

# **George G. Rising, Ph.D.**

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## **Education**

M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, University of Arizona, 2013 (4.0 GPA)

Ph.D. in U.S. History (Minor: European History), University of Arizona, 2003 (3.95 GPA)

M.A. in History, University of Arizona, 1995 (4.0 GPA)

B.A. in History, University of California, Berkeley, 1987 (3.5 GPA in major)

## **Management Experience: Educational Leadership**

CEO and President of Board, Rising Schools, Inc., 2011-present

Leads a nonprofit corporation that owns and operates The Rising School in Tucson, AZ

Principal, The Rising School (grades 6-12), 2013-present

Leads The Rising School, a charter school, which will open in August 2014

Interim Head of School, International School of Tucson (grades PK-5), 2012-13

Led one of the top independent schools in Tucson, Arizona

Principal, Western Institute for Leadership Development (grades 9-12), 2011

Founding principal of a start-up charter school in Tucson, Arizona

Head of School, BASIS Tucson (grades 5-12), 2010

Led one of the top academic schools in the United States

In 2010, it was ranked #6 in U.S. by *Newsweek* and #9 by *U.S. News and World Report*

Upper School Director, BASIS Tucson (grades 8-12), 2009-10

Led the Upper School of top academic schools in the United States

Academic Director, BASIS Tucson (grades 5-12), 2008-09

Directed the academic program of one of the top academic schools in the United States

## **Teaching Experience: Secondary School**

Teacher, grades 7-12, BASIS Tucson, 2006-10

Taught AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government, Senior History Capstone, World History

Teacher, grades 11-12, St. Gregory College Preparatory School, 2002-06

Taught AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government, and AP European History

## **Teaching Experience: University**

Adjunct Professor of History, University of Arizona, 1996-2001, 2005-08

Taught thirteen courses (six separate preps) in U.S. History and International Relations

Adjunct Professor of History, University of Maine at Machias, 2001

Adjunct Professor of History, Extended University, University of Arizona, 1997

Graduate Associate Teacher, Department of History, University of Arizona, 1995-2002

## **Internship**

Superintendency Internship, directed by Dr. Vicki Balentine, Superintendent of Amphitheater

Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona. 270 clock hours. Spring 2012.

### **Certifications and Endorsements**

Principal certificate (Arizona): Expiration: 08/29/2018  
Substitute certificate (Arizona): Expiration: 08/29/2018  
Provisional Structured English Immersion (SEI) Endorsement: Expiration: 08/29/2015  
Fingerprint Clearance (Arizona IVP): Expiration: 06/02/2018  
Critical Friends Group (CFG) Coach, certified by School Reform Initiative, Inc.

### **Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) Exams Passed**

Superintendent  
Secondary Education  
History  
Political Science/American Government  
U.S. Constitution & Arizona Constitution

### **Professional Awards and Honors**

Nominated for Arizona History Teacher of the Year, awarded by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09  
Best Teacher and Best Class, voted by 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, BASIS Tucson School, 2006-07  
Who's Who among America's Teachers, since 2004  
Commendation for Outstanding Teaching Evaluations by Students, from the Department of History, University of Arizona, 1995-96

### **Professional Service**

Member, Technical Review Panel, Arizona State Board for Charter Schools  
School Representative, NCA-CASI Accreditation, BASIS Tucson  
Coordinator, Academic Support Program, BASIS Tucson  
Coordinator, Advanced Placement Program, BASIS Tucson  
Coordinator, Humanities Tutoring, BASIS Tucson  
Coordinator, Instructional Materials, BASIS Tucson  
Coordinator, Senior Research Projects, BASIS Tucson  
Head Advisor, Class of 2006, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Chair, Humanities Term Committee, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Coach, Mock Trial team, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Member, NAIS-ISAS Accreditation Committee, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Member, Scheduling Committee, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Member, Technology Committee, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Faculty Advisor, Animation Club, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Faculty Advisor, Junior State of America, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Faculty Advisor, Legal Studies Club, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Faculty Advisor, Table Tennis Club, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Faculty Advisor for several Senior Internships, St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
Faculty Advisor for several Senior Research Projects, BASIS Tucson  
Secretary, History Graduate Association, University of Arizona  
Secretary, Zeta Omega (Phi Alpha Theta), University of Arizona  
Manuscript Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*  
Judge, Annual Debate Championships, Utterback Magnet Middle School

## **Research Fields**

U.S. History: Recent, political, international relations, legal, labor, historiography

## **Publications: Books**

*Stuck in the Sixties: Conservatives and the Legacies of the 1960s*. Bloomington, Ind.: Xlibris Publishing, 2010.

