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**Highlights of
Qualifications**

- Excellent Communication Skills
- Public Administration Skills
- Historic Preservation & Planning Experience
- Chosen as a “40 Under 40” recipient, for “making a difference on Nantucket.”

**Professional
Experience**

Executive Director

Jan 07 - Present

Housing Nantucket

Nantucket, MA

- Responsible for all community outreach and “voice of organization.”
- Developed a \$2M annual budget - including property management projections, construction estimates, staffing requirements, and administrative needs.
- Responsible for executing contracts and hiring sub-contractors to develop two LEED certified affordable units.
- Managed 24 rental properties with a \$750,000 maintenance program to upgrade and make units more energy efficient.
- Responsible for working with seven member board of directors and diverse community stakeholders - such as Town of Nantucket employees.
- Responsible for developing community outreach and partnership programs - including advocacy work at state level. Expanding educational programs to include “green” construction technical advice.
- Developed five year plan for organization. Currently developing architectural plans for new units and office complex, which will reach a “net-zero” green rating.
- Oversee all fundraising and grant writing aspects. Successfully applied for and received over \$1M in grant funding.
- Currently seeking LEED-Homes AP Accreditation

Assistant Administrator

Jan 03 – Dec 06

Nantucket Historic District Commission

Nantucket, MA

- Worked in three-person office to process and evaluate projects submitted to the Historic District Commission. Responsible for planning of weekly meetings.
- Responsible for overseeing sub-committees, including Historic Structures and Sign Committees, including a re-write of the Sign Guidelines.
- Worked with a variety of constituents to answer questions about historic preservation and architectural designs. Worked with eight member commission and a variety of other town boards and staff.
- Involved in local historic district public policy decisions.

Safety Director

Oct 02 – Dec 02

Perras Lumber Company

Lancaster, NH

- Part of management team to establish safety policy.
- Evaluated worker safety, wrote safety reports, and conducted lectures.
- Ordered and installed safety equipment throughout plant.

Interim Executive Director

June 02 – Oct 02

American Diner Museum

Providence, RI

- Worked to establish first museum collections database.
- Worked with president of board to correct past errors in public relations with donors.
- Worked to begin the process of establishing an educational facility in Lincoln, RI.

Research Assistant (Center for H.P.)

2001-2002

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, TN

- Developed planning documents for local communities.
- Worked with non-profit museums on programming.
- Worked with local historical museum to produce heritage education video.
- Responsible for the design and maintenance of the Center's various website initiatives, including The Heritage Education Network (THEN) site and cd-rom

Areas of Expertise

Organizational Administration
Fundraising & Development
Advocacy & Education
Public Policy
Report/Technical Writing

Historic Preservation Planning
Architectural/Historical Research
Architectural/Structural Survey
GIS & AutoCAD educated
Web Site & Graphic Design

Education

Master of Arts in History

2005

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, TN

Concentration in Museum Management, Historic Preservation

Thesis: Product-Place-Packaging and the American Roadside 1940-1990

Activities: Vice President of Association of Graduate Students in History; Taught extracurricular classes in web design; Attended National Trust for H.P. Conference in Providence, RI

Bachelor of Science in Historic Preservation

1999

Roger Williams University

Bristol, RI

Minors: History, American Studies

Concentration: Preservation Planning

Senior Project: History & Resources Survey of Recreation in Rhode Island

Activities: Co-President of Historic Preservation Society; Attended National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Savannah, GA (1999), Recipient HP Service Award

Preservation in England Program

1998

Wroxton College (Roger Williams University)

Oxfordshire, UK

Studied Architectural History, Architectural Practice, Conservation Practice, and Urban Planning within British Context. Explored British architecture and history.

Presentations & Publications

Various Entries in forthcoming *Encyclopedia of the History of Invention and Technology*, David Staley, ed. Facts on File, New York, NY: 2007/2008.

"Popular Culture" in *The History Highway*. Dennis Trinkle and Scott Merriman, ed. M.E. Sharpe, Armonk, NY: 2006.

Panel Presentation, "It IS Easy Being Green: Preservation & Sustainability," Nantucket Preservation Month, Nantucket, MA May 2009

Community Presentation, "Materials & Methods: Choices for Making Your House Greener," Nantucket Community School, Nantucket, MA, March 2009

Ongoing Homebuyer Education Programs, Housing Nantucket, Nantucket, MA, Various.

Paper Presentation, "Resort Life in Nantucket," Salve Regina University's 11th Annual Conference on Cultural and Historic Preservation, October 2007

Conference Organizer, "Open Source History," Providence, RI, American Association for History and Computing, April 2007

Panel Presentation, "Formula Business Restrictions," New England American Planning Association Meeting, Newport, RI, November 10, 2005

Paper Presentation, "Philosophical Questions of Roadside Preservation" Society for Commercial Archaeology Conf., Indianapolis, IN, May 30-June 1, 2001

Educational Lectures, Nantucket Preservation Alliance Preservation, Nantucket, MA, Fall/Spring 2004

Volunteer Activities

Board Member: South Church Preservation Fund (2005-2008)

President: Am. Assoc. for History and Computing (2006-2008) & Board (2001-2006)

Board of Directors, E-List Manager: Recent Past Preservation Network (2001-Present)

Webmaster, E-List Manager: Vernacular Architecture Forum (2001-Present)

Founder & Chairman, Nantucket Historical Commission (September 2005-August 2007)

Chairman, Nantucket Cultural Council (September 2005-August 2007, August 2008-Present)

Planning Board, Nantucket, MA (Aug 2003-Jan 2004, June 2004-August 2005)

Planning & Economic Development Comm, Nantucket, MA (Jan 2004-June 2004)

Master Mason, Union Lodge F&AM, Nantucket, MA (2006-Present)

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, Waynesburg, PA (1995)

Father of Beatrice Rose (August 17, 2007), married to Andrea Jill (August 3, 2002)

Enjoys camping, hiking, kayaking, golf, traveling to historic sites around the world, photography

Other Experience and References Upon Request