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EDUCATION

MS in Historic Preservation, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR., June 2006
Certificate in Nonprofit Management
Thesis: The 20th Century Hunt Club: A Study of a West Coast Example at Lake Oswego, Oregon

BA in Art and Design, Iowa State University, Ames, IA., 2002
Emphasis in historic preservation and architecture
Study Abroad Program, Iowa State University, Rome Program, 2002

Continuing Education: NCPTT Terra Cotta Workshop, Portland, OR., February 2005

WORK EXPERIENCE

Historic Preservation

Architectural Historian, Iowa Lakes RC&D, Spencer, IA., February 2007-Current

Grant writing to finance community infrastructure projects; conduct research to write and complete National Register Nominations; direct and manage projects; identify potential funding sources and partnerships for projects; act as a liaison between local and state agencies; advocate for community revitalization; coordinate efforts to market and enhance the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway; and provide research support.

Research Fellow, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR., September 2004 – June 2006

Provided research and administrative support for \$4.5 million John Yeon Trust; assisted with ongoing maintenance, use, and preservation of the Watzek House, Cottrell House, and The Shire.

Intern, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR., summer 2005

Finalized the Preservation Use Agreement (PUA) for The Shire: John Yeon Preserve for Landscape Studies and initiated the PUA for the Aubrey Watzek House in Portland, OR.

Research Volunteer, SiouxlandMark Corp Sioux City, IA., August 2002-September 2003

Completed and listed a National Register Nomination for the Sanford House, 2002.

Historic Preservation Research Assistant, City of Sioux City Economic Development Department, Sioux City Public Museum, SiouxlandMark Corp., and Downtown Partners, Sioux City, IA., May 2001–August 2001

Diverse experience in planning and operations of city government, nonprofit, and grassroots organizations; research completed on four National Register Nominations, one was accepted by the State Historic Preservation Office; researched and designed a walking tour brochure for the Corn Palaces of Sioux City; photographed historic architecture and signs; and conducted tours of the Historic Orpheum Theatre during its restoration.

Community & Economic Development

Special Projects Coordinator-RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments), University of Oregon, Community Service Center, Cascade Locks, OR., September 2003 –August 2004

Wrote grants for development and implementation to finance community infrastructure projects (assisted with \$60,000 grant for a community playground); directed projects; assisted as a liaison between local, state, and federal agencies; appointed spokesperson for the City of Cascade Locks-researched and synthesized their concerns and needs; project manager for an emergency medical services facility, downtown revitalization plan, environmental assessments/surveys and city park improvements, and \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) re-qualification.

Administrative Assistant, Downtown Partners, Sioux City, IA., August 2002 –September 2003

Advocated for downtown revitalization; developed and managed The Historic Martin Ballroom Tour; advertised and promoted events and businesses; coordinated preservation of records, documents and communications; created and maintained filing system.

KNOWLEDGE & COMPUTER SKILLS

Grant writing and administration experience at local, state, and federal level; fundraising for grassroots, nonprofit, and public projects; historic preservation economics; strong verbal communication and organizational skills; ability to synthesize the needs of an individual and/or group; and retreat and board facilitation.

History-American Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design and Art.

Studio Work-Architecture, Interior Design, Drawing and Photography.

Publisher, Front Page, PageMaker, Corel Draw 11, Dreamweaver, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator, Access, Microsoft Office, and PC and Mac Programs.

LEADERSHIP

Delegate, Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Assembly, January 2008

Board Member, Spencer Alliance for a Creative Economy (SPACE), December 2007-current

Board Member, Friends of the Spencer Auditorium, September 2007-current

Board Member, Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance, September 2007-current

Advisor, Technical Assistance Network, State Historic Preservation Office, July 2007-current

Board Member, City of Spencer Historic Preservation Commission, June 2007-current

Design Committee Board Member, Parker Museum of Clay County, August 2007

Delegate, President's Leadership Symposium, University of Oregon, February 2006

Member, Historic Preservation League of Oregon, 2005.

Representative, Student Advisory Committee, University of Oregon, September 2004–March 2006

Vice-President, Associated Students for Historic Preservation, University of Oregon, May 2005–March 2006

Member, Associated Students for Historic Preservation, University of Oregon, September 2004–June 2006

Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation, May 2001–current

President, Sioux City Growth Organization, September 2002–September 2003

Board Member, Environmental Advisory Board, Sioux City, IA, September 2002–September 2003

CONFERENCES

National Scenic Byway Conference, August 2009

Preserving Today for Tomorrow, June 2007

National Trust Conference: Sustain America-Vision, Economics, and Preservation, October 2005

Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability (HOPES) Conference, University of Oregon, April 2005

Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance Conference, August 2001