*The Republican Ascendancy: American Politics, 1968-2001*. The American History Series. Wheeling, Ill.: Harlan Davidson, 2002. Co-written with Michael Schaller.

*Clean for Gene: Eugene McCarthy's 1968 Presidential Campaign*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger Publishers, 1997.

## **Publications: Journal Articles**

"`Clean for Gene': The Radical Anti-Vietnam War Movement and Eugene McCarthy's 1968 Presidential Campaign." *Mid-America Historical Review*, v. 79, n. 3 (Fall 1997): 255-85.

"An EPIC Endeavor: Upton Sinclair's 1934 California Gubernatorial Campaign." *Southern California Quarterly*, v. 79, n. 1 (Spring 1997): 101-24.

"`Reds, Phonies, and Parlor Pinks': Henry A. Wallace vs. Cold War Liberalism." *Iota Gamma Journal of History*, v. 6 (Spring 1996): 81-97.

## **Publications: Encyclopedia Articles**

"Democratic National Committee and Chairpersons." In *Democratic, Republican, and Third Parties in America: An Encyclopedia (1790s-2013)*, eds., Tom Lansford and James Ciment. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2013.

"Republican National Committee and Chairpersons." *Democratic, Republican, and Third Parties in America: An Encyclopedia (1790s-2013)*, eds., Tom Lansford and James Ciment. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2013.

"Democratic Party." In *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices*, ed., Roger Chapman. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2010.

"Election Campaign, 2008." In *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices*, ed., Roger Chapman. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2010.

"Al Gore." In *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices*, ed., Roger Chapman. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2010.

"Republican Party." In *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices*, ed., Roger Chapman. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2010.

"Conscientious Objectors, Deserters, and Draft Dodgers." In *American Countercultures: An Encyclopedia of Nonconformists, Alternative Lifestyles, and Radical Ideas in U.S. History*, ed., Gina Misiroglu. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.

"Hippies." In *American Countercultures: An Encyclopedia of Nonconformists, Alternative Lifestyles, and Radical Ideas in U.S. History*, ed., Gina Misiroglu. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.

"Military Draft." In *American Countercultures: An Encyclopedia of Nonconformists, Alternative Lifestyles, and Radical Ideas in U.S. History*, ed., Gina Misiroglu. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.

## **Research Awards**

- Third Prize, for “The Philadelphia Cordwainers’ Case: Workers, Politics, and the Law in Jeffersonian Pennsylvania,” from Phi Alpha Theta’s Southwest Region. Flagstaff, Arizona. April 25, 1998.
- First Prize (Phi Alpha Theta Award), for “`He Writes History as He Votes’: Partisan Politics in the Scholarly Works of Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.,” from Phi Alpha Theta and the History Graduate Association. University of Arizona. March 8, 1998.
- Third Prize, U.S. History (Ben Procter Award), for “`Clean for Gene’: The Radical Anti-Vietnam War Movement and Eugene McCarthy’s 1968 Presidential Campaign,” from the Southwestern Historical Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. March 28, 1997.
- First Prize, U.S. History, for “`Reds, Phonies, and Parlor Pinks’: Henry A. Wallace vs. Cold War Liberalism,” from Phi Alpha Theta and the History Graduate Association. University of Arizona. March 9, 1997.
- Third Prize, U.S. History (Ben Procter Award), for “An EPIC Endeavor: Upton Sinclair’s 1934 California Gubernatorial Campaign,” from the Southwestern Historical Association. Houston, Texas. March 22, 1996.
- First Prize (Phi Alpha Theta Award), for “`Clean for Gene’: The New Left and Eugene McCarthy’s 1968 Presidential Campaign,” from Phi Alpha Theta and the History Graduate Association. University of Arizona. March 3, 1996.
- One of the Year’s Best History Papers (by students of all universities in Arizona), for “`Reds, Phonies, and Parlor Pinks’: Henry A. Wallace vs. Cold War Liberalism,” from Phi Alpha Theta. February 4, 1996.
- Second Prize, U.S. History, for “An EPIC Endeavor: Upton Sinclair’s 1934 California Gubernatorial Campaign,” from the History Graduate Association. University of Arizona. February 4, 1995.

