

# Institute of Texan Cultures

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## **MATTHEW ANDERSON JOINS INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES**

*Educational Specialist will tie museum content to curriculum requirements*

SAN ANTONIO – The Institute of Texan Cultures has selected Matthew S. Anderson for the position of Educational Specialist III. He is responsible for working with museum content to facilitate social studies and education curricula at various grade levels, from elementary school through college. Anderson assumed his duties July 20.

Anderson has more than 11 years of teaching experience. He comes to the institute from San Antonio's North East Independent School District, where he was a ninth-grade Geography teacher from 2006 to 2008. From 2002 to 2006, Anderson was a Spanish immersion teacher for sixth and seventh-graders at Alamo Heights Independent School District. He taught seventh-grade Texas History from 2001 to 2002 with the San Antonio Independent School District; seventh and eighth-grade ESL Social Studies from 1999 to 2001 with the Dallas Independent School District; and seventh-grade English Composition and Texas History, from 1997 to 1999 with the McAllen Independent School District.

Anderson's duties at the institute include training college-level education majors to utilize museum resources, such as those available at the Institute of Texan

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Cultures, in their everyday school curricula. Also, Anderson will adapt museum content to create lesson plans in Texas History and Social Studies that will satisfy Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills requirements at grade school and high school levels. His materials will be made available as online teacher resources through the institute's website, [TexanCultures.com](http://TexanCultures.com).

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The Institute of Texan Cultures is an agency of the Vice President for Community Services at The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). The mission of the institute is to engage lifelong learners in the understanding and celebration of Texas cultural heritage. Located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus in downtown San Antonio, the 182,000-square-foot complex features 65,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and displays that tell the stories of Texans. The institute develops quality, accessible resources for educators and lifelong learners on topics of cultural heritage and strives to develop a rich and vibrant culture in the arts and humanities that will expand the community's awareness and appreciation of Texas through an engaging series of exhibits, programs, and special events. Resources for multiple audiences are available at the institute's Web site, [TexanCultures.com](http://TexanCultures.com).