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Education:

M.A, American studies, George Washington University
B.A., art history and English literature, State University of New York at Buffalo

Experience:

Advocate—Connector—Leader, 2019-present. A passionate advocate for natural and historic places, committed to leveraging these places to connect citizens, promote social justice, and foster health and well-being. Experienced at helping organizations raise money, increase their impact, forge partnerships, and build strong effective teams. As a teacher, trainer, facilitator, and convener, skilled at pressing organizations to think beyond their traditional allies to build broader coalitions to support their missions.

Vice president, 2015-2019, and director positions, 2009-2015, National Trust for Historic Preservation. Supported statewide and local nonprofit partners; developed and implemented trainings and publications to serve preservation leaders; coordinated national grant programs; rebranded the annual national conference and built a robust online program to inspire new methods, policies, and practices in historic preservation.

Circuit rider and outreach coordinator, Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions, 2007-2009. Conducted site visits to Maryland's historic district commissions to assess their ordinances, operating procedures, and design guidelines, and to provide technical assistance and share best practices.

President, Preservation Action, 1997-2004. Led a national grassroots lobbying network and, as a registered Congressional lobbyist, represented historic preservation interests on Capitol Hill. Monitored and researched legislative actions that affect preservation, assisting and encouraging the advocacy efforts of network members, and building alliances with partner organizations at the national, state, and local level.

Executive Director, Buffalo Friends of Olmsted Parks, 1988-1993. Led membership and communications services, created outreach and education programs, undertook grant writing and fundraising, and coordinated scholars, park professionals, and landscape architects in planning, restoration, and advocacy efforts.

Teaching:

National Preservation Institute, 2020-present; Center for Preservation Leadership, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2006-2009; Program in Historic Preservation, Goucher College.

Selected Publications:

Preservation for People: A Vision for the Future (co-author), 2017, and *A Blueprint for Lobbying*, 2004, National Trust for Historic Preservation; *Preparing to Preserve: An Action Plan for Integrating Historic Preservation into State, Local and Tribal Emergency Preparedness Plans*, National Institute for Conservation, 2009.