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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in History, Rice University
- M.A. in History, Rice University
- B.A. in History (*magna cum laude*) and B.B.A. in Business (*magna cum laude*), Southern Methodist University

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019: Elizabeth Gillis Award for Exemplary Service (Rice University's most prestigious staff honor, awarded annually to one individual)
- 2019: The Rice Student Association created the *Matthew Taylor Award for Service to the Community*, to recognize and honor my work to support students. The award is given annually to select undergraduates
- 2013-present: Member of the Board of Trustees of the Emery/Weiner School, Houston, Texas (Vice President, 2016-present)
- 2015-2018: Member of the Board of Trustees of EMERGE Fellowship
- 2014: Rice University Board of Trustees Award for Distinguished Service
- 2010 and 1996: Rice Student Association Mentor Award (given annually by the student body to one member of the Rice faculty in recognition of "extraordinary service to the student body as an advisor, counselor, teacher and friend")
- 2001: Mortar Board "Last Lecture" Award, Pomona College
- 1996: Class of 1996 Award for Distinguished Service and Teaching, Rice University
- Brown College Award as Rice University's Outstanding Teacher in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996
- 1989-90: Doctoral Fellow, Office of Air Force History, Washington, D.C.

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **2019-present: Associate Provost**
- **2010-2019: Associate Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs**
From 2010-16, my duties were split between the Provost's Office and Dean of Undergraduates' Office, and I reported directly to the Dean and the Provost. My role moved wholly to the Provost's Office in July 2016 so that I could take on additional academic and strategic responsibilities. *My title was changed to Associate Provost in 2019*, and I continue to report directly to the Provost and manage three direct reports and budgets of ~\$1.5 million. Responsibilities include:
 - Oversight of the Office of Undergraduate Research & Inquiry (<https://ouri.rice.edu/home>)
 - Co-director of the Rice Emerging Scholars Program (RESP) -- a comprehensive transition and success program for newly admitted undergraduates in STEM fields

- Development and coordination of university strategy and initiatives to support first-generation students and students from low-income backgrounds
 - Development and implementation of partnerships with community colleges
 - Member (*ex officio*) of the University Committee on Faculty Promotion and Tenure
 - Deputy Title IX Officer (2018)
 - Co-Principal Investigator for an S-STEM grant from the National Science Foundation (\$1 million) and Principal Investigator for grants from the Hearst Foundations (\$365k).
 - Oversight of collection and analysis of data on retention, campus climate, and sexual misconduct and harassment
 - Advisor to undergraduate student government officers
- **2009-2016: Associate Dean of Undergraduates**
 Responsibilities included oversight of 23 professional staff members (5 direct reports) and several academic and co-curricular programs for undergraduates, including:
 - The Center for Civic Leadership, which houses programs in civic research and design, fellowships, leadership education, and service-learning
 - The Rice Emerging Scholars Program (RESP) -- a comprehensive transition and success program for newly admitted undergraduates in STEM fields
 - Rice Student Health Services -- the medical clinic that serves all 7000 of Rice's graduate and undergraduate students
 - Provost Office nominations of faculty for national and international awards, including the National Academies (2015-16)
 - I served as one of two principal advisors to undergraduate student government officers
 - The Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance (2010-12).
 - NCAA Compliance Office (shared reporting line with Rice Athletics, 2009-13).
- **January 2012-July 2013: Director of the Program in Writing and Communication (PWC), Rice University**
 I led creation of this new program and implemented an associated revision of Rice University's undergraduate degree requirements. Responsibilities included:
 - Managing a \$1.6 million budget
 - Chairing a department of 11 full-time faculty members
 - Supervising the Director of the Center for Professional and Academic Communication
 - Organizing and directing a new program of first-year writing-intensive seminars (FWIS) required of all undergraduates (2012-14 offerings included 140 seminars)
 - Chairing the committee that designed and supervised construction of the Center for Academic and Professional Communication
 - Chairing searches for six full-time faculty members for the PWC and three professional staff for the Center for Academic and Professional Communication

- **2006-2009: Advisor to the Dean of Undergraduates, Rice University**

I served as the senior staff member of the Dean of Undergraduates' division (110 professional staff) and coordinated the development and implementation of university-wide academic, co-curricular, and residential college programs. I also:

- Mentored and collaborated with the tenured faculty heads and student government leaders of Rice's 11 residential colleges
- Advised President David Leebron on resolution of violations of the Rice Honor Code
- Developed and coordinated implementation of the plan for opening and populating two new residential colleges (a \$175 million project)
- Coordinated resolution of cases of student academic, personal, medical, and psychological distress
- Served on the Rice Crisis Management Team

- **March 2005-March 2006: Assistant to the Dean of Undergraduates, Rice University**

I served as the principal advisor to Rice's first Dean of Undergraduates on re-organization of the undergraduate affairs division, long-range planning, and policy.

