Deciphering Signatures for Improved Discoverability of ETDs

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Examples of Difficult Signatures
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Current Version – Microsoft Access

- Names
- Departments
- Dates
- Signature Images

Associated ETDs

- All fields indexed
- Easily searchable
- Easy to update and add new signatures
Using the Digital Library to find professors' names.
North Texas State University Budget: 1986-1987

Budget reports, investment portfolios, and other financial records from the University of North Texas over the last 50 years.

Added: June 2014.
The University of North Texas yearbooks include photos and information about the school, student body, professors, and organizations.

*Added: November 2009.*
The UNT Catalogs contain information about classes offered as well as general information about the University including the academic calendar, admissions, degree requirements, and financial aid.

Added: May 21

Catalog of North Texas State University, 1976-1977, Graduate

Graduate Faculty

ABERNATHY, LEWIS McLAURINE, Professor of Economics
B.A., M.B.A., University of Mississippi; Ph.D., University of Oklahoma.

ABDULLAH, NABIL, Associate Professor of Business Administration
B.A., M.B.A., Indiana University; Ph.D., University of Texas.

ADAMS, ROBERT SEXTON, Professor of Business Administration
B.A., M.B.A., North Texas State University; Ph.D., Louisiana State University.

ADKINS, CECIL DALE, Professor of Music
B.A., University of Connecticut; M.Ed., University of North Carolina; Ph.D., University of Iowa.

ALTMGUST, ELIZABETH ALICE, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
B.S., Kansas State Teachers College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Kansas.

ALTON, LOUISE MILLER, Associate Professor of Music
B.M., Louisiana State University; M.M., Northwestern University; E.D., Teachers College, Columbia University.

ANDERSON, GARY WELDON, Associate Professor of Education; Assistant Dean, College of Education
B.A., M.A., Adams State College; Ed.D., University of Arizona.

BERKELEY, MARVIN H., Professor of Business Administration; Dean, College of Business Administration (Ex-officio member)
B.A., Harvard College; B.A., Ph.D., Washington University.

BETTI, CLAUDIA WEBB, Associate Professor of Art
B.A., M.S., Texas Woman’s University; B.A., M.F.A., Art Institute of Chicago.

BEZDEK, JIM JOSEPH, Professor of Education
B.S., North Texas State University; M.Ed., University of Houston; Ed.D., Cornell University.

BILYEU, RUSSELL GENE, Professor of Mathematics
B.S., M.S., North Texas State University; Ph.D., University of Kansas.

BLACK, WATT LESLEY, Professor of Education
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BLANTON, EARLE B., Professor of Industrial Arts
B.S., M.S., North Texas State University; Ed.D., Oklahoma State University.

Bogle, Edra cHarlotte, Associate Professor of English
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Bonk, Edward Carl, Professor of Education
B.S., M.Ed., Texas Teachers College of Mineral Wells; M.Ed., Teachers College, Columbia University; Ed.D., Indiana University.

Borland, David Thompson, Associate Professor of Education
B.A., Eastern Michigan University; M.A., University of Michigan; Ph.D., Indiana University.

Caldwell, Dean J., Professor of Education
B.S., M.Ed., Texas Teachers College of Mineral Wells; M.Ed., Teachers College, Columbia University; Ed.D., Indiana University.

Caldwell, Matthew, Associate Professor of Education
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Caldwell, William, Associate Professor of Education
B.A., Eastern Michigan University; M.A., University of Michigan; Ph.D., Indiana University.
When all else fails, Google or email the team for help

Hey,
Looking for any insight to a few signatures:

[Signature]
1974- School of Business

Graduate Committee:
[Signature]
Tips

• Create a database early in the project
• Fill in data as project progresses
• Provide drop-down list for department names if they stay consistent over time
• Try to provide a complete date range for professors’ employment
• Work closely with departments who have records with printed name information in their records
• Dedupe occasionally
Thank you!

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