

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology, 1985

M.A. University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology, 1973

B.A. University of California, Los Angeles, 1968

### ACCREDITATION

1999-present Register of Professional Archaeologists

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

1977 - Present **City Archaeologist**, Alexandria Virginia  
Office of Historic Alexandria, City of Alexandria, VA.

1986 - Present **Professorial Lecturer**, Departments of Anthropology  
and American Studies, The George Washington University,  
Washington, D.C. Classes taught include Introduction to Historical  
Archaeology, Community Preservation, Field and Laboratory Methods  
in Historical Archaeology, Public Archaeology

1979 - 1985 **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Departments of Anthropology and American  
Studies, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

1975 - 1977 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, Franklin  
Pierce College, Rindge, NH.

1974 **Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa.

1973 **Lecturer**, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

### TOPICAL SPECIALIZATION'S

Historical and Urban Archaeology; Community Archaeology; Archaeological

Management; Preservation Planning, Politics and Law; Amenities Planning and Development; Public Archaeology; Archaeology Museums and Collections Management; Heritage Tourism.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Principal Investigator (1977 - Present): City of Alexandria -- The King Street Project; Alexandria Afro-American Neighborhood Project; The City Survey Project; The Waterfront Project; The Alexandria Canal Project; Quakers and Alexandria Development; Alexandria Archaeological Atlas Project, Freedmen's Cemetery Project.

Principal Investigator (1976): Wilson Tavern Site, NH.

Principal Investigator (1975): Rindge Town Farm, NH.

Laboratory Researcher ( 1973-1974): Colonial Obsidian Study, San Juan Teotihuacan, Mexico.

## **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AND AMENITIES EXPERIENCE**

Team member of Alexandria City Wayside Sign Program in which concepts and designs are developed for city-wide hierarchical sign program for vehicular, pedestrian and interpretive purposes. 2005-present.

Key staff person on Alexandria Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial Project in which 1800-person cemetery (1864-1869) of freedom-seekers during the Civil War was rediscovered and investigated to protect every identified grave in place leading to public design competition. 2002-present.

Team Member, Jones Point Interpretive Planning, with National Park Service staff and consultants associated with Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvement Project, considered the thousands of years of history and cultural resources for long-term stewardship and interpretive trail. 2000-present.

Principal creator of Alexandria Heritage Trail, a 23-mile loop for bikers and walkers to explore 10,000 years of history. Also, principal author of interpretive signs for Trail. 2002-present.

Principal staff member responsible for developing and administering the City of Alexandria Virginia Archaeological Protection Ordinance. 1989 - Present.

Principal author and editor of the Historical Preservation Chapter of the City of Alexandria Virginia Master Plan. 1990.

City Staff Liaison for the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, the oldest local commission in the United States on archaeology, appointed by the city council. 1977- Present.

City Staff participant in planning historic parks, such as, the Alexandria Tide Lock Park, Alexandria African-American Heritage Park, Alexandria Waterfront Walk, the Alexandria King Street Metro Gateway Park, Jones Point Park, Potomac Yard Park, John Carlyle Park and the 23-mile hike/bike Alexandria Heritage Trail.

Technical Advisor and Consultant for groups developing preservation plans, assessing local resource needs and archaeological legislation including: The Presidio Project, San Francisco; numerous city and state governments; consultant with James Madison University. 1980-85.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 2008            Member, Society for American Archaeology, Heritage Values Committee
- 2001-present   Member, Society for Historical Archaeology, Public Education & Interpretation Committee.
- 2001-2003      Advisor, Society for American Archaeology grant from the National Science Foundation to develop new archaeological curricula.
- 1998-present   Member, Society for American Archaeology Task Force on Curriculum Reform in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- 1997-1999      Incoming President, President, Immediate Past President, Society for Historical Archaeology.
- 1990 - 1996    Member, State Review Board, Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
- 1988 - 1990    Member of Organizing Council, National Council for Amenities Planning.
- 1987 - 1990    Member, Board of Directors, Society for Historical Archaeology.
- 1985 - 1995    Chairperson and Co-founder, Urban Archaeology Group; Coordinator of the first North American City Survey to assess urban archaeology; Workshop organizer for 1986 SHA meetings on studying and preserving cities, Sacramento, California; organizer for 1991 workshop in Alexandria, VA.
- 1985            Member of Review Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Division.
- 1980-present   Participant and/or instructor in numerous Federal workshops associated with the National Park Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Defense.
- 1980            Member of Research Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities, Public Programs Division.

