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EDUCATION

- 1982 M.A. Conservation Archaeology, University of South Carolina, Columbia.
1974 B.A. Anthropology, Cum Laude, State University of New York, College at Oswego.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Iowa Archeological Society
Plains Anthropological Society
Society for American Archaeology
Society for Historical Archaeology
Association of Iowa Archaeologists
Register of Professional Archaeologists

CERTIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PROFESSIONAL AWARD

- 1998–2011 Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA), The Register of Professional Archaeologists. Appointed 1998–2007 to RPA Registrar Advisory Committee.
- 1987–2011 Qualified Principal Investigator, State Historical Society of Iowa, Community Programs Bureau. Areas of Qualification: Historical Archaeology; Prehistoric Archaeology.
- 1999–2014 Appointed twice by the State Historic Preservation Officer as Archaeologist to the State
1988–1993 of Iowa's National Register of Historic Places Nominations Review Committee; the Historical Resource Development Program Grant Review Panel; the Certified Local Government Program Grant Review Panel; and the Country School Grant Review Panel, of the State Historical Society of Iowa.
- 2011 Recipient of the of the 2011 Excellence in Consulting Award presented by the National Council on Public History for "outstanding contribution to the field of public history through consulting or contract work." Awarded for leading Iowa's Historic Automobile Roads study team presenting information on how to identify, survey, and document historic roads.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 1987–2011 Program Director and Co-Principal Investigator, The University of Iowa Highway Archaeology Program. Authorize methodology, evaluations, and recommendations for survey, testing, and excavation of archaeological sites; identification and evaluation of historic architectural sites; and cultural resources evaluation of SAFETEA-LU (formerly designated ISTEAs and TEA-21) Transportation Enhancement grant projects statewide for the Iowa Department of Transportation. Negotiate contracts, scopes of work, budgets, and prepare annual report. Manage multiple survey and excavation projects simultaneously. Supervise permanent professional staff of seven project archaeologists, two architectural historians, a cultural resources specialist, and two research assistants.