

# Robin Cole-Jett

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## Academic Preparation

- Master of Arts, 2006. Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas.  
Thesis: *Bovinity: Culture on the Chisholm Trail in Post Civil War Indian Territory.*
- Master of Education, 2002. University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.
- Bachelor of Science, 1996 East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas.
- Post-graduate doctoral work in higher education and anthropology at University of North Texas, 2015-2017

## Experience

Consultant, researcher, publisher, and writer for regional history, exhibits and education.

Red River Historian, Lewisville, Texas.

September 2001 - present

- Publisher, Red River Historian Press at [www.redriverhistorian.com](http://www.redriverhistorian.com)
- Research in archival repositories, both digital and physical: Library of Congress, National Archives, DeGoyler Library, Dallas Public Library, University of North Texas, Texas State Library, Arkansas Regional Archives, Bossier Parish Library, Ancestry, and more.
- Extensive knowledge of Boolean searches, finding aids, and obscure sources.
- Public speaking engagements on regional historical topics, such as cattle driving, ghost town hunting, river explorations, steam boating, Indian Territory, reconstruction, and more for various museums, national parks, social clubs, libraries, museums, and civic and community organizations.
- Consulting with television programs, websites, and print magazines regarding Red River History, including Texas Country Reporter, Dead Files, Fox Business, Texas Escapes, Arkansas Highways
- Develop and lead Bonnie and Clyde Tours through Dallas
- *City of Lewisville Visitor's Center*: Prepared script for exhibit on the history of Lewisville Lake; designed panels and curated photographs for exhibition; created interactive exhibits using Camtasia video software.
- *Denton County Office of History and Culture*: Prepared text for exhibit on higher education in Denton County; designed panels and curated photographs for exhibition; created interactive exhibit using a Raspberry Pi for video and audio; collected and procured artifacts (permissions, loans) from UNT, TWU, and NCTC for exhibition
- *Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site*: Developed educational guides to correspond with TEKS requirements; extensively researched and designed educational components that were at that point unknown by staff that focused on the African American history and Juneteenth celebration history of the site; created and recorded grade-appropriate educational videos to accompany educational guides in Camtasia Software.

## Educator

Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, Denison, Texas.

January 2019 – June 2020

- Researched extensively, then designed the exhibit for, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of D-Day by focusing on the men surrounding General Eisenhower in the famous photograph taken on June 5, 1944. Was able to list over twenty identities that were verified through archival materials.
- Researched extensively, the wrote lesson plans for, Pawpaw Creek, the stream that runs beneath Denison and was a major reason for the city's location and development and now slices through the historic site as a contained run-off.
- Exhibit research, design, installation: D-Day; Carpenter Gothic, Good Roads Movement.
- Educational materials origination, design, implementation: Women's work in the 1890s; walking tour of downtown Denison; Archeology
- Developed archival system for archeological materials found in and around Pawpaw Creek (surface)

- On-site and Off-site outreach at public libraries, historical societies, and senior centers that coincided with exhibits and educational materials.

#### Instructor of History

North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas.

August 2006 – January 2019

- Courses taught: US History 1301, US History 1302 and Texas History 2301
- Originated all course materials, including lectures, reading compilations, and assignments
- Extensive knowledge of online interfaces such as CANVAS and Blackboard
- Set up archive to preserve donations related to the founder of the college through formal accession process.
- Audiences included dual credit, online and face-to-face, with age and ethnic diversity
- Taught as an adjunct faculty member since 2006; full time in 2013 to 2019

#### Recruitment and Career Advisor.

North Central Texas College, Division of Lifelong Learning.

August 2011 to August 2013

- Created marketing materials, including catalogs, posters, e-mail campaigns, and brochures, for non-credit division of North Central Texas College using Adobe InDesign as well as MS Publisher software
- Maintained consistent advising schedule that increased visibility and enrollment.
- Designed, updated, and maintained division's website and social media.
- Attended career fairs and promotional events, including public speaking engagements.

#### Director of Education

Museum of the American Railroad, Dallas, Texas and Frisco, Texas.

