Deciphering Signatures for Improved Discoverability of ETDs

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Examples of Difficult Signatures

Minor Professor

Major Professor

Committee Member

Consulting Professor

Minor Professor
# Early Versions – Microsoft Excel

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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
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.

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

Graduate Faculty

ABELNATHY, LEWIS MACLAURINE, Professor of Economics
B.A., M.B.A., University of Minnesota; Ph.D., University of Oklahoma.

ABOUFADIL, NABIL, Associate Professor of Business Administration
B.A. City College; M.B.A., Indiana University; Ph.D., University of Colorado.

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

ADKINS, CECIL DALE, Professor of Music
B.A., University of Chicago; M.M., University of North Dakota; Ph.D., State University of Iowa.

ALMQVIST, 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., Northeastern University; Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University.

ANDERSON, GARY WELDUN, 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., Teachers College; B.A., Ph.D., Washington University.

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

BEZDEK, RICHARD 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
B.A., Henderson State Teachers College; M.A., George Peabody College for Teachers; Ed.D., Florida State University.

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
B.A., University of Northern Iowa; M.S., Columbia University; Ph.D., University of Southern California.

BONK, EDWARD CARL, Professor of Education
B.S., M.S., Cloud Teachers College of Minnesota; M.B., MacMurray College; Ed.D., Indiana University.

BORLAND, DAVID THOMAS, Associate Professor of Education
B.A., Eastern Michigan University; M.A., University of Michigan; Ph.D., Indiana University.

BROWN, EUGENE N., Professor of Finance
B.A., University of Missouri; M.B.A., University of Illinois; Ph.D., University of Illinois.
When all else fails, Google or email the team for help

Hey,
Looking for any insight to a few signatures:

1974 - School of Business

Graduate Committee:
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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