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Education:

M.A., anthropology, University of Alabama

B.A., anthropology and B.A., history, University of Minnesota, Morris

Experience:

2022-present. Historian and archaeologist, Federal Railroad Administration.

2021-2022. Senior cultural resources specialist, Mead & Hunt, St. Paul, MN.

2003-2021. Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Unit. Responsible for Section 106 and state-level reviews of state and local transportation projects and amendments to the programmatic agreement. Lead manager for the MnDOT's Historic Bridge Program and Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement, management and rehabilitation plans for state and locally owned historic bridges, and the Historic Bridge web site. Author of *Design Exceptions and Variances on Historic Bridges: Effective Application and Utilization Guidelines* and the study of historical significance for bridges (1956-1970), and project manager for the state's Historic Road Studies (1955-1970).

2002. Executive director, Institute for Minnesota Archaeology, St. Paul, MN. Worked with board, staff, and members to develop and implement the mission of archaeological research, stewardship, and education.

1999-2002. Senior project manager/architectural historian/historian/archaeologist, The 106 Group Ltd., St. Paul, MN.

1994-1999. Project manager/architectural historian/historian/archaeologist. Public Service Archaeology Program, Chicago, IL, and Panamerican Consultants, Inc., Tuscaloosa, AL.

1991-1994. Staff archaeologist and education outreach manager, Institute for Minnesota Archaeology.

Selected Presentations and Training:

Minnesota Historic Bridge Program: Preserving Our Engineering Legacy, Minnesota's Transportation Conference, 2014, and Preserve Minnesota Conference, 2012. Tour and session, *Minnesota's Historic Bridges: Lessons Learned and Current Best Practices*, Society for Industrial Archaeology, 2013. *MnDOT Historic Bridge Project Development Training*, co-instructor with MnDOT Bridge Office, Mead and Hunt, and O.N.E., 2012-2014. *Historic Bridge Management in Minnesota*, SIA, 2006. *Preserving Minnesota's Historic Bridges*, Preserve Minnesota Conference, 2005. *Integrating Historic Sites with Road Management*, National Mississippi River Parkway Commission Meeting, 2005.

Awards, Memberships, and Certification:

Awards as team member on historic bridge and roadside property rehabilitation projects from the American Council of Engineering Companies, American Cultural Resources Association, American Institute of Architects, American Steel Institute, Federal Highway Administration, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, and local Heritage Preservation Commissions

Member, Transportation Research Board, ADC50 Committee on Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation