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Professional Experience

Historic Charleston Foundation

Associate Director of Preservation

May 1996 to Present

- Responsible for the special programs of Historic Charleston Foundation's Preservation Department.
- Direct and implement the various preservation programs and initiatives of the Foundation including, but not limited to, historical research, title documentation, architectural survey and documentation of historic structures and dissemination of this information to the public.
- Coordinate the administration of various grants received by the Preservation Division.
- Coordinate and execute nominations of individual properties and districts to the National Register of Historic Places for the Foundation.
- Direct the internship program; including the annual international ICOMOS intern
- Give lectures, tours and presentations on variety of topics.
- Supervise the Foundation Archives

Clemson University

Lecturer

Fall Semester 2005 – Present

Teach a graduate level course in historical research methods (HSPV611) for the joint Clemson / College of Charleston Graduate Program in Historic Preservation. Focus is on property research. Also teach HSPV 880, a summer workshop that introduces incoming students to the physical, historical, and cultural landscapes of the Charleston area.

The Charleston Museum

Educational Program Specialist

January 1994 to May 1996

Responsible for development and implementation of adult and family education programming including lectures and tours. Assisted with museum curriculum development.

Charles Towne Landing State Park

History Interpreter

July 1993 to January 1994

Developed and presented history programs on late 17th and early 18th century colonial life to adult and children's groups at the site of South Carolina's first permanent English settlement.

Olde Towne Carriage Company

Tour Guide

July 1992 to July 1993

Conducted fully narrated one-hour tours of the City of Charleston's Old and Historic District. Licensed by the City of Charleston Tourism Commission.

The Corporation for Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest

Archaeologist

June 1991 to July 1992

Responsible for daily site excavation, visitor interpretation and processing of artifacts at Thomas Jefferson's Palladian retreat in Bedford County, VA. Assistant Field Supervisor of 1991 and 1992 Summer Field Schools in Historical Archaeology.

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Education

1987-1991

Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA
Bachelor of Arts in Historic Preservation

Summer 1998

The Attingham Summer School for the Study of the English Country House
Great Britain

2006-2009

University of Charleston & The Citadel, Charleston, SC
Graduate Program in History

Related Publications / Projects

The Buildings of Charleston. Published 1997 by the University of South Carolina Press.
Assisted principal author Jonathan Poston with research and some writing of this important book on Charleston's architectural history. Coordinated new research, gathered all archival materials and took a substantial portion of the new photographs that appear in the book.

Another's Country: Archaeological and Historical Perspectives on Cultural Interactions in the Southern Colonies. Edited by Joe Joseph and Martha Zierden. Published 2001 by the University of Alabama Press.

Independent research resulted in the study of early Charleston and the publication of a chapter entitled, "*As regular and formidable as any such woorke in America*": the Walled City of Charles Town. This chapter pulled together new documentary research and archaeological evidence to present a new and expanded view of early Charleston's walled fortifications and the walled city's lasting impact on the landscape of the colonial town.

Cooper River Historic District

June 1997 – May 1999

Executed historical research and an architectural survey of approximately 70,000 acres in Berkeley County, South Carolina resulting in the nomination of 33,000 acres to the National Register of Historic Places. The Cooper River Historic District includes numerous plantations, outbuildings, churches, archaeological sites, and a variety of historic landscapes such as former rice fields. It is the largest National Register district in the state of South Carolina.

City of Charleston Tour Guide Training Manual

December 2011

Editor (and essayist) for a 498 page manual on Charleston history and culture that includes a wealth of information from leading local historians, professors, preservationists, horticulturalists and others. Addressed are nearly every aspect of Charleston history, architecture, archaeology, culture, food and more. The illustrated essays include small call-out boxes with "Charleston Firsts" and "Did you Know?" sections as well as "Myth Busters" that correct some popularly held misconceptions. City Tour Guides must study this manual in order to pass the written and oral examinations required for their tour guide license.

Mayor Riley's Walled City Task Force

Co-chair of a working group established by Mayor Riley in August 2005 to further the study, identification, protection and interpretation of the Walled City and associated fortifications of late 17- and early 18th century Charles Town.

Since its inception, this group of fifteen professionals (including historians, archaeologists, curators, engineers, attorneys and civic leaders) has engaged in a number of educational and research activities. The Task Force has sponsored several lecture series, a living history program and encampment, and two successful "Walk the Walls" events. To date, more than 10,000 *Walk the Walls* brochures have been distributed, encouraging the public to take a self-guided tour of the Walled City boundaries and places of interest. Task Force members also continue to research the fortifications. A mapping project was begun in 2006 with the City of Charleston GIS office to overlay historic maps and plats onto the current street grid to better identify the boundaries of the original walled city. In January of 2008 and June of 2009 the Task Force led highly successful archaeological excavations at S. Adger's Wharf to learn more about the brick fortifications that guarded Charles Town's waterfront from the 1690s to the 1780s.

Recent Conference Papers/Sessions

- 2000 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Quebec City, Quebec.
Paper "The Walled City of Charles Town: The Fortified Beginnings of a Unique Urban Landscape"

- 2009 Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Ontario.
Paper, "The Defensive Landscape of Charles Town"

- Consortium for the Revolutionary Era, Savannah, GA.
Paper, "Charles Town: Evolution of a Defensive Landscape"

- 2010 Society for Historical Archaeology, Amelia Island, FL
Session Chair, Charles Town and beyond: "The Evolution and Adaptation of Town and Country (1670-1740)"

Paper, co-authored with Martha Zierden, "Fencing Our Vineyard?: Defense of Early Charles Town"

- 2011 Symposium: Charleston Great Fire of 1861
Organizer of a symposium sponsored by the Clemson/ College of Charleston Graduate Program in Historic Preservation that included illustrated lectures by leading historians and students in the research methods class (Fall of 2011)