Select Achievements and Appointments at Rice, 2005-2020

- **2020:** Co-chair of the university task force charged with updating Rice's Title IX policies and processes to comply with new DOE regulations
- **2020:** Co-chair of the faculty team leading a self-study of academic climate and inclusion in Rice's STEM programs
- **2020:** Chair of the committee charged with developing a predictive analytics model for Rice undergraduates in partnership with EAB Navigate
- **2019:** Helped to secure a \$650k gift to support research placements and mentoring for first-generation and low-income students in STEM
- **2018-19:** Liaison to the Association of American Universities (AAU) and implementation lead at Rice for the 2019 AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct
- **2014-20:** Helped to secure donor and foundation (Hearst, NSF, Alkek, Doris Duke, and Chao) funding for the Rice Emerging Scholars Program (\$3.1 million to date)
- **2016-present:** Senior academic officer on the committee overseeing pre-design of a new Multicultural Center and design and construction of new residential college facilities (project budgets total \$50 million)
- **2016:** Appointed by the Provost to establish and oversee a new Program in Inquiry-based Learning for Undergraduates
- **2016:** Chair of the Faculty Senate committee on new university enrollment policies
- **2016-17:** Appointed by the Provost as co-lead of the university's Teaching and Learning Kitchen planning initiative, a multi-year project to renovate Rice's main library and enhance teaching and learning support services for faculty and students

- **2015:** Organized and hosted the COFHE Academic and Student Services Conference, the annual meeting of senior student affairs officers of the 35 top-ranking private colleges and universities in the U.S.
- **2014-15:** Chaired the university Task Force on Title IX and Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention
- **2013-15:** Member of the Integrated Campus Planning Steering Committee charged with formulating principles and plans to guide the development of Rice's 300-acre campus and facilities to 2030
- **2012-13:** Member of the Faculty Senate working group charged with enunciating guidelines for Rice's engagement with online education courseware
- **2012-13:** Chaired the committee of faculty, staff, and students charged with revising the Rice alcohol policy and associated safety and enforcement procedures
- **2006-12:** Created and chaired the Rice Common Reading Program for first-year students
- **2005-12, 2017-present:** Member of the university steering committee on construction and renovation of the residential colleges and Student Center. This senior management team has directed over \$325 million in construction and renovation projects
- **2007-09:** Developed and coordinated implementation of the plan for opening and populating new residential colleges
- **2007-08:** Served on the steering committee for collegiate athletics reaccreditation and co-authored the university's self-study report to the NCAA
- **2006-07:** Member of the Committee on the Rice Undergraduate Program. This committee of faculty was charged with enunciating the goals of undergraduate education for Rice's Second Century

Select Achievements and Activities as a trustee of the Emery/Weiner School, 2013-present

- **2020:** Chair of the committee tasked with updating the school's policies on harassment and misconduct (for students and employees)
 - **2018:** Chair of the Committee on Inclusion and Community: This committee of trustees, parents, and faculty was charged with composing a plan for enhancing the school's diversity and inclusivity
 - **2017:** Member of the Board of Trustees' Ad Hoc Admission Task Force: This group composed new guidelines for the EWS admission process
 - **2013:** Member of the Board of Trustees' Ad Hoc Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Policies
- **1997-2004: Dean of Campus Life, Associate Dean of Students, and Assistant Professor of History, Pomona College**
Responsibilities included oversight of all aspects of residence life, new student orientation, conduct, housing, and faculty-in-residence programs.
 - Supervised a professional staff that included two associate deans, the director of housing, the director of drug and alcohol education, and a residence life coordinator

- Served as one of the college's four faculty members in residence (1998-2004)
- Served as a member of the on-call deans' team responsible for all levels of crisis response and managed the college's on-call system
- Oversaw annual selection and supervision of a Residence Halls' Staff that included 32 student employees
- Trained and supervised the Student Judicial Council and served as the dean in most Judicial Council hearings. After leaving Pomona, I was retained as a consultant to design and conduct Judicial Council training, 2004-2008.

Select Achievements at Pomona College, 1997-2004

- My team and I increased minority student employment on the Residence Halls' Staff from 8% in 1997 to 32% in 2003 and 40% in 2004.
- Conceived and implemented a new training program for the Student Judiciary Council
- Co-authored revision of the college's academic honesty policy and procedures
- Conceived and implemented a new program for educating resident advisers, peer mentors, and new students about the dangers of sexual assault and Pomona's policies for responding to sexual assault
- Played a lead role in the college's crisis response in October 2003 when a major wildfire burned portions of Claremont and threatened the campus
- Served as the senior member of the committee that planned and managed all residence hall renovations. This committee supervised \$40 million in renovation projects, including complete renovation of five buildings

College Service at Pomona, 1997-2004

- Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty, 1997-2004
- Harassment and Discrimination Policy Grievance Officer, 2001-2004
- Student Affairs principal in the Field Operations Center for Emergency/Disaster Response, 2000-2004
- Academic Advisor, 1998-2004
- Volunteer Assistant Coach, Women's Varsity Softball (NCAA Division III), 1999-2001

1995-97: Assistant Director of Admission, Rice University

- Led student recruitment efforts in parts of Texas, Louisiana, Florida, New England, and the Midwest
- Trained and supervised a staff of seventeen student interviewers
- Read and evaluated prospective student applications
- Authored and edited Admission Office publications

TEACHING EXPERIENCE and ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

I am expert in the history of the United States, particularly 1945-present.

