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EDUCATION

M.A. Public History, Emphasis in Historic Preservation 2016

Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau

B.A. History 2009

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Architectural Research and Preservation

Historic Architectural Research Specialist: 2019- Present

Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Conduct field surveys and archival research on Federal-aid and State-aid transportation projects to identify and document historic architectural resources.

Public Historian: 2017- 2019

Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Springfield, Illinois.

Research, collect, and assemble information for historical context development of rural and urban sites. Developing research themes pertinent to the support of NRHP eligibility. Interpret, research, summarize, and synthesize excavation records associated with features that reflect the built environment. Provide content and copy-editing assistance to the Historical Resource Specialist.

Contractual Curator: 2017- 2018

New France: The Other Colonial America. Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

Responsible for the care and interpretation of five historic buildings and associated collections. Duties included architectural evaluations and studies, curatorial tasks, interpretive programming, outreach, and student education projects. Worked with board of directors, other staff members, volunteers, and interns.

Architectural and Historical Consultant: 2016- 2018

Sangamo Archaeological Center, Athens Illinois.

Duties included historical and architectural research and report writing. Created measured drawings for historic structures.

Administrator: 2016 –2017

Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation. St. Louis, Missouri.

Duties included general office management, board of directors' liaison, event planning, administering educational programming, membership-based outreach.

Survey Coordinator: 2015

Historic Preservation Commission of Cape Girardeau Missouri

Conducted survey, photography, architectural descriptions, property specific research, and neighborhood context for the Red Star Local Historic District. Evaluated integrity and significance of standing structures according National Trust standards.

Student Internship: 2015- 2016

Old Town Cape (Cape Girardeau, National Main Street Program)

Developed online blog posts for National Trust program "This Place Matters". Assisted with fund-raising events.

Research Contractor: 2015-16

Southeast Missouri State University. Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Conducted architectural research and produced a structures report for historic house on SEMO campus in Cape Girardeau. Created measured drawings, conducted historical context research, prepared report.

Field Archaeology**Cultural Resource Specialist: 2015**

Shawnee National Forest, Southern Illinois.

Conducted survey and Phase Two testing on prehistoric and historic sites. Prepared determination of eligibility for historic church.

Assistant Project Director: 2011- 2013

Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Supervised large scale CRM survey projects and Phase Two testing. Duties included coordinating up to ten crew members, making logistical arrangements, implementing survey equipment (such as GPS, Total Station, and GIS), managed field records, coordinated with clients as well as THPO and SHPO.

Field Technician: 2011- 2012

American Resources Group, LTD. Carbondale, Illinois.

Conducted survey and Phase Two testing on prehistoric and historic sites for Keystone XL Reroute project.

Assistant Field Lead: 2012

Southwest Archaeological Consultants, Inc. Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Served as crew chief for Phase Three excavations at several prehistoric sites. Mapped sites using Total Station. Excavated features.

Field Technician: 2009

Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program, Champaign, Illinois.

Served as field technician on large-scale phase 3 excavations. Recorded and excavated features.

PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

2021 Dec Williams, Laura. *FAP 304, IL 16/IL 100 Joe Page Bridge Replacement, Hardin, Franklin County.* Database Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2021 Nov Williams, Laura. *TR 211/600N/Ebenezer Lane over East Fork Bonpas Creek, Richland County.* Preliminary Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2021 Sept Williams, Laura. *FAI 55/I-55 (Hist US 66) from Coal City Rd to River Rd, Will County.* Historic Resource Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2021 Sept Williams, Laura. *FAI 80/I-80 Bridge over Mississippi River, Rapids City and Le Claire, Rock Island County.* Preliminary Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2021 Sept Williams, Laura. *FAP 502/IL 57 PEL Study, Quincy and Marblehead, Adams County.* Database Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2021 Aug Williams, Laura. *IAIS RR, Corridor Improvements, Wyanet to Moline, Bureau, Henry, and Rock Island Counties.* Historic Resource Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- 2021 July Williams, Laura. *FAU 2853/Chicago Ave Improvements, Evanston, Cook County*. Historic Resource Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 July Williams, Laura. *FAP 517, US BUS 20, State Street, Belvidere, Boone County*. Preliminary Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 May Williams, Laura. *FAU 2688/IL 7/US 6/Wolf Rd, Orland Park, Cook County*. Preliminary Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 March Williams, Laura. *Des Plaines River Trail South Extension, Brookfield, Lyons, and Riverside, Cook County*. Preliminary Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 March Williams, Laura. *57/I-57 Interchange, Benton and West City, Franklin County*. Historic Resource Survey. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Feb Williams, Laura. *IL 29 Improvements, Peoria Heights, Peoria County*. Historic Resource Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Feb Williams, Laura. *US 12/95th St Grade Separation, Chicago, Cook County*. Historic Resource Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Feb Williams, Laura. *IL 37 Widening from Wildcat Drive to IL148, Marion, Williamson County*. Historic Resource Survey. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Jan Williams, Laura. *FAU 5002/Love Rd Reconstruction, Roscoe, Roscoe, Winnebago County*. Preliminary Review. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Jan Williams, Laura. *I-57 and IL 149 Interchange, West Frankfort, Franklin County*. Historic Resource Survey. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Jan Williams, Laura. *I-57 and IL 149 Interchange, West Frankfort, Franklin County*. Historic Resource Survey. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2021 Jan Williams, Laura. *FAI 55/I-55 and I-72 Reconstruction, Springfield, Sangamon County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2020 Oct Williams, Laura. *IL 97 Improvements, IL 125 Junction to IL 4, Sangamon County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2020 Feb Williams, Laura. *FAP 888/IL 158 Extension from IL 161 to IL 177, Belleville, St. Clair County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2020 Jan Williams, Laura. *FAU 0350/143rd Street Extension from IL 59 to IL 126, Plainfield, Will County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2019 Dec Williams, Laura. *FAU 192/FAU 186, IL 134/CH V63, Cedar Lake Road Realignment, Round Lake, Lake County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2019 Dec Williams, Laura. *FAI 270/I-270, Chain of Rocks Canal to IL157 Madison County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2019 Dec Williams, Laura. *FAU 1600/143rd Street Widening, Orland Park, Cook County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2019 Nov Williams, Laura. *FAP 690/IL 160 Broadway Streetscape, Highland, Madison County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2019 Sept Williams, Laura. *IL 16 Improvements, Piasa to Royal Lakes, Macoupin County*. Historic Resources Inventory. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019 Sept Williams, Laura and Michael Smith. *FAP 42/IL 13/IL 127 Improvements, North of Murphysboro, Jackson County*. Historic Resources Survey Report. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2019 July Williams, Laura and Michael Smith. *FAP 42/IL 13/IL 127 Improvements, North of Murphysboro, Jackson County*. Historic Resources Survey Report. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2019: *The New Mississippi River Bridge Archaeological Project: Late Victorian and Early Modern Occupations 1880–1930*. Edited by Dwayne L. Scheid, Patrick R. Durst, and Robert W. Rohewith contributions by Claire Dappert-Coonrod, Kristen N. Donahue, Patrick R. Durst, Joseph M. Galloy, Steven R. Kuehn, Curtis Mann, Robert Mazrim, Martha M. Mihich, Robert W. Rohe, Dwayne L. Scheid, and Laura Williams.

2016: *Interim Report on Archaeological Testing at the Francois Valle II Site in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri*. (Co-author). Submitted to the National Society of Colonial Dames of Missouri.

2016: *Interpretive Prospectus for the Bolduc House, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri* (Co-author). Submitted to the National Society of Colonial Dames of Missouri.

2015: *Red Star Local Historic District Survey*. Submitted to Historic Preservation Commission of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

2015: *National Register Nomination for Dr. Jean Chapman House, Cape Girardeau, MO*. Accepted by the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on November 6, 2015.

2015: *Determination of Eligibility for Mt Pleasant Baptist Church, Pope County, Illinois*. Shawnee National Forest Cultural Resources Department.

2015: *Historic Building Context and Documentation Ochs-Shivelbine Mansion*. Office of the President of Southeast Missouri State University.

AWARDS

O'Day History Award, Spring 2009 (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale).

SERVICE

ISAS Ethics Committee. 2020- Present

Professional References

Dr. Steven Hoffman, Southeast Missouri State University
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Dr. Tamira Brennan, Illinois State Archeological Survey
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