August 2009 to September 2010

- Developed archival system for ephemeral collection.
- Developed tours and outreach programs for area schools with strong emphasis on TEKS for Art Reach and Big Thought.
- Coordinated and trained volunteers and temporary employees for major events like the State Fair of Texas and "Day out with Thomas."

#### Museum Specialist.

Denton County Museums, Denton, Texas.

November 2006 to August 2007

- Assisted public with research requests: tax records, images, newspaper items.
- Organized, recorded, and scanned ephemeral material according to policies.
- Coordinated, scheduled, and trained volunteers.
- Accessioned artifacts using standard methods in both MS Access and PastPerfect software.
- Researched, wrote and received grant for Humanities Texas exhibit on local African American history.

### Presentations

"The Red River Medicine Stone."	Louisiana Historical Association, Zoom, February 2020.
"The Great Raft in Arkansas Territory."	Washington State Historic Park, Washington, AR July 2019.
"Red River Steamboats."	National Park Service, Natchitoches, LA May 2019.
"The Red River Meteorite."	Western Trails Conference, Quanah, TX October 2018.
"The Great Red River Raft."	National Park Service, Natchitoches, LA July 2018.
"The Red River Meteorite."	West Texas Historical Association, San Angelo, TX April 2018.
"Denison and the Jefferson Highway."	Jefferson Highway Association, Denison, TX, April 2017.
"LOC Maps in the U.S. History Survey."	CCHA, Southwest Division, Fort Worth, TX October 2016.
"Artifacts as History Lessons."	GIFTS, TCCTA, Houston, TX February 2016.
"Museum's Roles in Schools."	Texas Association of Museums, San Antonio, TX March 2012.
"Photographs in American West History."	Western Historical Association, OK City, OK October 2007.
"Co-Operative Culture in Indian Territory."	SW Social Sciences Association, San Antonio, TX April 2006.

## Books

- *The Stark Ranch of Cooke County, Texas: History that spans the Red River.* Ghost written for author. Red River Historian Press, 2020.
- *Traveling History among the Ghosts: Abandoned Places along the Red River Valley.* Red River Historian Press, 2019.
- *The Red River in Arkansas: Gateway to the Southwest.* The History Press. 2014
- *Images of America: Lewisville.* Arcadia Publishing, 2011.
- *Traveling History Up the Cattle Trails: A Road Tripper's Guide to the Southwestern Cattle Drives.* Red River Historian Press, 2011.
- *Traveling History with Bonnie and Clyde: A Road Tripper's Guide to Gangster Sites in Middle America.* Red River Historian Press, 2008.

## Articles

- "How (And Why) the Henry Ford Museum Acquired the Lincoln Death Chair and the Rosa Parks Freedom Bus." National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks Workshop: Henry Ford and the History of Industry, Labor, and Culture, <http://www.hfcc.edu/landmarks>, June 2008.
- "The Cross Timbers." *Reverchon Naturalist* 9, May and June, 2011.
- "Texas Tourist Court in Decatur." *Texas Highways Magazine*, 2003

## Grants Awarded

- Go For It! Grant, NCTC: \$1,000 for the development of institutional archives for North Central Texas College
- Go For It! Grant, NCTC: \$500 for interactive history instruction using artifacts, awarded Fall 2014
- Humanities Texas Exhibition Grant: \$1,000 for Denton County African American Museum, awarded July 2007
- DAR Grant for Service Memorialization: \$10,000 for design and installation of mobile exhibits commemorating two Medal of Honor recipients, awarded May 2019

## Workshops Attended

- Texas State Archeological Society: Archeology 101, Gault Site, February 2008 & Historic Archeology Conference, Lake Jackson Plantation, March 2009
- National Endowment for the Humanities: "Henry Ford and the History of American Industry, Labor, and Culture," Dearborn, June 2008

## Technical Skills

CANVAS	Blackboard	Angel
MS Power Point – advanced	MS Word – advanced	MS Publisher - advanced
PastPerfect	Adobe InDesign	MS Access (simple SQL statements)
Camtasia Video Recording	Raspberry Pi set up	Python scripting (repetitive tasks)

## Professional Affiliations

Texas Community College Teachers Association  
Community College Humanities Association  
Texas State Archeological Society  
Louisiana Historical Association