

**Experience**

August 2007 – present

**Director - Tourism, Interpretation and Education Studies**

**Adjunct Professor**

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
Coordinate partnership efforts between the National Park Service, Amtrak and the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences. These include student internship for the Trails & Rails program, development of interpretive training modules, on board education development with Amtrak, design and development of interpretive marketing activities such as brochures, audiovisuals and information management. Work with the Department on special activities and projects as directed.

October 2000  
to August 2007

**National Coordinator, Trails & Rails Partnership**

National Park Service  
New Orleans, LA

Developed the onboard education partnership between the National Park Service and Amtrak, known as Trails & Rails. Was responsible for the initial development and format of the program. Coordinated beginning efforts with Amtrak marketing in New Orleans, Chicago, Washington, DC and Los Angeles.

September 1990  
to October 2000

**Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management**

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve  
New Orleans, LA

Managed the interpretive operations with a 15 person interpretive staff in four physically separate units covering several hundred miles. Served as team manager for the design, development and construction of new interpretive centers for the Italian-American Cultural Center, German American Cultural Center, Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center and the headquarters Visitor Center for Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. Designed and developed multiple interpretive media outlets for each park unit. Served as Park Manager for the Chalmette Battlefield and responsible for the interpretation, management, maintenance and historic landscape. Interacted with community and state officials in the coordination of park development plans. Created living history program for Chalmette Battlefield and coordinated efforts for major commemorative events.

August 1980  
to August 1986  
and October 1987  
to September 1990

**Chief of Interpretation**

War in the Pacific National Historical Park  
Guam, Mariana Islands

Responsible for the initial development of park operations for this newly designated park. Worked with planning teams from Honolulu and San Francisco to determine the boundaries of this new park, inventory historic resources and work with community members on development. Wrote the General Management Plan, Cultural Resources Management Plan and Park Operations Plan for the park. Served as Pacific Area Dive Officer to coordinate the underwater archaeological surveys of World War II sites in Micronesia and Hawai'i. Led underwater archaeological surveys in the Mariana Islands for this park and American Memorial Park on the island of Saipan. Developed underwater historic shipwreck interpretive programs. Designed and developed the Interpretive Center for the park as well as American Memorial Park. Developed Volunteer In Parks program for the parks interpretive and underwater archaeological survey team. Worked with community members, military veterans organizations from the United States, Japan and other countries. Coordinated Japanese interpretive exhibits with the Japanese Consul General's Office and official visits from visiting Japanese delegations. Detailed to work with the Japanese Environment Agency in Tokyo on the design of interpretive exhibits for use in Japanese National Parks by western visitors.

May 1977  
to August 1980

**Park Historian and Chief of Interpretation**

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site  
Williston, ND

Developed the initial interpretive program and resource management operations for this newly established park. Worked with the park's Area Manager to design and develop a new Visitor Information Center for the site. Conducted historic research in various archives across the country for the eventual reconstruction of the fur trading post. Provided maintenance to the park site and assisted with the construction of the initial infrastructure for park maintenance, housing and park operations. Developed a fur trade living history program and black powder weapons program. Worked with local and state officials on the development of a General Management Plan and Interpretive Development Plan.

October 1974  
to May 1977

**Park Guide**

Fort Davis National Historic Site  
Fort Davis, TX

Participated in the park's Cooperative Education student as the first enrollee. Cataloged the park's museum collection, worked at the information desk and served as a living history interpreter. Developed local interpretive programs and presented educational outreach programs to nearby communities.

**Education**

- 1987 **Master of Science: International Resource Management**  
University of Edinburgh, Scotland  
Principal emphasis — Reviewed park and protected areas' management operations for possible application within the US National Park Service  
Dissertation: *International Parks and Protected Areas of Great Britain and Application to the US National Park Service*
- 1977 **Bachelor of Science: Western American History**  
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX  
Principal emphasis — Explored the portrayal of the American West as seen through the lens of Hollywood  
Thesis: *Indians, Soldiers and Hollywood: A look at the Western American Indian Wars*

**Activities and Affiliations**

- May 2007 to present Member  
Lions Club, Weimar, TX
- November 2005 to present Member  
Weimar United Church of Christ
- 1980 - 2000 Member  
National Association of Interpretation
- 1980 - 1995 Member, Interpretive Education  
International Union for Conservation of Nature  
Gland, Switzerland
- 1992 - 2005 Committee Chairperson  
Celtic Nations Heritage Festival of New Orleans

**Honors and Awards**

- 1972 Eagle Scout  
Boy Scouts of America
- 1977 1st Place State Writing Award  
Texas Historical Commission
- 1998 Southeast Region Freeman Tilden Award  
National Association of Interpretation
- 2004 William C. Everhart Award  
George B. Harzog Jr. Environmental Awards Program
- 2011 Take Pride In America National Award  
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