- **2010 - 2016: Adjunct Professor of Humanities, Rice University**
- **1997-2004: Assistant Professor of History, Pomona College**
- **1992-1996: Lecturer in History, Rice University**

- Undergraduate courses taught:
 - First-year seminar on U.S – Latin American Relations
 - First-year Critical Inquiry Seminar
 - The Vietnam War
 - U.S Foreign Relations and the Cold War
 - International Relations during the Post-Cold War Era
 - The Cold War and the Arts in the U.S.
 - U.S. Presidential Politics, 1945-1992

- **1992-1996: Faculty Resident Associate of Brown College, Rice University**
 - Resided in the college and collaborated with the faculty head to oversee and promote the intellectual and social life of Brown College, one of Rice’s eleven residential colleges, each of which is home to 350-400 student-members.

University Service at Rice, 1992-97:

- Faculty sponsor of the Vietnamese Student Association
- Supervisor of the Political and International Affairs Roundtable
- Academic advisor for the students majoring in the Social Sciences

PRESENTATIONS and LECTURES (select)

- Keynote speaker at the Centennial Celebration of the Rice University Student Association, Houston (January 18, 2019).
- “The Freshman Seminar and Student Success.” Faculty workshop, the Program in Writing and Communication, Rice University (May 19, 2020).
- “A Strategy for National Leadership in Access and Equity.” Annual meeting of the Association of Rice Alumni Board of Directors, Houston (January 27, 2018).
- “Access and Success for First-generation and Low-SES Students: Setting an Academic Foundation.” COFHE Academic and Student Services Conference, Houston (November 10, 2015).
- “New Insights on Retention in STEM for URM Students.” Featured presenter at The COFHE National Assembly Conference, Houston (April 1, 2015).
- “The Cold War and Latin America.” Invited lecture for the Latin American Studies Department, Rice University (October 2014).
- “Managing Alcohol Use on Campus: A Student-Centered Approach.” COFHE Academic and Student Services Conference, Claremont, CA (November 2011).
- Keynote speaker at the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1954, Pomona College Alumni Weekend, Claremont, CA (April 30, 2004).
- “The Impact of War on American Women, from Vietnam to Iraq,” Pomona College Women’s Union, Claremont, CA (November 19, 2003).
- “*Hair: An Anti-War Artifact?*” Pomona College Theater Lecture Series, November 21, Claremont, CA (2002).
- “The Challenge of Alcohol on Campus.” COFHE Academic and Student Services Conference, Claremont, CA (November 15, 1999).

- “Enhancing Residential Community in an Era of Diversity.” COFHE Academic and Student Services Conference, Harvard University (November 9, 1998).
- “The Heroic Nurse Revisited: Army Nurses in Vietnam,” The University of Texas Medical School, Galveston (May 21, 1994).

PUBLICATIONS

- Bradford, B. C., Beier, M. E., Wolf, M., McSpedon, M., & Taylor, M. STEM bridge program participation predicts first and second semester math performance. In *Proceedings of the American Society of Engineering Education Annual Meeting*, Tampa, FL, June 2019.
- “Allen Matusow: Teaching Lessons for a Lifetime,” *Humanitas: The Magazine of the School of Humanities at Rice University* (Spring 2012).
- Review of Ronald R. Krebs, Dueling Visions: U.S. Strategy toward Eastern Europe Under Eisenhower (Texas A&M University Press, 2001), *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 100, 1 (Winter 2002).
- Review of David Rudenstine, The Day the Presses Stopped: A History of the Pentagon Papers Case (University of California Press, 1996), *H Law* (fall 1997).
- Review of William B. Pickett, Dwight David Eisenhower and American Power (Harlan Davidson, 1995), *Journal of Southern History* (May 1996).
- “Richard Nelson Current’s Those Terrible Carpetbaggers, A Review Essay,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (January 1990).
- “A Marshall Plan for Moscow?” *The Houston Post*, July 5, 1990.
- Occasional contributor of feature op-ed columns for *The Houston Post*, 1988-1990.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Extensive professional and personal travel in Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and the Netherlands.
- Summer study on fellowship at University College, Oxford University (1984).

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Music (playing the drums; production and recording)
- Baseball, softball, and golf
- Collecting mid-century modern art