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## Terry Randolph '05 Alumnus

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### At Florida Atlantic University

**Major:** History and Political Science

**DEGREE:** M.A. in History '05 and Political Science from Florida Atlantic University

**CURRENT POSITION:** Professor of Political Science and Department Chair of Political Science, History, and Education at Palm Beach State College.

**FIRST JOB:** Adjunct professor of political science and history courses at Palm Beach State College.

**BIGGEST CHALLENGES:** Learning to become an effective teacher at the college level with no teaching background, especially in the rapidly changing classroom environment of the last five years.

**BEST FAU MEMORY:** Serving as a Teaching Assistant in the Graduate History Program and working closely with several great professors and fellow TA's, some of whom I am still in touch with today eight years after completing the program.

**ROLE DEPT. OF HISTORY PLAYED IN YOUR CAREER:** It provided me with a path to a career in higher education, beginning with teaching experience as a TA, which led to work as an adjunct professor after graduation, and then to a full-time faculty position at a state college and later to chair of the department. I received great advice and support from several professors/mentors in the History graduate program from beginning to end...and afterwards.

**GOAL:** To have as many students of mine as possible after they finish college to consider the class they took with me to have lasting value in their lives.

**Favorite Book:** *Dreadnought: Britain, Germany, and the Coming of the Great War* by Robert K. Massie.



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**PERSONAL:** I love this quote by Thomas Jefferson: “I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.”