

Thomas P. Honsa

Work Experience

2000-present: Teacher/Journalism Advisor/Website Manager, Lakewood Ranch High School, Bradenton, FL

Courses Taught: Journalism 1-5, Dual Enrolled US History, Honors World History, World History, US History, Professional Development, AP European History, Drop-out prevention (STAR) World History, Issues in Humanities

Technology: Blackboard, Schoology, Photoshop, Focus, EdModo, Prezi, PowerPoint, WordPress, Canva, Audacity, Socrative

Professional Activities: Core Curriculum Development Committee, Instructional Materials Committee, Technology Committee, Teacher Mentoring Committee

1998-2000: Career Connections Coordinator, Lakewood Ranch High School

Duties: Assist faculty in development of career-based product assessments, recruit and maintain school business partners, provide career education presentations, student career counseling

1991-1998: Teacher, Southeast High School, Bradenton, FL

Courses Taught: World Geography, World History, Honors World History, American Government, American History, AP American Government, AP Macroeconomics, Critical Thinking

Professional Activities: Spectrum Committee, Seminole Pride Sponsor, Developed Critical Thinking curriculum

1998-present: Adjunct Professor, State College of Florida/Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton, FL

Courses Taught: American History I, American History II, International Relations, American Government, Western Civilization I, Western Civilization II, Online US History. Blended US History, Online Dual Enrolled US History (Bayshore High School)

Technology: Certified Online, Certified in CANVAS

2003-2017: Adjunct Professor, Eckerd College (Program for Experienced Learners), St. Petersburg, FL

Course Taught: Global History since 1500, Western Heritage in a Global Context I & II, American Experience, Environmental History, Florida History, Quest for Meaning, Cold War, Blended Cold War, 20th Century History

Technology: Moodle, Gmail, ThinkWave, PowerPoint

Education

1997, Masters Degree, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Major: History, specializing in American since 1877, Europe since 1789

1986, Bachelors Degree, *magna cum laude*, University of South Florida, Sarasota, FL

Major: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences *Minor:* English Literature

Professional Involvement

Publications:

- ["Lights, Camera...Make Believe"](#) (2006) *Sarasota Magazine*
- ["The Church the Circus Built"](#) (2005) *Sarasota Magazine*
- "Even A Water-Skiing Elephant Couldn't Save It" (2007) *Florida Monthly*
- "On with The Show – A Legacy in Glass" (2008) *Stained Glass Quarterly*
- "Doing the Job: The 1964 Desegregation of the Florida Army National Guard," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2008
- "Sarasota Bulletin" (2009) *Florida Monthly*
- "Working Magic on the Airwaves in UN Radio's Heyday" (2010) *UN Association Interdependent*
- ["Teaching History, Doing Research"](#) (2011) American Historical Association *Perspectives*
- "SRQ on the Airwaves" (2012) *SRQ Magazine*
- ["Dr. Benson's Cold War Prescription - How a Cartoon Series Presaged America's Cold War Lifestyle"](#) (2013) *Journal of Popular Film and Television*
- ["Bring Back Student Motivation"](#) (2017) *Recovery Daily*

Papers/Presentations:

- *Desegregating Florida's National Guard*, Florida Historical Society, 1998
- *Skinner's Dress Suit*, Sarasota Film Festival, 2006
- Student Created History Websites, AFC Annual Convention 2011

Awards

- 1997 Manatee County Teacher of the Year
- 2003, 2005, 2008 Lakewood Ranch High School Social Science Teacher of the Year
- 2004 Manatee County History Fair Teacher of the Year
- 2005 Florida Richard Farrell Teacher of Merit (Teacher of the Year)
- 2005 Finalist National Richard Farrell Teacher of Merit (Teacher of the Year)
- 2005 Lakewood Ranch High School Social Science Teacher of the Year, Most Creative Teacher (student award)
- 2007 *Who's Who in America*
- 2010 Manatee County High School Social Studies Teacher of the Year

Recognitions:

- Demonstration Classroom Teacher, Manatee County, 2001-02
- Manatee County Peer Teacher, 2000-1, 2004-05, 2005-06

Associations:

- American Historical Association
- Florida Historical Society
- Manatee Education Association
- Association of Florida Colleges