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VITA (August 2004)

EDUCATION

McGill University, Faculty of Law
 Post-doctoral Fellow (Boulton Fellow), 1992-3.
 Research in Environmental Law and History.

University of Maine, Graduate School
 Ph.D. in Canadian-American History, 1991.
 Dissertation: "Pulpwood Province and Paper State:
 Corporate Reconstruction, Underdevelopment and Law
 in New Brunswick and Maine, 1890-1930."
 Director: Robert Babcock.

University of Maine School of Law
 J.D., 1976.

University of Connecticut, College of Arts and Sciences
 B.A. (Honors) in History, 1970.

CERTIFICATES, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Projects Wild, Wet, and Learning Tree, Certificates Basic Training, 2003

National Association for Interpretation, Certified Interpretive Trainer, 2004, and Certified Interpretive Guide, 2003

American Association for State and Local History, Certificate Interpretation Methods, 2002

Unity College Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees, 2001-2002.

James Phinney Baxter Award, Maine Historical Society, for best article in Maine history in 2001, also in 1993.

Unity College nominee for Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning, Campus Compact, 1999.

Boulton Fellow, Faculty of Law, McGill University, 1992.

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation,
 Fellow, 1989-91 (includes Visiting Scholar program, University of New Brunswick).

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TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Unity College, Division of Liberal Studies, 1995-present.

Humanities in World Civilization, Great Issues in World Civilization: Sustainable Futures, Conservation History, World Environmental History, American History, Environmental Economics, Perspectives on Conservation, Environmental Stewardship, Conservation (Land and Water) Law, Environmental Law, American Democracy, Community Practices, American Outdoor Experience.

University of Maine at Farmington, Department of Social Science and Business, 1993-95.

Global History, Environmental History, Latin American History, Pacific Rim History, French Revolution; International Law and Comparative World Law (Honors).

McGill University, Faculty of Law, 1992-3.

Anglo-American Legal History.

University of Vermont, Department of History, 1991.

United States History, Canadian History.

University of Maine at Farmington, 1992-1993, 1988, 1983-1985.

Maine Real Estate Law, Legal Responsibilities in Early Childhood Education (ITV).

PUBLICATIONS

Natural States: The Environmental Imagination in Maine, Oregon and the Nation, co-authored with Dr. Richard Judd (Washington, D.C.: Resources for the Future, 2003).

“Scripting Maine’s Environmentalist Majority: The ‘Theatre of Oil,’ 1968-1975,” Maine History 40:1 (Spring 2001): 21-47. James Phinney Baxter Award, MHS, for 2001.

"Electrification and Underdevelopment in New Brunswick: The Grand Falls Project, 1894-1926," Acadiensis XXIII,1 (Autumn 1993): 60-85.

"Conservation and Legal Politics: The Struggle for Public Water Power in Maine, 1900-1923," Maine Historical Society Quarterly 22 (Winter/Spring 1993): 150-173. James Phinney Baxter Award, MHS, for 1993.

"How To Find And Use Maine's Published Law Court Opinions," Maine Historical Society Quarterly 31,2 (Summer 1991): 221-8.

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PROJECTS AND GRANTS

Sabbatical project “Heritage Interpretation: Integrating Nature and Culture,” 2002-2003. Includes four research journeys to observe current practices; certificates for workshops on Interpreting Local History (AASLH), Certified Interpretive Training (NAI), and Conservation Interpretation (ITI, NAI Region 1), plus attendance at national conferences and workshops on public history (ALHFAM, NCPH).

“Curriculum Revision,” an institutional development grant by the Davis Education Foundation, participant, 2003.

NEASC Decennial Self-Study for Unity College, Principal Writer and Coordinator, 2000-2002.

“Creating Environmental Stewards, Phase 3,” a \$15,000 faculty development grant by the Davis Family Foundation to Unity College, 2000-2002. Principal Writer and Coordinator.

“Creating Environmental Stewards: an integrative humanities curriculum,” a \$25,000 education development and demonstration focus study grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to Unity College, 1999-2001. Principal Writer and Co-Director.

“A New Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum with an Environmental Stewardship Theme,” a \$10,000 curriculum development grant by the Davis Family Foundation to Unity College, 1998-1999. Principal Writer and Coordinator.

“The Environmental Stewardship Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum” project at Unity College, 1996-present; including program design, organization and leadership of summer institutes (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002), presentations at various faculty development workshops, course development, student learning outcome assessment program design, and implementation. A primary leader in a collaborative curriculum development project.

“The Lake Winnecook Service Learning Project,” at Unity College, 1998-2002. Instructor participant.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“A Survey of Best Practices in Outdoor Living History Museums,” New England Workshop, Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums, Tamworth, N.H., March 2004.

“Developing a Culture of Assessment at Unity College,” New England Association of Schools and Colleges annual meeting, Boston, December 2001.

“Focus on Assessment,” New England Association of Schools and Colleges annual workshop for Self-Study Personnel, Durham New Hampshire, October 2001.

“Coastal Preservation Politics: Maine and Oregon, 1965-1975,” American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Tacoma, March 2000.

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RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

“Imagining Oily Shores: Coastal Preservation Politics in Maine,” North East Popular Culture Association, Portland, October 1999.

“Water Quality and Rural Process,” with Dr. David Potter, Society for Human Ecology Tenth International Conference, Montreal, May 1999.

“Lake Winnecook Service Learning Project,” Maine Campus Compact Rural Service Learning Conference, Standish, Maine, June 1999.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Environmental History

National Council for Public History

American Association for State and Local History

Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums

Maine Archives and Museums

National Association for Interpretation

North American Association for Environmental Education

Maine Environmental Education Association

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. David Potter, Professor and Faculty Chair,

Mr. James Horan, Professor of Developmental Studies,

Dr. Christopher Marshall, Professor of Anthropology,

Mr. Thomas Mullin, Assistant Professor of Parks and Interpretation,

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