

## Kristie DeLuna

Kristie earned her Bachelor of Science – Secondary Education in Social Studies degree from Fayetteville State University (2008) in Fayetteville, North Carolina. She earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from Columbia College (2012) in Columbia, Missouri. She also earned graduate credit hours in History from Midwestern State University (2020) in Wichita Falls, Texas. Kristie is currently a Doctoral student in European History and a Teaching Assistant at the University of North Texas. She has taught AP United States and European History in public schools for fourteen years, serving for eight years in the Lewisville Independent School District, is also an Adjunct-Professor of History at Collin College in Frisco, Texas.

The focus of Kristie's doctoral research is a study of Désirée Clary Bernadotte, the first fiancée of Napoleon Bonaparte and the wife of Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte. Her husband's election to the role of Crown Prince of Sweden and later King of Sweden propelled Désirée to the rank of Queen. Désirée returned to Paris and continued to live in France, hosting salons for political dissidents and activists. Desirée's life is largely misunderstood and through research at the Swedish National Archives, Kristie intends to uncover the truth about her political role between France and Sweden during the Napoleonic Wars.

Kristie is originally from Malden, Missouri. After spending her childhood on military bases and traveling to Europe as a teenager, Kristie developed an interest in European History. Her career goals are focused on spreading that love of history to students. She has served as a sponsor for the EuroChallenge competition and History Club in North Carolina and established a thriving Model UN Team in The Colony, Texas. Kristie also serves as a Question Leader and/or Table Leader for the College Board European History exam.

