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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 -- present Independent Registrar

Example projects:

- 1) Managed Cincinnati Museum Center & National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's AAM re-accreditation application, Jan – Mar 2021.
- 2) Registrar for de-installtion of Bob Hope exhibit for the National WWII Museum, New Orleans, LA. Jan 2020
- 3) Annual contract with COSI (Columbus Science Center, Columbus, OH) to conduct monthly condition reports on specimens, pest management exam and tally, and environmental readings for American Museum of Natural History fossil and vertebrate specimens on display in COSI's Dinosaur exhibit. Install and de-install artifcts for other AMNH temporary exhibits at COSI. Other registrar needs as requested. 2020 - present
- 4) Exhibit installation contract with World Heritage Exhibitions for Pompeii Sep 2021

2014 – 2019 (retired) Director Museum Planning
1998 – 2014 Senior Registrar
Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal

Established project management practices for the institution; developed processes and procedures based on recognized Project Management Institute protocol to initiate, track and implement complex, multi-departmental projects including "Vote Yes on Issue 8" campaign for passage of sales tax levy to restore Union Terminal, special exhibits and holiday events, Mummies of the World exhibition, Holiday Junction among other projects.

Accomplishments:

- Negotiated terms for storage locations for non-collection materials for a period of 2-4 years.
- Planned and executed move of 100+ staff from Union Terminal to three temporary locations, including exhibit shop equipment, workstation installation and all furniture needs.
- Planned and managed decommissioning of Union Terminal for renovation.
- Organized and maintained documentation for successful federal and state Historic Tax Credit application.
- Prepared applications, organized legal records and documentation and monitored construction-related grants and activities, e.g. Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, wayfinding signage among others.
- Served on leadership renovation review team working with architects and construction team.
- Facilitated hard hat tours with Cincinnati Heritage Program (CMC's volunteer group), staff and other groups of Union Terminal.

Responsible for all registration functions including policy development and implementation, improving procedures and accountability for new acquisitions, loans and control of objects and artifact installation and care for large-scale temporary exhibitions. Managed assistant registrar and artifact installation staff for permanent and temporary exhibits.

Accomplishments (selection):

- Managed National Underground Railroad Freedom Center’s successful AAM accreditation (2014); Managed CMC’s successful AAM accreditation (2008 – 2012).
- Merged registration functions of the National Underground Railroad Center with CMC.
- Managed and coordinated artifact installation and care for approximately eight temporary exhibits including, *Mysteries of Egypt* (1999), *Vatican of St. Peter* (2004) and *Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Ancient Times* (2012) among others.
- Managed selection of Emu collection management database and supervised migration of data.
- Initiated loans and managed relationships with over 100 lenders for *America I AM: The African American Imprint* for eight venues (2008 – 2013); Initiated CMC’s relationship for the exhibit *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* (2009 – 2012) and managed loans with 40 lenders.
- Co-managed design and construction of 70,000 sq. ft. collections storage center and the move of all natural history and three dimensional object collections into the building (2000 – 2001).

1996 - 1998

Registrar and Collections Manager

Idaho Museum of Natural History
Idaho State University
Pocatello, ID 83209

1995

Museum Technician

National Museum of Natural History (Dept. of Anthropology)
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, DC 20560

1994

Interim Manager

Centre for the Study of Biological Diversity in the Guianas
Georgetown, Guyana

1992 – 1993

Independent Consultant, Silver Spring, MD 20910

1982 - 1992

Program Officer for the Guianas (1990 - 1992)
Program Officer for Plant Conservation (1983 - 1990)
Staff Botanist for TRAFFIC-USA (1982 - 1983)
World Wildlife Fund-US
Washington, DC 20037

EDUCATION AND AWARDS

Master Gardener Volunteer, The Ohio State University Extension Program, 2019, Cincinnati, OH
Project Management Certification, 2014, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
Excellence in Peer Reviewer Award, 2005, American Association of Museums
MA (museum studies/biology) 1995, George Washington University, Washington, DC
BA (biology) 1982, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Contract Projects, Seminars and Continuing Education

- Collections Management Policy and Documentation, National Museum of African American Music, Nashville, TN, 2014
- Collections Management Policy, Draft Procedures and Documentation, International African American Museum, Charleston, SC, 2012
- Museum Management Institute, 2001, Getty Leadership Institute, Berkeley, CA
- Legal Issues In Museum Administration, 2000, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Boston, MA

- HVAC Systems, 10-week course, 1997, Idaho State University, School of Applied Technology
- Quality Care -- Collections Management, 1997, Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, Madison, Wisconsin
- Pest Management in Museums Course, 1996, Getty Conservation Institute and the Museums and Galleries Commission (UK), West Dean College, West Sussex, UK
- Museum Collections Risk Assessment Seminar, 1994, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Conflict Resolution/Negotiation Techniques, 1991, RESOLVE/World Wildlife Fund, Washington, DC

