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Education:

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.
Ph.D. July, 2001.
M.A. American History, 1995.

SUNY Empire State College, Ithaca, N.Y.
B.A. American History, 1993.

Employment:

University of South Florida, Department of History, Professor, Fall 2014 to Present.
University of South Florida, Patel College of Global Sustainability, Affiliate Faculty, 2013 to Present.
University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology, Courtesy Appointment, Spring 2003 to Present.
University of South Florida, Department of History, Associate Professor, Fall 2007 to 2014.
University of South Florida, Department of History, Assistant Professor, Fall 2001 to 2007.

Publications, Books:

Yard Birds: The Lives and Times of America's Urban Chickens. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press. 2023

Upon This Land: Seven Generations of the Washington Family and the Residents of Popes Creek and Mattox Neck. National Park Service (2023).

The Permanent Resident: Explorations and Excavations of the Life of George Washington. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2022.

George Washington Written on the Land: Nature, Memory, Myth, and Landscape. West Virginia University Press, 2015.

Where the Cherry Tree Grew: The Story of Ferry Farm, George Washington's Boyhood Home. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2013.

Fellow Travelers: Indians and Europeans Contesting the Early American Trail. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007.

Other Major Works in Progress:

"Branching Out: Trees and Public History." Co-edited with Leah Glaser. Under Contract, University of Massachusetts Press, Fall 2024.

"The Hidden Childhood of George Washington." Book project.

Selected Publications, Articles, Book Chapters:

"Putting the Washington Home Back on the Land and the Obstacles to Recreating A Colonial Virginia Landscape." Co-Author with David Muraca. *Historical Archaeology and Public History*. James Brooks, ed., forthcoming University of Georgia Press, 2024.

"Have You Heard? Mount Vernon Once Nearly Burned to the Ground." *Mount Vernon Magazine*. (Winter 2018), 56-58.

"Finding the Lost Washington World at Ferry Farm: A Historic Site Reborn. *White House Historical Quarterly*. 50 (Fall 2018), 18-25.

"'Crystallized into Solid Reality': How Mason Locke 'Parson' Weems Shaped George Washington's Boyhood Home." *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. 120:1 (April 2013), 107-145.

"Change and Continuity in the Landscape of Seventeenth-Century Middle Plantation Virginia." In *Early Modern Virginia: Reconsidering the Old Dominion*. Edited by John Coombs and Douglas Bradburn. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2011, 185-206.

"Small Finds, Space, and Social Context: Exploring Agency in Historical Archaeology." Co-Authored with David Muraca, Laura Galke, et al. *Northeastern Historical Archaeology*. 40 (June 2011), 1-18. Appeared in 2013.

"The Most Exotic of Our Cities': Race, Writing, and George Allan England's Reinvention of Key West," *The Florida Historical Quarterly*, (April, 2011), 431-461.

"Man-Eating and Menace on Richard Hore's 1536 Expedition to America." *Atlantic Studies*. December 2:2 2005, 129-151.

"A Planter's Urbanity: City Living in the Colonial Virginia Countryside." *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology*. Vol 21 Winter, 2005, 63-70.

"A New Look at an Old Wall: Indians, Englishmen, Landscape, and the 1634 Palisade at Middle Plantation." *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 112:3 (2004): 226-265.

"The Foundation of All Other Greater Works": The Strange Career of the 1634 Middle Plantation Palisade." In *Indian and European Contact in Context: The Mid-Atlantic Region*. Edited by Dennis B. Blanton and Julia A. King. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2004, 265-288.

"Always a Handmaiden, Never a Bride: The Relationship Between Historians and Historical Archaeologists." *Archaeology Magazine* (March, 2000) Published online at Archaeology.Org.

"Exemplars of Taking Liberties: The Iroquois Influence Thesis and the Problem of Evidence." *William and Mary Quarterly* 3:53 (July 1996): 588-604.

Published Professional Reports:

George Washington's Birthplace National Monument Summer 2013 Archaeological Record Reassessment, National Park Service, GEWA, Westmoreland County, Virginia, Fall 2014. Lead Author.

Report on the Excavation of the Washington Farm: The 2002 and 2003 Field Seasons. Co-authored with David Muraca and Paul Nasca. The George Washington Foundation, Fredericksburg, Va. State Site No: 44ST174, 2011.

Report on the Excavation of the Washington Farm: The 2004 and 2005 Field Seasons. Co-authored with David Muraca and Paul Nasca. The George Washington Foundation, Fredericksburg, Va. State Site No: 44ST174 2010.

Report on the Excavations at the Washington Farm: The 2006 and 2007 Field Seasons. Co-authored with David Muraca and Paul Nasca. The George Washington Foundation, Fredericksburg, Va. State Site No. 44ST174 2010.

The Archaeology of Rich Neck Plantation. Coauthored with Leslie McFaden and David Muraca. Colonial Williamsburg Archaeological Reports, Williamsburg, Va. January, 2003.

The Archaeology of the Nassau Street Site. Colonial Williamsburg Archaeological Reports, Williamsburg, Va. March, 2000.

Archaeology at Rich Neck Plantation, Interim Report. Coauthored with Leslie McFaden and David Muraca. Colonial Williamsburg Archaeological Reports, Williamsburg, Va. November, 1999.

Selected Colloquia, Professional Papers, Invited Lectures:

"Witches, Suicides, Burglars, and Catholics: The Unexpected World of Virginia's First Washingtons." Mount Vernon Fall Symposium, "Virginia Before the Washingtons, Mount Vernon Virginia, November, 2019.

