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EXPERIENCE

Executive Director

February 2009- Present

Otsego 2000, Inc., Cooperstown, NY Not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to the preservation of the historic, cultural and natural landscape of the Otsego Lake Region. Sponsors the Cooperstown Farmers' Market, Conducts campaigns and public education activities to support the mission.

Cultural Preservation Specialist (Historian)

February 1999- January 2009

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Dover, DE National Register of Historic Places, Architectural Survey, Easements and Covenants, and Certified Local Government, Section 106 Determinations of Eligibility for standing structures, Frequent public speaking engagements for all federal, state, and local historic preservation programs and issues, technical assistance for Preserve America and Underground Railroad Network to Freedom programs, research and write nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. Edit nominations and review determinations of eligibility submitted from outside the agency, local government liaison. NR listing for the Ardens Historic District for national significance using Traditional Cultural Property approach. Co-author of "Routes through the Landscape, Escapes through Delaware on the Underground Railroad." Co-author, designation report for the Delaware section "The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway."

Adjunct Associate Professor

September 2000- May 2005

January 2008- Present

Delaware State University, Dover, DE Graduate level teacher of historic preservation theory, history, and practice with an emphasis on the perspective of a working professional. Courses included: Introduction to Historic Preservation and Museum Studies, American Historic Contexts, African American Historic Contexts, Preservation Law and Policies, Survey and Evaluation.

Programs and Properties Manager

May 1998-January 1999

Preservation Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, DE Manager of public outreach and technical assistance, newsletter editor, editor for "Delaware's Military Legacy," annual conference planner, coordinated rehabilitation of the Gibraltar Potting Shed into PDI office.

Senior Architectural Historian

August 1997-April 1998

A.G. Lichtenstein & Associates, Langhorne, PA Historic bridge survey, Section 106 and Section 4(f) compliance documentation preparation.

Cultural Preservation Specialist (Historian)

July 1993-July 1997

Delaware State Historic Preservation Office, Dover, DE National Register of Historic Places and Architectural Survey coordinator.

Preservation Outreach Partnership Coordinator

October 1989-June 1993

Landmark Society of Western New York, Rochester, NY Manager of the Preservation Services section, Coordinator for the Preservation Outreach Partnership with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO), Technical assistance provided for all federal and state preservation program areas, assistance with the development of Environmental Quality Bond Act grant applications, participated in EQBA statewide project ranking, monitored EQBA construction grant projects, State Environmental Quality Review Act and Section 106 compliance.

Research Associate

July 1988- September 1989

Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board, Tampa, FL Local designation reports for the Tampa Bay Hotel, Cigar Factories in Ybor City, and the Sulfur Springs Water Tower, and National Historic Landmark application research on community and institutions in Ybor City for National Historic Landmark District designation.

City Preservation Planner

April 1987-June 1988

City of Fort Worth, TX Staff support for the Historic and Cultural Advisory Board, technical assistance to owners of historic properties about appropriate design and rehabilitation, Section 106 compliance, Negotiation of Programmatic Agreement, research and development of easement donation program and wrote real estate tax abatement ordinance.

City Preservation Planner

July 1985- March 1987

City of Memphis, TN Staff support for the Memphis Landmarks Commission, designation of South Main Street Historic District, technical assistance to owners of historic properties, Section 106 compliance including writing Memoranda of Agreement for resolution of adverse effects, Certified Local Government designation for the City of Memphis with the Tennessee SHPO, revised public information documents and design guidelines.

National Register Program Coordinator

March 1983-June 1985

Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, TN Nomination preparation, assistance to the public to document historic properties, staff support to the Tennessee State Review Board for Historic Preservation, determinations of eligibility for Section 106 review.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor Fall 2003
University of Delaware, Center for Historic Architecture and Design. Newark, DE Seminar in Historic Preservation.

Thesis Committee Member Fall 2006-Spring 2007
Goucher College. Towson, MD Committee of MAHP student Carolyn Adams re: "Holding on to Heritage: Preserving Baltimore County's African-American Cultural Heritage."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

July 2008 "Staff? What Staff?" National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Biennial Forum, about the benefits and challenges of preservation commissions doing their work in communities without dedicated staff. New Orleans, LA

June 2006 "Designing for Race and Class in Company Towns: Worthland Village and Hickman Row." Presentation by co-author Rebecca Sheppard at the annual meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum. New York, NY

May 2004 "P. S. du Pont, Delaware's Rosenwald." Reclaiming Rosenwald Schools, Preserving A Legacy. Rosenwald School Initiative Conference, National Trust for Historic Preservation. Nashville, TN

October 2001 "So You Have An Ordinance, Now What?" National Preservation Conference, Los Angeles, CA

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in History with Emphasis in Historic Preservation. Colorado State University 1982
Bachelor of Arts in History with a Minor in Anthropology/Archaeology. University of South Florida 1980

TRAINING

Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20th Century Buildings, National Preservation Institute. Philadelphia, PA April 24-25, 2003
Preservation Leadership Training, National Trust for Historic Preservation. York, PA June 14-21, 2003
Section 106 Principles and Practice, SRI Foundation. Dover, DE 2003
Introduction to Section 106 Review, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Atlanta, GA 2000
Light Construction, Construction Materials, Drafting, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL 1988-1989
Archaeological Field School, Excavation of the Well at Fort Mackinac. Mackinac Island, MI June-August 1980

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Board of Directors 2008- Present
Smyrna Downtown Renaissance Association, Board of Directors 2008
Main Street Dover, Design Committee 1993-1997, Board of Directors 1996-1997
Main Street Smyrna, Design Committee Member 1997-2003
Main Street Middletown, Design Committee and Board of Directors 2000-2007

MEMBERSHIP

Delaware Historical Society
Helping Hands Quilt Guild
Landmark Society of Western New York
Municipal Art Society
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions
National Trust for Historic Preservation
New York State Historical Association
Preservation Delaware, Inc.
Preservation League of New York State
Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware
Vernacular Architecture Forum