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EDUCATION

M.A in History

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tallahassee, Florida, April 1996

B.S. in Social Studies Education with Honors

NORTHLAND BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, Dunbar, Wisconsin, May 1994

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Victorian Society in America Newport Summer School

Newport, RI, June 2007

Victorian Society in America London Summer School

London, England, July 2004

VAF Field School in Building Archaeology

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY, Bristol, Rhode Island, June/July 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Architectural Historian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Jackson, Mississippi (June 2007 to present)

- Oversee Architectural History section of five people, with responsibilities for Survey & Inventory, National Register, and Certified Local Government programs.
- Manage the Historic Resources Database, an online GIS tool for historic buildings (www.apps.mdah.ms.gov/Public).
- Member of Mississippi Landmark Review Committee of the MDAH Board of Trustees.
- Wrote the second edition of the “New Capitol Architectural Tour Brochure” (2012-2013) and participate in docent training for Capitol architectural tours.

Architectural Historian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Jackson, Mississippi (September 1996 to June 2007)

- Created and managed the Historic Resources database, a Microsoft Access system designed to enhance, organize, and supplement the Historic Resources Inventory, a paper filing system of over 40,000 buildings.
- Conducted historical and architectural surveys and oversaw publicly funded survey projects for MDAH.
- Wrote National Register historic district nominations.
- Created and populated a vertical file of Mississippi architects.
- Conducted a survey of historic schools built before 1960, using archival sources to locate approximately 3,000 school sites and document over 800 school campuses with photography, site plans, architectural descriptions, and historical information.
- Organized documentation and preservation efforts on the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina (2005-2006), managing teams of volunteer architects and engineers to assist owners of historic properties.

PUBLICATIONS

Baughn, Jennifer, and Michael Fazio. *Buildings of Mississippi*. Buildings of the United States. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press (in press, expected publication 2020).

“A Modern School Plant: Rural Consolidated Schools in Mississippi, 1910-1955” *Buildings & Landscapes* 19:1 (Spring 2012): 43-72.

“Rosenwald Schools in Mississippi,” *Mississippi History NOW* (Feb 2010).

“Education, Segregation, and Modernization: Mississippi’s School Equalization Building Program, 1946-1961.” *ARRIS: Journal of the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians* 16 (2005): 37-55.

“Mississippi’s Historic Schools Survey,” *CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship* 2, no. 1 (Winter 2005): 82-86.

PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

“Segregated Modernism: Mississippi’s School Equalization Program, 1946-1962,”
 --Society of Architectural Historians, St. Paul, MN, 2018.
 --Preserving the Recent Past 3, Los Angeles, CA, 2019.

“Washed in the Water: Outdoor Concrete Baptisteries in Mississippi,” VAF, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2017.

“Revising the New Capitol,” *History Is Lunch*, Jackson, MS, January 2015.

“Mississippi’s Historic Resources Database.” SESAH, Fayetteville, AR, 2014.

“Where’s the White Columns? Architectural Imagery in *The Help*.” SESAH, Athens, GA, 2012.

“Mississippi’s Modernist Architects.” *History Is Lunch*, Jackson, MS, 2012.

“Architectural Genealogy: The Men Who Created the Old Capitol.” *History Is Lunch*, Jackson, MS, 2011.

“Mississippi’s African American Schools.” *History Is Lunch*, Jackson, MS, 2011.

“A Modern School Plant: Rural Consolidated Schools in Mississippi, 1910-1955.” VAF, Butte, MT, 2009.

“Eighteen Months (and Counting) on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.” VAF, Savannah, GA, 2007.

“Rumination on Disaster: The Year after Katrina on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.” SESAH, Auburn, AL, 2006.

“Mississippi’s Equalization Plan School Building Program, 1946-1961.” SESAH, Knoxville, TN, 2004.

“The L-Plan School Building Type in Mississippi, 1935-1960.”
 —SESAH, Savannah, GA, 2003.
 —Annual Meeting of the Vernacular Architectural Forum, Savannah, 2007.

“The U-plan as Vernacular School Building Type in Mississippi, 1930-1950.” Annual Meeting of the Southeast Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), Mobile, AL, 2002.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS & SURVEYS

- *Walhall County Training School* (listed June 5, 2017)
- *Mt. Moriah School* (listed June 5, 2017)
- *Medgar and Myrlie Evers House* (NHL) (listed February 16, 2017)
- *Shaw Consolidated School* (listed January 11, 2017)
- *Sherman Line Rosenwald School* (listed January 12, 2017)
- *Port Gibson High School* (listed May 17, 2016)
- *Meridian High School* (listed May 29, 2014)
- Statewide survey of *Historic Schools of Mississippi* (since June 1999, approximately 850 buildings surveyed)
- Katrina Damage Assessment survey (approximately 1200 damaged historic buildings, Sept-Oct 2005)
- *Downtown Philadelphia Historic District* (National Significance, 90 resources, listed April 14, 2005)
- *Lexington Historic District* (275 resources; listed July 19, 2001)
- *Downtown Brookhaven Historic District* (106 resources; listed July 15, 1999)
- *Hazlehurst Historic District* (310 resources; listed November 5, 1998)
- *Belhaven Heights Historic District* (254 resources; listed September 3, 1998)
- *Foxx-Cox House* (listed April 1, 1998)
- *Mabned Bridge* (listed November 24, 1997)
- *Building 1071* (listed September 2, 1997)
- *Downtown Columbia Historic District* (64 resources; listed June 27, 1997)

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- Mississippi Heritage Trust—2003-present
- Society of Architectural Historians—2007-present
- Southeastern Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH)—2002-present
- Vernacular Architecture Forum—1998-present
 - Bibliography editor, 2002-2011; Board member, 2016-present
- Victorian Society in America—2004-present

AWARDS

- Vernacular Architecture Forum, Above & Beyond Service Award, 2006
- Southeastern Chapter, SAH, Preservation Commitment Award, 2006