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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

With more than twenty years' experience at local, state and national levels, I have found my passion researching, reconstructing and interpreting the history of marginalized communities, particularly in the American South and South Carolina.

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina, MA in US History, 2024

George Washington University, MA in Museum Studies, 2007

Appalachian State University, BA History & BS in

Anthropology, concentration Archaeology, 2002

SKILLS

Public Speaking, Public Programming, Curriculum Development, **Genealogy**, **Social Media Management**, Basic GIS, Podcasting

RESEARCH SPECIALTIES

The American South

South Carolina

Reconstruction, Early 20th Century

Marginalized Communities

Local History

RESEARCH SPECIALTIES, con't

19th & 20th Century African

American Communities

African American Genealogy

African American Military

History (USCT & Tuskegee)

EXPERIENCE

2024

University of South Carolina

Graduate Asst./Teacher Asst. (2022 - present)

Conduct research, design historical databases, and manage social media for USC-Beaufort's Institute for the Study of the Reconstruction Era. Teaching & grading duties for 75+ students per semester for 100-level history courses.

Independent Contractor

Genealogist/Historian (2005 - present)

Answer genealogical & local history reference inquiries, develop adult programming, and manage the local history & archival collections.

Colleton County Memorial Library

Reference Librarian (2021 - 2022)

Managed the local history & archival collections, answered genealogical & local history reference inquiries and developed adult programming.

2005

The weight of history
can **EMPOWER** you or it
can **CRUSH** you.
Its your choice.

Wizards of the Coast, 2021

Redcliffe Plantation State Historic Site

Park Interpreter (2007 - 2019)

Conducted historical & genealogical research, communicated with descendant families, gave daily tours, developed educational and interpretive programming for all ages, trained volunteers, performed administrative tasks.



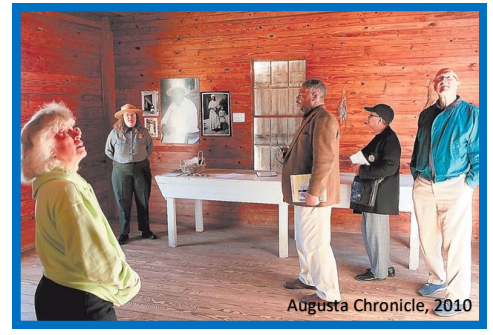
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

- Researched & wrote the **Walterboro Army Air Field Memorial Park** exhibit panels (2006).
- Developed & actively manage the **Walterboro, SC History Notes Facebook** page, currently with 1.1K Likes.
- Helped develop a **WWII Symposium** in Walterboro, SC for the 2014 SC Humanities Festival (200+ attendees).
- Presented three papers on **original historical and genealogical research** at the SC Historical Association Annual Meetings between 2013 and 2022.



REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

- Established the **Colleton County Memorial Library (CCML) Archives** including organizing, appraising and cataloguing, creating finding aids, access protocols, etc.
- **Digitized** representative portions of the CCML Archival Collection for public access.
- **Designed and actively managed online portals** on the library's website for genealogical research, historical research and archival research and access.



PARK INTERPRETER

- Conducted **original historical and genealogical research** on four interrelated plantation communities.
- **Developed extensive relationships with plantation descendants** (60+ individuals & fifteen families).
- **Published three historical papers** on the site's African American history, and developed a variety of interpretive materials.
- **Helped hire and train** part-time and volunteer staff, conducted administrative duties, managed budgets.

Public Speaker
 Photographer
 20+ YEARS IN SC
 Survey Specialist

TRAININGS & SPECIAL COURSES

Geographic Information Systems Course
 University of Michigan - Summer 2023

Historical GIS, USC Spring 2023

Basics of Archives, AASLH - Spring 2021

ProGen (Professional Genealogy) Course
 ProGen 33 Graduate – Summer 2018



Historical Interpreter, Researcher, Genealogist and Educator for various other institutions including the Colleton Museum (Walterboro, SC: 2003-2005), Drayton Hall Plantation (Charleston, SC: 2003-2005), Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site (Charleston, SC: 2003-2005) and the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (Washington, DC: 2005-2007).