- 1979 Co-Chairperson, Certification Committee for the Council of Virginia Archaeologists.
- 1976-1977 Member, Interim Archaeological Advisory Council, New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Office.

## **GRANTS AWARDED TO ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGY**

### Virginia Department of Historic Resources

2006 Threatened Site Fund–Mapping of Civil War Camp Site

### Historic Alexandria Foundation

2005-2006 Alexandria Archaeology Digital Atlas Project

2007-2008

### Institute for Museum Services

1991 - 2002 General Operating Support Grant.

### National Endowment for the Humanities

1988 - 1989 Conservation Project.

1981 - 1984 Urban Development in North America:  
Status, Distance and Material Differences in Alexandria, VA.

1979 Alexandria Archaeology Research Museum Planning.

### National Trust for Historic Preservation

1981 Alexandria Canal Tide Lock Preservation Project.

### National Science Foundation

1988-1990 Collections Management Project.

### Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission (Virginia SHPO)

1980-1983 Alexandria Afro-American Neighborhood Project.

1978-1981 Alexandria Regional Preservation Office.

1977-1980 Alexandria King Street Project.

### Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy

1981 Alexandria Waterfront Forum: Confrontation and Consensus

1980 Alexandria Responds! A Public Forum

### Virginia Commission for the Arts

1979 Alexandria Archaeology Research Museum Development.

## **HONORS**

- 1999 Recipient, Historian of the Year Award, Alexandria Historical Society.
- 1994 Most Livable Communities and Entrepreneurial American Leadership Award for Community Archaeology, from Partners for Livable Communities. Awarded to the City of Alexandria for its "imaginative archaeology program" which uses "an amenity strategy to enhance the quality of life for all citizens".
- 1993 State of Virginia, Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in Historic Preservation. Awarded to the City of Alexandria for outstanding stewardship activities contributed by Alexandria Archaeology.
- 1989 Seventh Place Winner in speakers contest, Audience Poll at International Platform Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1987 Co-recipient, American Society of Landscape Architects' Community Assistance Team Project - The Presidio of San Francisco.
- 1986 Recipient, "Women to Women Award for Historic Preservation," Alexandria Commission on the Status of Women.
- Recipient, "Outstanding Archaeologist Virginia Archaeologist," Council of Virginia Archaeologists.

## **MAJOR LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2008 Distinguished Speaker, Lynchburg College, VA.
- 2008 Speaker in Plenary Session on the Public Benefits of Archaeology, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Albuquerque, AZ.
- 1998- 2005 Curation and Collections Management Workshop, National Preservation Institute annual class.
- 1997 Curation and Collections Management Workshop, University of Nevada, Reno, Society for Historical Archaeology Meeting, Cincinnati, OH.
- 1991-1995 National Park Service Workshops on Federal Curation and Collections Management Standards, Washington, D.C. and Tucson and Boston.
- 1990 Workshop presented on the Preparation of Archaeological Assessment for The Arts Club of Washington.
- 1990 "Building Documentation and Recordation," with Sarah Leach, Richard Dierce, Fredericks Lindstrom and Jack Boucher. The Preservation Technology Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Alexandria, VA

- 1989 "Urban Archaeology." Workshop presented at Urban Horizons, A Conference on the Future of Communities. Indiana Economic Development Council, International City Management Association, Partners for Livable Places. Indianapolis, IN.
- 1989 Keynote address to the Illinois Archaeological Society and Missouri Archaeological Society.
- 1989 Plenary Session Participant, "Approaches to Urban Archaeology." Nova Scotia Archaeological Society.
- 1988-1999 "Digging America's National Treasures in Cities" and "Exploding America's Myths-Fact and Fiction in Our Past"- Speeches given through Potomac Speakers' Bureau to numerous public groups in cities such as, Minneapolis; Milwaukee; Seattle; Louisville; Lexington; Madison; Dallas; Pittsburgh; and Tulsa.
- 1988 Keynote address to the Ontario Archaeological Society.
- 1988 Keynote address to the Association e.c.es Archaeologues de Montreal "Archaeology and Cities in the United States."
- 1986 "Nonacademic Archaeology." Workshop co-sponsored by AAA Placement Service and Archaeology Section at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Archaeology Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1984 Keynote address at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Williamsburg, VA. "Community Archaeology in George Washington's Home Town."
- 1984 "Alexandria, Virginia." Address given at a Conference for North American Journalists entitled The Challenge to our Cultural Heritage: Why Preserve the Past? Sponsored by UNESCO and the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 1983-1984 "Discovering the City." Workshops presented to the Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Belvoir, VA.
- 1981 "Archaeology and the City of Alexandria." Keynote address at the Conference on Archaeology and Local Government sponsored by the California League of Cities and the State Historic Preservation Office, Ventura, California.
- 1980 "The Preservation Planning Process in Alexandria." Presentations for the Department of Interior, National Park Service, State Preservation Planning Workshops, Harpers Ferry, WV and Madison, WI.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

- In press      Community Archaeology in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. In, Community Archaeology. University of Manchester, UK.
- 2009          The Archaeology of Alexandria. In Archaeology in America An Encyclopedia, Vol. 1, pages 176-180, general editor, Francis P. Mc Manamon. Greenwood Press, Westport.
- 2007          Smart Planning and Innovative Public Outreach: The Quintessential Mix for the Future of Archaeology. With Natalie Vinton. In Past Meets Present: Archaeologists Partnering with Museum curators, Teachers and Community Groups edited by John H. Jameson and Sherene Baugher. Springer, New York.
- 2005          Alexandria, Virginia. In the series, Digging for the Past, Brian Fagan, General Editor. Oxford University Press, New York.
- 2003          Held in Trust: Community Archaeology in Alexandria, Virginia. With Ruth Reeder and Jared Bryson. In Archaeologists and Local Communities: Partners in Exploring the Past, pages 1-17, edited by Linda Derry and Maureen Malloy. Society for American Archaeology, Washington D.C..
- 2002          The Alexandria Heritage Trail, A Guide to Exploring A Virginia Town's Hidden Past, Capital Books, Inc., Sterling, Va.
- 2000          Community Relations: What the Practicing Archaeologist Needs to Know to Work Effectively with Local and/or Descendant Communities. With Joe Watkins and K. Anne Pyburn. In Teaching Archaeology in the Twenty-first Century, edited by Susan J. Bender and George S. Smith. Society for American Archaeology, Washington D.C.
- 1999          Setting the Scene: A Look at 19<sup>th</sup> Century Virginia, in The Archaeology of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Virginia, edited by John H. Sprinkle and Theodore R. Reinhart, Council of Virginia Archaeologists. Special Publication No. 36, Archaeological Society of Virginia.
- 1995          To Witness the Past: African-American Archaeology in Alexandria, Virginia, Co-author. City of Alexandria.
- 1995          How Sweet It Was: Alexandria Sugar Refining and the Chesapeake. With Barbara H. Magid and Keith Barr. In The Historic Chesapeake: Archaeological Contribution, edited by P.A. Shackel and B.J. Little. Smithsonian Press, Washington.D.C.
- 1994-1999      "Alexandria Artifacts" A weekly newspaper column in the Alexandria Gazette Packet.

- 1991 Hooff's Run Stone Bridge: A Lasting Artifact of Alexandria's Railroad Era. The Fireside Sentinel, Vol. V (6). City of Alexandria.
- 1990a Historic Preservation Section, Alexandria Master Plan. City of Alexandria.
- 1990b City of Alexandria Archaeological Standards. Co-editor, City of Alexandria.
- 1990c Managing Archaeological Resources in Alexandria, Virginia: Knowing What You Know and Don't know. Paper presented at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical archaeology, Tucson, AZ.
- 1989-Present Editor, Alexandria Archaeology Publications, City of Alexandria  
The series offers more than 100 titles on research and preservation by staff, volunteers and students.
- 1989a Archaeological Significance in Cities: Developing Contexts and Criteria for Decision Making. Susan L. Henry, Co-author. Paper presented in the Symposium, Assessing Significance in the Urban Environment, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology City of Alexandria.
- 1989b The Nineteenth Century Transformation and Spatial Development of Alexandria, Virginia. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. City of Alexandria.
- 1989c The Right Way to Dig at Home. Keith Barr, Co-author. Preservation News. June, 1989, p.8.
- 1989d Report on the City of Alexandria Archaeology Protection Ordinance, editor. City of Alexandria.
- 1989e The Case of 414 Franklin Street: A Case Study of Discovery and Dialogue in The Fireside Sentinel, Volume III, Number 12, December 1989.
- 1988a The Virginia Archaeological Survey and Planning Program: A Community Archaeologist's Perspective. In Archaeological Survey in Virginia: Toward Preservation Planning, Department of Conservation and Historic Landmarks, Richmond, VA.
- 1988b Archaeology Preservation Guidelines, Co-editor. City of Alexandria.
- 1987a Community Archaeology in Alexandria, Virginia. In Conserve Neighborhoods National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.
- 1987b Geographical Versus Social Scale in Alexandria: A Growing Perspective. Steven Shephard, Co-author. Paper presented in the Symposium, The Problem of Scale in Urban Archaeology, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Savannah, GA.



