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SUMMARY

- ◆ Senior manager with experience in staff and budget management, strategic planning, fundraising, membership development, and program planning
- ◆ Museum professional with experience in museum administration, collections management and care, database management, curatorial research, exhibition, museum standards and ethics
- ◆ Research scholar with a strong record of publication and public speaking
- ◆ Educator with experience teaching at the university level; lecturing to student, adult and professional audiences; conducting seminars and workshops; curriculum development
- ◆ Communicates effectively to a wide range of audiences in speech, print and digital media

EDUCATION

1995 Ph.D. (Anthropology), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
1986 A.M. (Anthropology), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
1981 B.A. (Archaeology), Yale University, New Haven, CT. Conferred *cum laude*, with Distinction in the Major.

EMPLOYMENT

Current **Executive Director**, Needham Historical Society, Needham, MA
2001 - 2002 **Peabody Research Fellow**, Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
1995 - 2001 **Manager of Archaeology and Human Osteology Collections**, Peabody Museum
1989 - 1995 **Archaeological Collections Manager**, Peabody Museum
1991 **Adjunct Lecturer in Archaeology**, Department of Archaeology, Boston University
1988 **Cataloguer**, Duchess of Mecklenburg Collection Cataloguing Project, Peabody Museum

APPOINTMENTS

Current **Board Member, MA State Historical Records Advisory Board**, appointed by the Governor and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, January 2016.

Current **Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society**. Elected June 2015.

Current **Associate of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology**, Harvard University. Appointed 2002.

Current **Needham Downtown Streetscapes Study Committee**. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, Representative of the Needham Historical Commission, April 2013.

- ◆ Streetscape Design Elements Subcommittee, 2014 –

Current **Needham Historical Commission**, Secretary and Commissioner. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, February 2008.

- 2008 - 2012** **Needham Tercentennial, Inc.**, Board of Directors and History Chair. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- 2008** **Needham Town Hall Study Committee**, Clerk. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- 2016** *The History of Needham in 100 Objects*. Exhibit Catalogue, in honor of the Needham Historical Society Centennial. Editor and Co-Author. In preparation.
- 2016** *Beautiful & Bizarre: William Baker's Estate at Ridge Hill Farms*. Co-Author and Historian. A joint video production of the Needham Historical Society and the Needham Community Television Development Corporation. March 2016.
- 2013** **A Postcard History of Needham**. in *A Postcard History of Norfolk County*, edited by James Tedesco and Paul Tedesco, 2013.
- 2012** *Big Little Town: the Story of Needham*, A joint video production of the Needham Historical Society, the Needham Community Television Development Corporation, and Needham Tercentennial, Inc. Released March 2012.
- 2009** *From the Ground Up: The Founding and Early History of the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, a Bold Experiment in Engineering Education*. Needham, MA: Olin College, 2009.
- 2008** **Needham's Naturalist: the Bird Journals of Timothy Otis Fuller**. *The Bird Observer*, June 2008, Vol. 36 (3): 148-153.
- 2006** *A Noble Pursuit: The Duchess of Mecklenburg Collection at the Peabody Museum*. Peabody Museum Collections Series. Cambridge: Peabody Museum Press, 2006.
- 2004** **Vikings on the Charles, or, the Strange Saga of Dighton Rock, Norumbega and Rumford's Double-Acting Baking Powder**. Web posting: <http://needhamhistory.org/features/articles/vikings/>
- 2002** *Needham in the 1900s*. A joint video production of the Needham Historical Society and the Needham Community Television Development Corporation.
- 2002** *Relations of Production: Social Networks, Social Change and the Organization of Agriculture in Prehistoric Southern Britain*. Oxford: British Archaeological Reports, British Series 330.

SELECTED RECENT LECTURES and REVIEWS

- 2016** **Fireworks! Illuminations! Cheers! Needham's Streetcar Journey from Farmland to Suburb**. Lecture presented to the Needham League of Women Voters Annual Meeting, 23 May 2016.
- 2015** **Time-Travelling True Tales of Needham Heights**. Lecture presented to the Needham Heights Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting, 2 March 2015.
- 2013** **A View from the Top: North Hill at the Center of Needham**. Lecture presented at the True North Symposium, North Hill, Needham, 9 September 2013.