## **Education/Pedagogy Presentations**

- “Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” at the Foothills Optimists Club. Tucson, Arizona. April 6, 2011.
- “Cambridge University’s International General Certificate for Secondary Education (IGCSE) in BASIS Tucson’s Curriculum,” at BASIS Tucson. Tucson, Arizona. September 28, 2010.
- “Advanced Assessment Tools: Questioning for Knowledge and Managing Grading,” at the BASIS Summer Teacher Training Program. Tucson, Arizona. July 28, 2010.
- “Fundamental Assessment Tools: Theory and Practice,” at the BASIS Summer Teacher Training Program. Tucson, Arizona. July 28, 2010.
- “BASIS School: American Education in Global Perspective,” at the Rotary International Meeting in Tucson, Arizona. November 4, 2009.
- “Using Rubrics for Effective Grading,” at the BASIS Educational Group’s Summer Teacher Training. Tucson, Arizona. July 25, 2009.
- “The Finland, Canada, BASIS Connection: Global Solutions for Local Education,” at the BASIS Schools Educational Talks series. Tucson, Arizona. October 8, 2008.
- “Practical Advice for First Time College Teachers,” at the Graduate College-University Teaching Center’s Annual Graduate Assistants in Teaching Workshop, University of Arizona. August 16, 1999.
- “Achieving the Goal of Student-Centered Teaching,” at the Department of History’s Graduate Assistants in Teaching Workshop, University of Arizona. August 14, 1998.

## **Research Presentations**

- “Circumventing CERCLA: Federal Non-Enforcement of Superfund Environmental Liability,” at the Western Political Association’s Annual Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. March 17, 2001.
- “Stuck in the Sixties: Conservatives and the Legacies of the 1960s,” at the Western Political Association’s Annual Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. March 15, 2001.
- “When History Rhymed: The 1948 and 1968 Presidential Campaigns,” on KSAZ-AM radio for the “Moments in Time” series. January 10, 2000.
- “Who Was ‘Deep Throat’? A Watergate Whodunit,” on KSAZ-AM radio for the “Moments in Time” series. May 4, 1998.
- “The Philadelphia Cordwainers’ Case: Workers, Politics, and the Law in Jeffersonian Pennsylvania,” at Phi Alpha Theta’s Southwest Regional Conference. Flagstaff, Arizona. April 25, 1998.
- “‘Clean for Gene’: The Radical Anti-Vietnam War Movement and Eugene McCarthy’s 1968 Presidential Campaign,” at the Organization of American Historians’ Annual Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana. April 4, 1998.
- “‘He Writes History as He Votes’: Partisan Politics in the Scholarly Works of Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.,” at the Phi Alpha Theta-History Graduate Association’s Annual Conference. University of Arizona. March 8, 1998.
- “The Tet Offensive: Turning Point in the Vietnam War,” on KSAZ-AM radio for the “Moments in Time” series. February 9, 1998.
- “‘Reds, Phonies, and Parlor Pinks’: Henry A. Wallace vs. Cold War Liberalism,” at the Phi Alpha Theta-History Graduate Association’s Annual Conference. University of Arizona. March 9, 1997.
- “An EPIC Endeavor: Upton Sinclair’s 1934 California Gubernatorial Campaign,” at the Southwestern Historical Association’s Annual Conference. Houston, Texas. March 22, 1996.
- Earlier versions of “‘Clean for Gene’: The New Left and Eugene McCarthy’s 1968 Presidential Campaign” presented at the Southwestern Historical Association’s Annual Conference. March 28, 1997, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and at the Phi Alpha Theta-History Graduate Association’s Annual Conference. University of Arizona. March 3, 1996.
- Earlier version of “An EPIC Endeavor: Upton Sinclair’s 1934 California Gubernatorial Campaign” presented at History Graduate Association’s Conference. February 4, 1995.

## **Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships, and Honors**

- \$230,000 grant (renewable for two additional years: \$690,000 total), from Arizona Charter School Program (AZ CSP), for The Rising School. September 25, 2013.
- \$9,000 grant, from U.S. federal government, for Rising Schools, Inc., to attend Arizona Charter Schools Association’s Charter Starter Program. January 7, 2012.
- \$230,000 grant (renewable for two additional years: \$690,000 total), from Arizona Charter School Incentive Program (AZCSIP), for Western Institute for Leadership Development. March 28, 2011.
- Professional Development Grant and Travel Grant, from BASIS Tucson School. June 25, 2007.
- Who’s Who among America’s Teachers, since 2004
- Travel Grant, from St. Gregory College Preparatory School. November 15, 2003.
- Travel Grant, from St. Gregory College Preparatory School. January 10, 2003.

### **Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships, and Honors (continued)**

Professional Development Grant, from St. Gregory College Preparatory School. June 15, 2002.  
Financial Aid Trust Grant, from the University of Arizona. December 30, 2001.  
Financial Aid Trust Grant, from the University of Arizona. August 10, 2001.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for 2001-2, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. July 26, 2001.  
Travel Grant, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. June 29, 2001  
Financial Aid Trust Grant, from the University of Arizona. January 1, 2001.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for Spring 2001, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. November 1, 2000.  
Financial Aid Trust Grant, from the University of Arizona. August 11, 2000.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for Fall 2000, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. May 1, 2000. (Declined.)  
Financial Aid Trust Grant, from the University of Arizona. August 16, 1999.  
Resident Set Aside Grant, from the University of Arizona. August 16, 1999.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for 1999-2000, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. May 28, 1999.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for Spring 1999, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. November 19, 1998.  
Travel Grant, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. October 1, 1998.  
John P. Rockafellow Memorial Scholarship, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. July 15, 1998.  
Travel Grant, from Zeta Omega, Phi Alpha Theta's University of Arizona chapter. April 25, 1998.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for Fall 1998, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. March 16, 1998.  
Travel Grant, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. July 14, 1997.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for 1997-98, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. April 4, 1997.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for 1996-97, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. March 19, 1996.  
Travel Grant, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. March 15, 1996.  
Graduate Associate Teaching Fellowship for 1995-96, from the Department of History, University of Arizona. April 15, 1995.

### **Professional Development**

"Spring Legal Seminar." Arizona School Boards Association. Tucson, Arizona. February 28, 2014.  
International Conference on Computing, Networking and Communication. IEEE Communications Society. Honolulu, Hawaii. February 3-6, 2014.  
Mastermind Business Strategy group. BGDG. January through December 2014.  
Business coaching with Paul Bellows of BGDG. January through July 2014.  
"Board Operations and Leadership Training Seminar." Arizona School Boards Association. Tucson, Arizona. January 16, 2014.  
"New Board Member Orientation." Arizona School Boards Association. Phoenix, Arizona. December 12-13, 2013.