OTHER PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Collections Stewardship (MAP) Peer Reviewer, American Association of Museums, 1997, 2004, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Field Program Grant Reviewer, Institute for Museum and Library Services, 1998; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2016-17
- National Program Committee, AAM Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA 2015
- Chair, Registrars Committee of the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), 2012 - 2014
- Local Arrangements Chair, Association of Midwest Museums Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH 2005
- Presenter and Facilitator, AAM Collections Planning Seminar, San Antonio, TX, 2004.
- Facilitator, AAM and NMAH Colloquium on Collections Planning, Washington, DC, 2003.
- Board Member and Treasurer, Ohio Museums Association, 1999 - 2000.
- Board Member and Idaho Representative, Western Museums Association, 1997 - 1998.
- Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Idaho Association of Museums, 1996 - 1998.
- Intern, Technical Information Service, American Association of Museums, 1995.
- Friends of the National Zoo, National Zoological Park, Smithsonian, Washington, DC. 1992 - 1995.
- National Museum of Natural History (Dept. of Botany), Smithsonian, Washington, DC. 1992-1994.
- Board member, Program for Economic Botany in Latin America and the Caribbean, New York Botanical Garden and Rockefeller Foundation. 1992 - 1993.

PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS AND WORKSHOPS

Date Palm Growing in South Texas, Dennis V Johnson and Jane C MacKnight, [PalmArbor - Hodel Palms and Trees \(ucanr.edu\)](https://ucanr.edu), June 15, 2022.

Historic Cultivation of Date Palm (Phoenix dactylifera L.) in Florida and Georgia, D. V. Johnson and J. C. MacKnight, *Palms: Journal of the International Palm Society*, Vol. 65(3) 2021.

Palms Featured on Advertising Trade Cards, Dennis Johnson and Jane MacKnight, *Palms: Journal of the International Palm Society*, Vol 65(2) 2021

The Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Brownsville, Texas, Dennis Johnson and Jane MacKnight, *Palms: Journal of the International Palm Society*, Vol 64, No 3, September 2020

A History of Date Palms in the Lower Colorado River Valley, Dennis Johnson and Jane MacKnight, *Journal of the Southwest*, Fall 2019.

Date Palms of Furnace Creek & China Ranch in Inyo County, California, Dennis Johnson, Jane MacKnight and Scott Zona, in *Fruit Gardener*, Vol 48, No 5, September-October 2016.

“Managing Education Collections: Balancing Use with Care” AAM Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, May 2014

"Deaccessioning in Natural History Museums" Association of Midwest Museums, Indianapolis, IN, July 2012

"Deaccessioning in Museums" Ohio Society of Archivists, Yellow Springs, OH, April 2005

"Working with Volunteers in Collection: Case Study" American Association of Museums Annual Meeting, New Orleans, May 2004

"Old Loan Legislation in Ohio" Workshop for the Registrars Committee of the American Association of Museum Annual, New Orleans, May 2004 (co-organizer and presenter)

Using the New Ohio Museum Property Law in Ohio Museums Quarterly, Spring 2004

"Collection Plans: A CMC Update" Association of Midwest Museums Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI. November 2003.

Ohio Museum Property Act – Passed! The Local Historian, Volume 19 Issue 2. March/April 2003.

"Implementing the New Ohio Museum Property Law." Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums Regional Meeting, Cincinnati, OH. March 2003.

Proposed New Law -- Ohio Museum Property Act in The Local Historian, Volume 18 Issue 6. November /December 2002.

"One Size Does Not Fit All -- Does Your Museum Need a Collecting Plan?" American Association of Museums Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas. May 2002.

"What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger – Facing Financial Hard Times." Ohio Museums Association panel presentation, Columbus, Ohio. March 2002.

"Herding Cats – Developing Collecting Plans." Ohio Museums Association Annual Meeting, Youngstown, Ohio, April 2000.

"Pest Monitoring at the Idaho Museum of Natural History." Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections Annual Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin. June 1997.

Odd Beetles and Data Loggers -- Experiences in Pest Monitoring at the Idaho Museum of Natural History. *Registrars' Quarterly - Western Region* Summer 1997.

"Museum Intruders – Pest Problems and What To Do!" Workshop on pest management in museums, Idaho Association of Museums Annual Meeting, Boise, Idaho. April 1997.

"The Centre for the Study of Biological Diversity in the Guianas - Challenges of Managing a Herbarium in the Tropics." Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections Annual Meeting Toronto, June 1995.

The Venus Flytrap Trade in North and South Carolina, USA (co-author Vonda Frantz), *TRAFFIC Bulletin (U.K.)* Vol. 13 No. 2 1992. pp. 68-72.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Alliance of Museums

Association of Registrars and Collections Managers (ARCS)

Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (Life Member)

Wild Ones – Cincinnati Chapter