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• Professional Experience

Public Education Manager October 2003-present	Local History Office, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH. Manage active public education program for the Local History Office of the Ohio Historical Society. Edit and direct publication of <i>The Local Historian</i> , a bimonthly newsletter for volunteer and professional leaders of local historical societies, historic preservation groups, history museums, archives, libraries, and genealogical societies in Ohio, with statewide circulation of 1200. Served on planning committee for, and chaired marketing of, <i>Building Connections: Ohio's Conference on History, Preservation, and Revitalization</i> , a statewide conference. Market Ohio Historical Society associate memberships and services to local historical organizations. Serve as principal media contact for Local History Office and Ohio Historic Preservation Office, writing and placing news releases, handling inquiries from newspapers, periodicals, radio, and television stations throughout Ohio, and coordinating responses. Direct promotion of Building Doctor Clinics for old-building owners statewide. Direct annual statewide Ohio Historic Preservation Office Awards.
Public Education Manager January 1987-September 2003	Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH. Managed active public relations and public education program for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio Historical Society. Served as principal media contact, writing and placing news releases, handling inquiries from newspapers, periodicals, radio, and television stations throughout Ohio, and coordinating responses.
Public Education Coordinator May 1979-January 1987	Edited and directed the publication of <i>Ohio Preservation</i> , a bimonthly historic preservation newsletter with statewide circulation of 4500. Coordinated historic preservation publications, including writing specifications for, obtaining bids from, and working with authors, editors, graphic designers, photographers, typographers, printers, and other outside services. Directed statewide public awareness campaign, Ohio Historic Preservation Month, including making initial contact with prospective sponsors, and developing a calendar of Historic Preservation Month events in Ohio for statewide distribution. Organized annual statewide historic preservation awards program from solicitation of entries through selection of recipients and the awards presentation. Reviewed and made recommendations on proposed historic district design guidelines and communitywide design guidelines for use by local historic preservation commissions, especially those funded by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Governments program. Participated in Ohio Historic Preservation Plan advisory committee, developing a statewide plan for the preservation of Ohio's historic, architectural, and archaeological resources for implementation by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and local organizations throughout the state. Initiated, helped obtain grant funding for, and served as one of several staff representatives to African-American Advisory Committee, a program designed to evaluate and make recommendations for preservation of historic resources associated with African-American history in Ohio and increase participation by African-Americans in historic preservation. Oversaw Public Education Assistant and student interns
Architectural Survey and Public Education 1977-1979	Researched and documented 60 buildings in downtown Springfield, Ohio, developed a publication, and put together adults' and children's programs on local history and architecture for the Springfield Arts Council.
Construction Work 1977-1979	Employed by private owners to work on the rehabilitation of two historic houses in Springfield, Ohio, and adaptive use of an old industrial building near Boulder, Colorado, as a residence.

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• Publications

- Editor** Editor, *The Local Historian*, bimonthly newsletter of the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums, reaching 1200 volunteer and professional leaders of local historical societies, historic preservation groups, history museums, archives, libraries, and genealogical societies in Ohio, 2003-present.
- Contributor** Contributor, *Echoes*, bimonthly newsletter of the Ohio Historical Society, 1979-present.
- Editor** Editor, *Ohio Preservation*, quarterly newsletter of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, a statewide publication reaching 4500 Ohioans interested in historic preservation, 1979-1998.
- Author** 'Educational Architecture in Ohio: From One-Room Schools and Carnegie Libraries to Community Education Villages, by Virginia E. McCormick,' Book Review, *Ohioana Quarterly*, Spring 2002.
- 'Be It Remembered: The Story of Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square, by Lisa M. Klein,' Book Review, *Ohioana Quarterly*, Summer 2004.
- Some Things to Consider in Publishing Design Guidelines for Your Community*, Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, 2001.
- 'Tracing the Chautauqua Movement in Ohio,' Ohio Historical Society *Echoes*, June-July 1999.
- Sources of Preservation Assistance for Historic Religious Properties*. *Ohio Preservation*, May-June 1991.
- The Ohio Historic Preservation Office and Local Historical Organizations*. Local History Notebook, Volume 1, Number 2, *The Local Historian*, May-June 1985.
- Coauthor** 'Leon Andrew Ransom, Jr., AIA' biography for *African American Architects, 1865-1945: A Biographical Dictionary*, Dreck Spurlock Wilson, ed., Routledge, 2004
- 'Agencies Offer Ways to Preserve Historic Schools,' *Ohio School Boards Association Journal*, March 2002
- The Register of Historic Ohio Homesteads*, by Elizabeth Gail Harzoff and Thomas M. Wolf. Ohio Historical Society, 1984.
- Publications Coordination** *How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory*, by Steven C. Gordon. Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, 1992.
- Characteristics of Effective Local Historic Preservation Legislation*, by Judith L. Kitchen. Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, 1989.
- Old-Building Owner's Manual*, by Judith L. Kitchen. Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Society, 1983.
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• Education

- B.F.A. with concentration in Design** Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH., 1975, including courses in design, three dimensional design, graphic design, American Art and Architecture, Urban Studies, Urban History, and Urban Planning
- School of Visual Arts, New York, N.Y., September-December 1974, One-semester invitational honors program in design
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• Conferences and Training Courses

- National Preservation Conference, 1987-1991; 1993, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Commission Training Course, 2000; 2003
- Ohio Historic Preservation Conference, 1989-2000
- Measuring the Economic Impact of Historic Preservation*, 1991
- National Trust for Historic Preservation Leadership Seminar, 1989

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• Memberships and Community Service

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| Trustee | Columbus Landmarks Foundation (Board President, 2001-2002; Vice President for Education, 1991-1994, 1990-1996 2000-2002; Chair, Holiday Tour of Churches, 2001; Co-chair, Columbus Landmarks Street Party & Tour [City Hop], 2000 |
| Commission Member | Columbus Historic Resources Commission, 1994-present |
| Member | Columbus Landmarks Foundation
Columbus Landmarks Foundation Awards Jury, 1992-1993, 1995, 2002, 2003
Long-Range Planning Committee, German Village Society, Columbus, OH. 2005-2007
Museum and Furnishings Committee, The Thurber House, Columbus, OH. 1983-84; 1994-2005 |