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A Writer's Triumph

Andrea Norris Kline '08 brings her enthusiasm for history to her eighth-grade Elise Robertson Middle School students in Lancaster, Texas dressing as a pioneer woman for her unit on westward expansion and wearing a three-pointed hat during discussions about Colonial times.

She also draws on her SMU experiences to make history come alive for her students. "SMU opened opportunities for me to share with the kids," she says.

Kline studied education at the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development and majored in history.

Last fall Kline and Crista DeLuzio, associate professor of history, were honored at the unveiling of a historical marker at the Old Red Courthouse in downtown Dallas. Kline's research under DeLuzio led to the establishment of the marker commemorating Texas women's fight for the right to serve on juries.

Although the 19th amendment gave women in 1920 the right to vote, it left to each state the decision to grant a woman's right to jury service. Texas women gained the right to jury service in 1954, 34 years after receiving the right to vote. Kline's students gave her their approval when she told them about her role in the historical marker dedication – a standing ovation.

A History Department scholarship enabled her to spend a summer in England at SMU-in-Oxford. "A lot of my students have never been past Lancaster," she says. "When we talk about the English colonies, I show them my photos of Buckingham Palace, the House of Lords and the House of Commons. I like to give them something personal so they know they can go and see the world, too."

Just in her second year of teaching, Kline is head of the history department at the Lancaster school for 1,400 sixth-through-eighth graders.

"My education courses and hours of classroom observation gave me the preparation and confidence I needed," she says.