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Education

- Ph.D. 1986 Biological Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
A. B., 1979 Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

Summary of Professional Skills

- Planning and content development for a wide variety of exhibition projects including major multi-media exhibitions, traveling exhibitions, small low-budget exhibits, stand-alone video and computer interactive stations, and online exhibits.
- Professional interpretive writer and editor of labels, video scripts, brochure copy, exhibit guides, grant application narratives, exhibit training support materials for museum educators and docents, and various other interpretive materials.
- Skilled at guiding diverse exhibition and program planning teams of content experts, curators, educators, designers, multimedia producers, other staff, stakeholders and contracted professionals.

Exhibition & Educational Programming Experience

- Freelance Content Developer and Writer for exhibits, grants, and related projects 2022 - Present
- Director of Exhibitions/Senior Developer-Writer, Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2012 - 2022
- Director of Exhibitions/Senior Developer-Writer, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2002 - 2012
- Interpretive Development Specialist, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2001 - 2002
- Director of Exhibitions and Public Programs, MIT Museum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1999 – 2001
- Senior Program Development Specialist/Head of Public Programs, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman, OK 1995 - 1999

- Scientific Liaison to Exhibits and Education/Postdoctoral Fellow, 1991 – 1995
Section of Mammals, Carnegie Museum of Natural History,
Pittsburgh, PA
- Museum Instructor, Section of Education, Carnegie Museum of 1985 – 1995
Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA
- Project Coordinator; Middle School Field Biology Program, 1992 - 1994
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Audubon Society of Western
Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA
- Program Coordinator for Carnegie Overnights and Dinosaur 1985 – 1991
Discovery Room, Public Programs and Services, Carnegie Museum
of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA
- Naturalist, Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Audubon Society of 1987 - 1989
Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA
- Resident Naturalist, Tambopata Reserved Zone, Explorer's Inn, 1982 - 1983
Madre de Dios, Peru