- 2011** **300 Years in Brief.** Delivered at the Needham Tercentennial Interfaith Community Service, First Parish Church, 6 November 2011.
- 2011** **Town Meetings and School Days: Integrating Your Resources into Their Curriculum.** Case Study/Workshop presented at the New England Museum Association Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT, 16 November 2011.
- 2011** **William Baker's 'Fairyland of the Beautiful and Bizarre.'** The Needham Free Public Library 2011 McIver Lecture, 10 April 2011.
- 2009** **Patriots and Pirates: NC Wyeth and Needham.** Lecture presented to the Library Foundation of Needham, 8 April 2009.
- 2007** **A Botanical History of Needham.** Lecture presented to the Kalmia Garden Club, 17 October 2007.
- 2007** **Needham in 1957.** Lecture presented for the 50th Anniversary of the Needham Council on Aging, 9 October 2007.
- 2006** **Happily Ever After? A Strategic Planning Romance.** Paper presented at the New England Museum Association Annual Meeting, Cromwell CT, 10 November 2006.
- 2003** **Vikings on the Charles, or, the Strange Saga of Norumbega, Dighton Rock, and Rumford's Double-Acting Baking Powder.** Director's Inaugural Lecture to the Needham Historical Society, March 2003.
- 2002** **Neither Lost nor Found: the Archaeological Collections of Henry David Thoreau.** Lecture to the W. Elmer Ekblaw Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, March 2, 2002.
- 2001** **The Archaeology of Britain: An Introduction from the Upper Paleolithic to the Industrial Revolution** (John Hunter and Ian Ralston, eds., 1999). *American Anthropologist*, March 2001. (review)
- 1999** **The Living Fields: our Agricultural Heritage** (Jack R. Harlan, 1995). *Discovering Archaeology*, Sept./Oct. 1999. (review)
- 1999** **Sticks and Stones: Three Centuries of North Carolina Grave Markers** (M. Ruth Little, Tim Buchman (photographer), 1998). *Discovering Archaeology*, March 1999. (review)

CONSULTATION

- 2016** **North Hill Senior Living Community**, Needham, MA
- ◆ Creation of an oral history and administrative records archive, in process
- 2016** **Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering**, Needham, MA.
- ◆ Creation of a plan for the Administrative, Faculty, and Student Archives, in process
- 2010** **The Charles River Group**, a consulting and planning consortium of MetroWest small museums and historical societies (formerly 'Roads to History')
- ◆ Organizer and Chair, 2010 ongoing

- 2004-2009** **Roads to History (the Greater Boston History Project)**, a marketing consortium of the MetroWest small museums and historical societies, www.roadstohistory.org
- ◆ “Innovation Trail” Leader, 2004 – 2006
 - ◆ Executive Committee Co-Chair, 2006 - 2009
- 2001** **Warren Anatomical Museum**, Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard Medical School.
- ◆ Development of new mission statement and strategic plan

COMMUNITY

- Current** **Needham League of Women Voters** – Community Civics Bee Planning Committee, October 2013, ongoing.
- Current** **Great Hall Performance Foundation, Inc.** – Board of Directors
- ◆ Secretary – Nov. 2011 – May 2016
 - ◆ Co-President – May 2016 ongoing
- 2015** **Needham Public Library Strategic Planning Committee.**
- 2013 - 2015** **Plugged In Teen Band Program** – Capital Campaign Committee.
- 2008 - 2011** **Citizens for the Preservation of Town Hall, Inc.** – Board of Directors.
- 2003 – 2006** **Pollard Middle School Parent-Teacher Council** – Executive Board.
- 2002 – 2004** **Social Studies Curriculum Review Committee**, Needham Public Schools.
- 1995 – 2009** **Cambridge Symphony Orchestra**, Board of Directors
- ◆ Playing member (violin), 1989 - 2009
 - ◆ Chair, Strategic Planning and Bylaw Revision Committee, 2002
 - ◆ Development Committee, 2003-2007
 - ◆ Publicity Chair, 2007 – 2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

New England Museum Association

American Association for State and Local History

Massachusetts Historical Society (Member and Fellow)