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### **General**

William Collopy is joyously pursuing a second career teaching American History. His previous career included sales and management positions in manufacturing, horse racing, banking, and financial investments.

### **Education**

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX – Ph.D., History, December 2011  
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX – M.L.A., History, 2006  
Iona College, New Rochelle, NY – B.A., Economics (*cum laude*), 1972

### **Academic Interest**

Mr. Collopy researches the work of Catholic missionaries among African-Americans in the U.S. South, 1884-1939.

### **Teaching Experience**

As a Graduate Assistant Lecturer 2009 through 2011 and a Lecturer 2012 to the present, Mr. Collopy has taught the American History 105 survey course (Period of Exploration and Conquest through Reconstruction) and the American History 106 survey course (Reconstruction through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) at Texas A&M University. In the spring 2012 semester, he also taught the equivalent of the 106 survey as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of St. Thomas (Houston). In the fall semesters of 2013 through 2017, he taught a 106 section reserved for military veterans at Texas A&M. In the 2017 through 2020 summers, he has served on the Texas A&M faculty of the Warrior Scholar Project, a two-week program for women and men leaving military service and about to embark on their college studies.

### **Presentations**

Texas A&M University Graduate History Conference, 2010 – *Welfare and Conversion: Catholic Women Religious in the African American Apostolate, 1890-1940.*

American Catholic Historical Association, 2009 – “*Work with Your Hands*”: *The American Catholic Church’s Investment in Vocational Training for Negroes, 1895-1950.*

Northern Great Plains Historical Conference, 2006 – *Britain’s Withdrawal of Its Caribbean Cruiser Squadron in 1904: A Story of New British Strategy and a Changing Relationship with the United States*

## **Awards and Grants**

Student Veteran Support of the Year Award, recognizing a member of the faculty or staff who made a key contribution to maintaining the veteran-friendly culture and traditions of the Aggie Spirit – 2014-2015

Cleo Whitlock Award, honoring a person outside the Athletics Department who has gone above and beyond in support of Texas A&M student-athletes and athletic programs – 2013

Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism (Notre Dame University) – 2009  
Research Travel Grant

Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research (Texas A&M University) – 2009  
Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant

John L. Canup Graduate Teaching Award (Texas A&M University) – 2009

## **Book Review**

Copeland, Shawn M. *Uncommon Faithfulness: The Black Catholic Experience*.  
In *American Catholic Studies, Journal of the American Catholic Historical Society* 121, no. 1 (2010): 72-74.

## **University Service**

Graduate Student Representative, History Department Undergraduate Committee – 2011

Graduate Student Member, Faculty Search Committee, Islamic World – 2010

Graduate Student Representative, History Department Graduate Committee – 2008

## **Research**

Josephite Fathers Archives (Baltimore, Maryland)

St. Mary's University Archives (Baltimore, Maryland)

University of Notre Dame Archives (South Bend, Indiana)

Society of the Divine Word Archives (Techny, Illinois)

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Archives (Bensalem, Pennsylvania)

Sisters of the Holy Family Archives (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Catholic University of America Archives (Washington, D.C.)

Passionist Fathers Archives (Union City, New Jersey)

Holy Ghost Fathers Archives (Bethel Park, Pennsylvania)

Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture (Baltimore, Maryland)

## **Military**

Mr. Collopy served as an enlisted Marine from 1964 to 1968, including a one-year tour of duty in an infantry company in Viet Nam. He later served as a Marine officer on active duty from 1972 to 1975. Remaining in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1976 to 1998, he served as a commander at company and battalion levels and in a variety of staff assignments. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve a colonel.