Texas." Paper read for author who could not attend. Texas Oral History Association session at the Texas State Historical Association meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas
- 2001 Conference Organized. West Texas Historical Association, Wichita Falls, Texas.
- 2001 Session presided. East Texas Historical Association meeting in Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 2000 Conference Organized. West Texas Historical Association, Midland, Texas
- 2000 Session Organized and Presided. East Texas Historical Association meeting in Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 1999 Session Organized and Paper Presented. "The Southwest Conference: The Formative Years, 1914-1950." Texas Oral History Association session at the Texas State Historical Association meeting in Dallas, Texas.
- 1998 Paper Presented. "The Origins of the Southwest Conference." Southwest Oral History Association meeting in Albuquerque, NM.
- 1998 Paper Presented. "The Southwest Collection: 50 Years In the Saddle." West Texas Historical Association meeting in Abilene, Texas.
- 1996 Paper Presented. "Texas History by the Inch: Picking Daisies with Dr. Kenneth F. Neighbours." West Texas Historical Association meeting in Canyon, Texas.
- 1995 Paper Presented. "Not In My Backyard: Nuclear Waste Disposal in West Texas." Texas State Historical Association meeting in San Antonio, Texas.
- 1993 Session presided. West Texas Historical Association meeting in Abilene, Texas.
- 1991 Session presided. West Texas Historical Association meeting in Lubbock, Texas.
- 1989 Paper Presented. "West Texas Galloping Ghosts: Sammy Baugh, Dick Todd, and John Kimbrough." West Texas Historical Association meeting in Abilene, TX.
- 1985 Paper Presented. "To Build Great Cities." West Texas Historical Association meeting in Abilene, TX.

- 1984 Paper Presented. "Black Mesa Park: Fort Nichols and the Santa Fe Trail." West Texas Historical Association meeting in San Angelo, TX.
- 1983 Paper Presented. "A Blossom on the Plains: Life in Early Rotan, 1907-1920." West Texas Historical Association meeting in Abilene, TX.
- 1981 Paper Presented. Phi Alpha Theta meeting at the Southwestern Social Science meeting in Dallas.
- 1979 Paper Presented. Phi Alpha Theta meeting at the Southwestern Social Science meeting in Fort Worth, TX.
- 1978 Paper Presented. Phi Alpha Theta North Texas Regional Conference in Commerce, TX.

#### **Other Professional Presentations**

- 2001 Guest Lecturer. "Texas Environmental History." Lecture for Environmental Ethics course at Texas Tech University.
- 2001 Oral History Workshop. Texas State Historical Commission.
- 2001 Master of Ceremony. National Ranching Heritage Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- 1998 Oral History Workshop. Floydada, Texas.
- 1994 Speaker. "An Environmental History of the Upper Texas Coast." Exploring the Texas Coastal Environment program. Sponsored by the Texas Energy Museum under a Grant from the Texas Committee for the Humanities. Beaumont, Texas.
- 1992 Speaker. "Texas Environmental Awareness -- A Historical Perspective on Waste Disposal and Citizen Response." Regional Teachers Workshop. Sponsored by Lamar University. Beaumont, Texas.
- 1991-92 Host. Humble Oil and Refining Company's "Texas In Review" installments that aired on KTXT-TV. Sponsored by the Southwest Collection. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
- 1991 Speaker. "Texas Environmental History - An Overview." Regional Teachers Workshop. Sponsored by Lamar University. Beaumont, Texas.
- 1986 Guest Lecturer. "Car Culture" lecture for Science and Technology course at Texas Tech University.
- 1984 Guest Speaker. Pearl Harbor veterans meeting on the ecology and environmental problems of West Texas.
- 1984 Lecturer. "The Oral History Interview - Important Research Tool." Public History Seminar. Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, Texas.

#### **Professional Memberships**

Ft. Belknap Association  
 Phi Alpha Theta  
 Society of Southwest Archivists  
 Texas Oral History Association  
 Texas State Historical Association  
 West Texas Historical Association

## **Service and Committee Work**

Faculty Senator. TTU. Representing TTU Libraries, 2004--2007

Faculty Associates For The Center For The Southwest, TTU, 2005-

Clint and Siva Chambers Lecture Series Committee, TTU

Digital Initiatives Software Review Task Force, TTU Libraries, 2004-2005.

Lubbock County Historical Commission.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, TTU Libraries 2004-06.

System Management Team, TTU Libraries 2004-06.

Steering Committee, Faculty Governance, 2003-04

University Library Council, TTU Libraries.