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Department head for 17 years across two universities, now serving as Interim Director of Sponsored Programs at JSU after two-plus years advising the Provost on policy, grant compliance, and corrective action. In parallel, built Suto Coaching & Consulting, a practice coaching department chairs and other academic leaders through the transition from faculty to administration. Certified executive coach (International Coaching Group), currently pursuing ICF ACC credentialing. Author of four books and a long record of federal grant compliance, institutional policy, and faculty governance work.

17+ YEARS AS DEPT. HEAD	2024 FOUNDED SUTRO COACHING	4 BOOKS PUBLISHED	ICF ACC IN PROGRESS
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ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Interim Director, Office of Sponsored Programs | JSU

July 2026–Present

- Directing the university's sponsored programs office, overseeing grant proposal support, award administration, and compliance with federal and sponsor requirements
- Applying federal compliance expertise from the Provost's office directly to pre- and post-award operations, including cost allowability and effort/compensation rules under 2 CFR Part 200
- Continuing corrective action and policy work carried over from the Administrative Fellow role, now with direct operational authority over sponsored awards

Administrative Fellow to the Provost | JSU

June 2025–July 2026

- Led a federal grant compliance review: identifying unallowable charges, building corrective action plans, and preparing voluntary disclosure materials
- Wrote and revised institutional policy on extra compensation, effort reporting, and indirect cost distribution for federal awards
- Worked with Legal Counsel and Internal Audit on compliance issues involving federal grants
- Advised the Provost on cross-unit policy questions and process design; produced executive briefings and historical context documents for senior leadership

Interim Head, Department of Theatre & Film | JSU

2023–25

- Ran the department during a leadership vacancy and chaired the search for a permanent department head

Head, Department of History & Foreign Languages | JSU

2008–21

- Ran a department of 15+ faculty across history, foreign languages, and integrated studies for thirteen years
- Handled hiring, budgets, evaluations, curriculum, and program review across three degree programs
- Served as Interim Director of the Faculty Commons (2018)

Chair, Department of History | ULM

2007–08

- Chaired the Graduate Council university-wide and led search committees for two departments

Associate/Assistant Professor of History | ULM

1999–2008

COACHING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Coach academic leaders — especially department chairs and other administrators — through the transition from faculty to leadership
- Certified Executive Coach, International Coaching Group (completed July, 2026); pursuing ICF ACC credentialing
- Building the *Higher Ed Leadership Lab*, a Substack-based content and workshop platform for academic leaders
- Author, “Before You Say Yes: What to know—and How to Prepare Yourself—Before You Become Department Chair.”

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Academic Affairs Leadership Academy, JSU (2019)
- Managing Up, Down, and Across — Academic Impressions (2020)
- Transforming Your Institution Through Lean Higher Education — Academic Impressions (2020)
- Faculty Mentor Training, JSU (2014–15) | Innovative Teacher Program, JSU (2018–19)

FEDERAL GRANT COMPLIANCE & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- Compliance work under 2 CFR Part 200, focused on compensation rules (§200.430), cost allowability, and effort reporting
- Built voluntary disclosure and corrective action frameworks for federal awards
- Developed extra compensation policies for 9-month and 12-month faculty on sponsored projects
- Drafted indirect cost distribution models and cost-share policies
- Now applying this expertise as Interim Director of Sponsored Programs, overseeing pre- and post-award administration

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History | Auburn University | 1998

M.A., History | University of Alabama at Birmingham | 1994

B.S., Secondary Education (Social Studies) | University of Alabama at Birmingham | 1992

B.S., Business Administration (Marketing) | Auburn University | 1989

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Four books and 20+ articles, chapters, and encyclopedia entries on Southern political history, education policy, and environmental politics.

BOOKS

2015 *The Politics of Trust: Reubin Askew and Florida in the 1970s*. University of Alabama Press

2007 *Historic Ouachita Parish, An Illustrated History*. Historical Publications

2002 *A Question of Justice: New South Governors and Education Reform, 1968–1976*. University of Alabama Press

EDITED VOLUME

2006 *Hope and History in the Heart of Dixie: Essays in Honor of J. Wayne Flynt* (co-editor). University of Alabama Press

HONORS

- Distinguished Professor of History, JSU (2019)
- Outstanding Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, ULM (2005)

- L.M. McKneely Endowed Professor of Humanities, ULM (2004–2007)
- Student Government Outstanding Faculty Award, ULM (2001, 2005)

SERVICE & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Peer reviewer for University of Alabama Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, University Press of Florida, and others
- Board member, Alabama Historical Association and Louisiana Historical Association
- Invited commentary for the *New York Times*, *Washington Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, NPR, and *Houston Chronicle* on Southern politics