

# Thomas Reynolds

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## Education

### M.A., History

Texas Tech University

- January 2011 – May 2013.
- Coursework and research interests include identity formation; gender; and minority issues and immigration in Europe and the United States, primarily post-1945 Muslim immigrant communities.

### B.A., History & German

Texas Tech University

- 2004, *summa cum laude*; highest-ranking graduate for College of Arts & Sciences.
- Emphasis in the history of world religions.

## Experience

### Teacher

Lubbock High School

2013 – Present

- Teach History for the International Baccalaureate Programme.
- Courses include History of the Americas and World Topics.
- Advisor to Model United Nations student group.
- History Day and Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) mentor.
- Supervise students in research and construction of the Extended Essay.

### First-Year Experience Coordinator

TTU Honors College

2008 – 2013

- Coordinate required learning community group program for first-semester students.
- Train and supervise student peer mentors to teach first-year college transition course.
- Advise students for academic coursework.
- Workshop student writing for Honors Study Abroad Waiver.
- Coordinate Friday Lunch Discussion.

### Teaching Assistant

TTU Department of History

2011-2013

- Teaching assistant for United States history survey courses, primarily filled with first and second semester college students.
- Teaching assistant for junior-level course entitled “War & Memory” in Spring 2013, which examined veteran memories of the Vietnam/American War from both North Vietnamese and American perspectives using oral histories and literature.

## Conferences

### National Advanced Placement Conference

2015

- Gained valuable insight into the ways in which other AP programs work nationally.
- Learned current trends and research on pedagogy and content for AP U.S. History.

### National Conference on the First-Year Experience

2009, 2010, 2012

- Gained valuable insight into how the Texas Tech Honors College First-Year Experience Program compares to programs nationally.

- Learned current trends and research associated with first-year programs, which were adapted to improve home institution's program.

**National Collegiate Honors Council Conference** **2008, 2012**

- Enacted changes to home institution's programming with emerging trends in research presented by colleague programs.
- Presenter, "Utilizing Peer Mentors in FYE Program Creation: Allying Program Assessment, Theory, and Experiential Knowledge to Create a Complete Transition" at 2012 conference in Boston, MA.

**Campus Service**

**Red Raider Orientation Advisor Committee, Member**

- Represent the Honors College at orientation committee meetings, 2008 – Present.
- Collaborate with advisors across academic colleges to improve student experiences during summer orientation.

**Honors College Learning Communities Stakeholder**

- Represent the Honors College in residence hall learning communities, 2008 – Present.
- Collaborate with residence life staff and students to plan community-building events and activities.
- Visit with residents in halls each semester for supplemental course advising.

**University Undergraduate Research Conference, Panel Moderator**

- Moderated various undergraduate research panel presentations in the sciences and humanities, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013.

**Students F.O.R. Students, Advisor**

- Served as staff advisor for non-profit student organization that raises money and awareness for African schools, Spring 2011 – December 2012.

**Awards & Organizations**

**TTU Department of History Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** **2013**

- Recognized by the TTU Department of History faculty as the most outstanding teaching assistant for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**President's Excellence in Academic Advising Award** **2013**

- Nominated for commitment to student-centered academic advising and programming.

**President's Excellence in Diversity and Equity Award** **2012**

- Nominated for commitment to spreading multiculturalism at Texas Tech University.

**Texas Tech University Staff Senate Scholarship** **2011, 2012**

- Recognized as member of outstanding academic advising team for the Honors College.

**Quality Service Award** **2010**

- Recognized as member of outstanding academic advising team for the Honors College.

**Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society**

- Public Relations Officer of TTU chapter, 2010-Present.