## **Professional Development (continued)**

- “Telling Your Story: A Marketing & Communication Workshop for Public School Leaders.”  
Arizona School Boards Association. Phoenix, Arizona, December 11, 2013.
- “Excel 2010: Beyond the Basics.” Fred Pryor Seminar. Tucson, Arizona. November 20, 2013.
- “Excel 2010: The Basics.” Fred Pryor Seminar. Tucson, Arizona. November 19, 2013.
- Business coaching with Canyon Concepts, LLC. April through December 2013.
- “AZ CSP Summit.” Arizona Charter Schools Program, Arizona Department of Education.  
Tucson, Arizona. June 24, 2013.
- “Legal and Governance Summit.” Arizona Charter Schools Association. Scottsdale, Arizona.  
April 30, 2013.
- “Structured English Immersion Augmented 45 Clock Hour Provisional Training.” Educational  
Training Specialists. Tucson, Arizona. April 18-19 and May 12-13, 2012.
- “Charter Starter New School Development Program,” Arizona Charter Schools Association.  
Phoenix, Arizona. January through May 2012.
- “Critical Friends Group New Coaches Institute.” Tucson Small School Project and School  
Reform Initiative, Inc., and the College of Education, University of Arizona. Tucson,  
Arizona. June 20-24, 2011.
- “New Charter School Training: Special Education Requirements, Processes, and  
Opportunities.” Exceptional Student Services, Arizona Department of Education.  
Phoenix, Arizona. June 9, 2011.
- “Marketing Strategies for Student Recruitment.” Spectrum Printing. Tucson, Arizona. June 2011
- “The Ultimate Supervisor: Bring Out the Best in Your Employees.” Fred Pryor Seminar. Tucson,  
Arizona. May 24, 2011.
- “Business Conference.” Arizona Charter School Association. Carefree, Arizona. May 5-6, 2011.
- “Dealing with Difficult People.” Fred Pryor Seminar. Tucson, Arizona. April 8, 2011.
- “Spring Symposium 2011: Renewing Critical Friendship in Arizona.” Tucson Small School  
Project. Tucson, Arizona. April 2, 2011.
- “Project-Based Learning: Student Engagement Leads to Student Achievement.” ASCD  
Professional Development Institutes & Conferences. San Francisco, California. March  
24-25, 2011.
- Workshops at the National Association for Secondary School Principals Annual Conference. San  
Francisco, California. February 25-26, 2011.
- “Incorporating Youth Voice into Education.” Bay Area School of Enterprise. Alameda,  
California. February 24, 2011.
- “Winter Residency.” High Tech High School. San Diego, California. January 26-28, 2011.
- “Conversational Spanish.” Pima Community College. Tucson, Arizona. Spring 2011.
- “Mathematics and Project Based Learning.” PBL Associates at Utterback Magnet Middle  
School. Tucson, Arizona. January 6-7, 2011.
- “Understanding ADM and ADA and the Major Changes Coming in FY 2012.” Educational  
Technology Consortium. Tolleson, Arizona. October 20, 2010.
- “Data Reconciliation Procedures.” Educational Technology Consortium. Tolleson, Arizona.  
October 20, 2010.
- “Data Reporting Requirements for Special Education.” Educational Technology Consortium,  
Northern Arizona University. Tolleson, Arizona. September 9, 2010.
- “Submission Procedures and General Data Reporting Requirements.” Educational Technology  
Consortium, Northern Arizona University. Tolleson, Arizona. September 9, 2010.

### **Professional Development (continued)**

- “Teacher Training Program.” BASIS Educational Group. Tucson, Arizona. July 20-29, 2010.
- “Teacher Training Program.” BASIS Educational Group. Tucson, Arizona. July 20-24, 2009.
- Traveled to Finland to observe three of its top-ranked schools, observe the University of Helsinki’s Department of Teacher Education, and meet with representatives from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. Helsinki, Finland, August 25-29, 2008.
- Traveled to Canada to observe two of its top-ranked high schools and meet (separately) with representatives from British Columbia’s Ministry of Education, the Fraser Institute for Educational Research, and the University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. June 23-27, 2008.
- “Economic Forces in American History.” Foundation for Teaching Economics. San Diego, California. June 25-29, 2007.
- “Teaching AP U.S. Government.” Classic Advanced Placement Institute. June 26-29, 2002.
- “Graduate Assistants in Teaching Workshop.” Graduate College-University Teaching Center, University of Arizona. August 1999.
- “Graduate Assistants in Teaching Workshop.” Department of History, University of Arizona. August 1998.
- Audited several graduate-level political-science courses at the University of Arizona, 1996-2002.
- “Effective Writing for Graduate Students.” University Composition Board, University of Arizona. Spring 1996.
- “Proofreading and Copyediting.” Extended University, University of Arizona. Fall 1994.
- “Publishing a Nonfiction Book.” Extended University, University of Arizona. Fall 1993.

### **Professional Affiliations (includes former affiliations)**

American Association of School Administrators  
American Educational Research Association  
American Historical Association  
American Political Science Association (APSA)  
APSA’s Politics and History section  
Arizona Charter Schools Association  
Arizona School Boards Association  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
Organization of American Historians  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Phi Delta Kappa  
School Reform Initiative, Inc.  
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations  
Southern Arizona Charter Schools Association  
Southwestern Historical Association  
Southwestern Social Science Association  
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tucson Small School Project  
Western Political Science Association