- 1987c The Presidio of San Francisco, contributor, Community Assistance Team Project 1986, American Society of Landscape Architects.
- 1986a The North American City Archaeological Survey Results. B. Blomberg and R. Bartlett, Co-authors. City of Alexandria.
- 1986b Community Archaeology in Alexandria. In Alexandria Antiquity 1984, edited by S.J. Shepard and P.J. Cressey, pp.28-31. City of Alexandria.
- 1985 The Alexandria, Virginia City-Site: Archaeology in an Afro-American Neighborhood, 1830-1910. Ph.D. dissertation. Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa.
- 1984a Remembering the Alexandria Canal. Fairfax Chronicles 8 {2}.
- 1984b Urban Development in North America: Status, Distance, and Material Differences in Alexandria, Virginia. B. Magid and S. Shephard, Co-authors. City of Alexandria.
- 1984c Sharing the Ivory Tower. In Approaches to preserving a City's Past. HGRS Preservation Planning Series, pp. 3-19. City of Alexandria.
- 1982a The City-Site Approach to Urban Archaeology in Alexandria, Virginia. J.F. Stevens, Co-author. In Archaeology of Urban America: The Search for Pattern and Process, edited by R.S. Dickens, Jr., pp.41-61. Academic Press, NY.
- 1982b The Core-Periphery Relationship and the Archaeological Record in Alexandria, Virginia. B.J. Magid, S.J. Shephard and J.F. Stephens, Co-authors. In Archaeology of Urban America: The Search for Pattern and Process, R.S. Dickens, Jr., ed., pp.143-173. Academic Press, NY.
- 1981 The Alexandria Urban Archaeology Project: An Integrative Model for Systematic Study, Conservation and Crisis. In Anthropological Careers, edited by T. Landman, pp. 28-41. Anthropological Society of Washington, D.C.
- 1980 An Enduring Afro-American Neighborhood: An Archaeological Perspective from Alexandria, Virginia. In Black Heritage, 20(1): 1-10.
- 1979a Historical Archaeology and the Alexandria Urban Archaeology Project. Fairfax Chronicles, 3(1).
- 1979b Studying the American City. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 1978a The City as Site: The Alexandria Model for Urban Archaeology. Conference

on Historic Archaeology, Papers, 1978.

- 1978b A Tale of Two Parking Lots. C. Bolian, Co-author. In Conservation Archaeology in the Northeast: Towards a Research Orientation. Occasional Publication of the Coalition for Archaeology in Massachusetts. Peabody Museum Bulletin, 8:102-106. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University.
- 1975 Pre and Post-conquest Obsidian Tools in the Teotihuacan Valley. Actas del XLI Congreso Internacional de Americanistas, 1: 208-218. Mexico City.
- 1974 Post-conquest Developments in the Teotihuacan Valley, Mexico, Part 4. The Early Colonial Obsidian Industry. Research Report number 1, Mesoamerican Research Colloquium. Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa. Also published 1975, Katunob: Occasional Papers in Mesoamerican Anthropology, 8. Museum of Anthropology, University of Northern Colorado.

## REFERENCES

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| Vola Lawson           | City Manager (retired), Alexandria, Virginia.   |
| James P. Moran        | Member, U.S. House of Representatives; Former mayor, Alexandria, Virginia.  |
| Patricia S. Ticer     | Virginia State Senator; former Mayor, Alexandria, Virginia  |
| Marion Van Landingham | Former Member, Virginia House of Representatives, founder of the Torpedo Factory Art Center.  |
| C. Richard Bierce     | Historic Architect, former Director of Historic Resources, Alexandria, Virginia and Architect for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. |
| Judy Geller           | President (retired), Potomac Speakers Bureau.   |
| Richard Longstreth    | Professor, Department of American Studies, The George Washington University.  |