

## **INSTRUCTOR VITA (Curriculum Vitae) *Texas Administrative Code 4.227***

Bryan E. Sowell attended Hill College in the early 1970's, where he with an Associate Arts Degree. He then attended Tarleton University, where he graduated *summa cum laude* with a MAT Degree in English and Speech in 1975. Sowell completed his student teaching at Glen Rose ISD and began teaching in Morgan, Texas in 1976. The following year, Sowell began teaching at Glen Rose ISD, where he retired in 2006, after 30 years. Later, in 2008, he was recalled in Glen Rose, where he resumed his career from 2012 to the present. Sowell has written several books, including the following: 1) *Texas Central Headquarters: Walnut Springs, Texas*; 2) *The J.A. Sowell Family History and Collateral Lines from William Wallace to the Present*; 3) *A Dream Come True: The Story of Flat Top Ranch*; 4) *Quest of the Spirit: From Suffering to Acceptance*; 5) *Voices of Transformation, The Ethics of Survival*; and 6) *The Seeds of Destruction The Current Crisis in U.S. Foreign Policy*. Sowell has also written and directed a musical entitled "Get Aboard, Texas Central" concerning the history of Walnut Springs, Texas; and been interviewed on the TV Series "*The Haunting*," during which he retold a narrative of a ghost and a mysterious killing in the early years of Walnut Springs. Sowell has written and performed in radio scripts and radio commercials. In 1985, he served as the featured author in the annual celebration at Bond's Alley in Hillsboro, Texas. During his years at Tarleton, Sowell earned an Alpha Chi National Award presented at their national convention in Atlanta, Georgia for an article he wrote entitled "*Wuthering Heights: A Psycho-Analytic Approach*." This article was subsequently published in the Alpha Chi national journal. In the early 1970's, Sowell served as a Congressional Intern for then Agriculture Chairman of the House of Representative, W.R. Poage, where he wrote the monthly newsletter for the congressman that summer. As a teacher at Glen Rose ISD, Sowell has sent approximately 45 state qualifiers to compete in debate in UIL competition at Austin. At Glen Rose, Sowell has also more than once received the Teacher of the Year Award. Sowell earned his Master's Degree at Tarleton in 1980, graduating *magna cum laude*. Sowell has taught English for 36 years, and over twenty of these have been dual-credit. Sowell has also served several years in various capacities in his church as speaker, teacher, and musician. He is also active in the masonic fraternity and compiled individual histories of the lodges in Meridian, Iredell, and Walnut Springs. Upon these occasions, he gave oral presentations commemorating their respective 100th and 150th anniversaries. Sowell and his wife Renee live at Walnut Springs, Texas.