FACULTY PROFILE

Department

CSU College: Arts and Sciences
CSU Discipline: History

Basic Info

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Education

Master of Arts in History/Government
Texas Woman’s University

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Tennessee State University

Bachelor of Science in History
Texas Woman’s University

Biography

Background
I spent 4 years 2 months and 22 days in the United States Army as a Medic. During that time I was deployed twice to Bosnia; spent time in Germany; Ft. Polk, Louisiana; and Ft. Benning, Georgia. My husband and I have 6 children total (3 boys and 3 girls). I have been teaching college/university level History and Political Science since 2005. I taught high school 11th grade AP U.S. History for 2 1/2 years. My husband also teaches, but he teaches elementary P.E. so he works with the younger generation, and I get the grown ups. Teaching runs in my family as my mother and grandmother and aunt were also teachers.

CSU Story
I started teaching at CSU in 2008 as an adjunct and have taught both U.S. History, World Civilization, and all Political Science classes. I now a full time professor and have loved all aspects of teaching for CSU. CSU has done a lot of changing and growing over the years, and there are many great things on the horizon to look forward to in the future.

Hobbies/Interests
Reading, Walking the dogs, Movies, Kayaking, Traveling

Additional Information

Teaching Philosophy
My philosophy is that every student matters and each of you has the ability to do great things. Effort and communication are the keys to success in any endeavor, and you will need both to succeed. If you have any problems or questions about this course please feel free to contact me.

Advice for Current Students
I would advise students to get into the classroom and class information/text early and often each week. Don’t wait until the last minute to do assignments and read but work on a little of it every day so that you don’t get overwhelmed. Things are going to happen in your life that will make your class work take a backseat, but if you have been working on a little every day, you won’t get too far behind. When things do come up make sure that you communicate the issue/problem so that we can work as a team to get you through to the end of the class and your goal of attaining your education.