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He has taught courses ranging from survey classes in United States History to 1877 and United States History from 1877, as well as upper division classes such as United States and Latin America, the American Civil War 1850-1877, United States History 1917-1945, United States Since 1945, America's Vietnam War, the Modern Civil Rights Movement, The Cold War, and The Presidency of Ronald Reagan.

Academically active with published articles and book reviews, Dr. Bates has presented portions of his research at seven conferences on three continents, including the University of Newcastle, Australia as well as the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. His manuscript, *The Reagan Rhetoric: History and Memory in 1980s America*, is presently undergoing peer review at a university press.

Dr. Bates continues to serve the Meridian community with talks to various community groups and numerous appearances with local newspapers, radio, and television. He has been quoted in *The Meridian Star*, a guest on WALT – 910AM, WMOX – 1010AM, as well as WTOK – Channel 11 - ABC Television.

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