

# ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER

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Dr. Matthew J. Hernando hails from the small midwestern city of Springfield, Missouri, where he attended Hillcrest High School, graduating in 1998. He completed his undergraduate education at Evangel University before moving to Louisiana to pursue his graduate studies. He earned his Ph.D. in history at Louisiana State University in 2011, and he has taught history at the collegiate level at six different institutions in four different states. Hernando currently serves as an instructor in history and humanities at Coconino Community College in Flagstaff, Arizona, and lives in Camp Verde.

At CCC he teaches a wide array of classes, including survey courses in U.S. history, world history, western civilizations, the humanities, and Colorado Plateau Studies. He has published one book, as well as a variety of articles and book reviews with various scholarly journals and popular publications.

After moving to Arizona from the state of Missouri in 2018, Dr. Hernando quickly fell in love with the state's breathtaking landscapes, diverse environmental conditions, and unique history. As a long-time veteran of community college education, he believes that the key to instilling a passion for history in students is giving them opportunities to engage with the history of their own local areas and the communities to which they belong. This conviction motivated him to join the Arizona Historical Society, and he looks forward to serving the people of Arizona, and especially its students, by helping the society continue to achieve its mission of connecting people through the power of Arizona history.