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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions

Local Historic Preservation Commission Trainer

Travel nationally as an instructor to provide training to local commissions.

Virginia Beach, Virginia

2014-Present

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Adjunct Professor in Department of Architecture

Instructor of Cultural Resource Management to graduate level students enrolled in the historic preservation program, landscape architecture program and architecture program.

Amherst, Massachusetts

2013-18; 2025

City of Lowell, Massachusetts

Neighborhood Planner in Division of Planning and Development

Worked closely with diverse neighborhood organizations and elected officials on short and long term planning projects including blighted buildings, neighborhood plans, vacant land and surplus city property.

Lowell, Massachusetts

1996-97

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator in a regional planning agency

Coordinated project planning and development with municipalities, state officials and consultant engineers.

Boston, Massachusetts

1993-95

Urban Research and Development Corporation

Land Use Planner in a landscape architecture/planning office

Prepared site engineering drawings, conceptual plans and regional site analysis maps for various clients.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

1989-91

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Master of Regional Planning, 1993

Masters Project investigated the economic impact of historic preservation in the city of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Co-authored, Building Better Bicycling, a guidebook for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, New York

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, magna cum laude, 1989

Final project was an off-campus semester in London, England studying changes to the landscapes of historic designed urban parks.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE

Past volunteer local board service includes the planning board, school committee, open space committee and zoning reform committee. Current appointment is the town of Buckland representative to the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts.

HONORS

Received a Distinguished Service Award from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association.

INTERESTS

Personal interests include running, walking, hiking, biking, writing, history, rehabilitating old houses, sustainable communities, teaching and exploring new places.