

Derrick Birdsall



EDUCATION

M.A. in History, December 1994 – Sam Houston State University

B.S. in Academic Studies, December 1991 – Sam Houston State University

APPOINTMENTS

Director, Sam Houston Memorial Museum & Republic of Texas Presidential Library, October 2021 to present.

Curator of Education, Sam Houston Memorial Museum, November 2017 to September 2021

Historical Park Superintendent, Farmers Branch Historical Park, 1999 to 2017

Curator of Education, Sam Houston Memorial Museum, November 1995 to August 1999

Adjunct Professor, Angelina College, American History, January 1996 to May 1998

Historical Interpreter January 1994 to October 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Birdsall, Derrick (essayist) *The Living History Anthology*, New York City, Routledge, 2019

Birdsall, Derrick and Davis, Kristine *Texas Forts Trail*. Abilene: Abilene Christian University, 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2015 Texas Living History Association, Dallas, TX

2012 Texas Association of Museums, San Antonio, TX

2011 Texas Association of Museums, Las Colinas, TX

2010 Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums, Wooster, MA

2009 Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums, Winston-Salem, NC
2005 Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums, Des Moines, IA
2005 Texas Association of Museums, Dallas, TX
2000 Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums, New London, CT
1999 Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums, Kansas City, KS
1997 Flagler College History Symposium, St. Augustine, FL
1997 Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums, Staunton, VA
1997 Friends of Geography Regional Conference, Tomball, TX
1994 Social Sciences Regional Convention, San Antonio, TX
1993 Phi Alpha Theta NE Texas Regional Conference, Nacogdoches, TX

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Lecturer, Angelina College

US History

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sam Houston State University

US History

HONORS / AWARDS

Conference Chair, Texas Living History Association 2023-24

Board member, Huntsville Arts Commission 2023-current

Board member, Preservation Texas 2022-current

Board member, City of Huntsville Parks and Leisure 2019-current

Huntsville Leadership Institute class 37 member, 2019

Board member, Nominating Committee of the Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums 2017-2019

Conference Chair, Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums 2012

Board member, Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums 2010-13

Certificate of Recognition – Best History Paper, fall semester 1992

Excellence in Writing Certificate granted by SHSU and the SGA, spring semester 1993

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

Preservation Texas

Association for Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums

Texas Association of Museums

American Association of State and Local History

Mountain Plains Museum Association

Texas Living History Association