"Chop 'Em Down: George Washington's Cherry Tree and Fredericksburg, Virginia's Viewsheds. National Council on Public History Annual Conference, Hartford, Connecticut. April 2019. "Tree in Public History," Session Organizer.

"Facebook and Florida's Neo-Confederates," National Council on Public History Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2018.

"Reflections on the Current Archaeology of Eastern Maryland's Native Americans." Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, January 2018.

"George Washington Slept Here: The Early Years," Mount Vernon Fall 2017 Symposium, Mount Vernon Virginia, November, 2017.

"John Washington's World Remade." NEH Potomac River Seminar, Stratford Hall, Westmoreland, Va, May 25, 2017.

"Reassessing George Washington's Birthplace." Featured Lecture, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, Westmoreland, Virginia, May, 21, 2017. This lecture was broadcast on C-SPAN.

"US Historians and the 2016 Presidential Election." University of Exeter, Penryn, UK, March, 2017.

"George Washington's Home in Art and Memory," Art at Lunch Lecture Series, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA, Sept 15, 2016.

"Rethinking George Washington's Birthplace," Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington Lunch Time Lecture Series, June 2016.

"Imagining Washington's Childhood Home in Art and Writing," Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Annual Spring Symposium, May 2016.

"Some Thoughts about Ghosts and Sites: Session Comments." Haunted Landscape Session, Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meetings, Washington DC, January 2016.

"Public History in the Age of Anthropogenic Climate Change: Edging Towards a New Reality" National Council on Public History, Annual Meetings, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2015. (Session Organizer)

"History's Role in an Era of Climate Change," Florida Meteorological Association Guest Lecture Series, Tampa FL. Dec 2015.

"A Tale of Two Tables: Faunal Evidence and Dining in Free and Enslaved Washington Eighteenth-Century Households." Co-authored with David Muraca and Brad Hatch. Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meetings, Seattle, Washington, January 2015. (Session Organizer)

"Come For the Past, Learn About the Future: Historical Sites as Opportunities to Explore the Impacts of Climate Change," Rescue!History Symposium, Birmingham, England, November 2014.

"Rethinking George Washington and his Cherry Tree," Fred W. Smith Library Speakers Series, Mount Vernon, Virginia, January, 2014.

"Reassessing Washington's "Building X," Co-authored with Amy Muraca, NPS. Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meetings, Quebec, Canada, January 2014. (Session Organizer)

"George Washington's Childhood in History and Memory." Richmond Society of the Cincinnati Lecture, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, October, 2013.

"Ferry Farm Preservation as Environmental Invention." University of Exeter Centre for Environmental Arts and Humanities 2013 Annual Symposium, Penryn, UK, September 2013.

"In the Shadow of the Cherry Tree: Landscape, Storytelling, and George Washington's Childhood." British Association of American Studies Annual Conference, Exeter, UK, April 2013.

"A Foundation of Meaning" The Washington Cellar Stone, Tourism, and Fraud," Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meetings, Leicester, UK, January 2013.

"Washington in Context," Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meetings, Baltimore, Maryland, January 2012 (session co-organizer with Paul Nasca).

"The Burning Question: Interpreting the Washington Family House Fires." National Council for Public History Annual Conference, Pensacola, Florida, April 2011, (session organizer).

"The Death of the Chesapeake? Rethinking Interpretive Scale in the Archaeological Study of Early Maryland and Virginia." Co-authored with David Muraca. The Early Chesapeake: Reflections and Projections. Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, Solomons, Maryland, Nov. 2009.

"Rethinking the "Two Fruitful Sisters': Maryland and Virginia as Viewed from the Chesapeake Comparative Archaeological Data Set." Co-Authored with David Muraca. Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January, 2007, Williamsburg, Virginia.

"Capitalism, and Making History out of George Washington's Boyhood." American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meetings, November 2005, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Making Material Choices in the Early Colonial Chesapeake. Co-authored with David Muraca. Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, March 2006, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"Hunting for George Washington's Boyhood Home." Archaeological Institute of America, Tampa Bay Chapter, November 2005, Tampa Florida.

"Man-Eating and Menace on Richard Hore's 1536 Voyage to America." International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1800 10th Anniversary Conference. August 2005, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"Notions of Comfort in the Early Colonial Chesapeake" Co-Authored with David Muraca. Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January 2005, York England.

"To Build in Brick: Seventeenth-Century Brick Architecture and Colonial Virginia Society, A Reappraisal." Co-Authored with John Coombs. Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Annual Conference, Northampton, Mass, June 2004. (Session Organizer)

"Rethinking the Virginia 'Frontier': Ferry Farm and an Early Colonial Hinterland." Co-Authored with David Muraca. Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January, 2004, St. Louis, Missouri.

"'Relational Archaeology': The Search for Social Relationships Using Context, Scale, and Space in Middle Plantation Virginia." Co-authored with David Muraca. Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, March, 2003, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"New Meanings for an Old Wall: The 1634 Virginia Palisade and Its Modern Devotees." Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January, 2003, Providence Rhode Island, (Session Chairperson).

"Time, Space, and Form: Reconstructing Rich Neck Plantation." Co-authored with David Muraca. Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, March, 2002, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"From Medieval to Georgian: An Ongoing Trip in Time and Space." Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January, 2002, Mobile, Alabama.

"Masters, Servants, Slaves, and Space: Exploring the Social Structure of Seventeenth-Century Virginia Plantations." Co-authored with David Muraca. Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, January, 2002, Mobile, Alabama.

"Rattlesnakes and Competition Between Indian and European Colonial-era Fellow Travelers" American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Conference, October, 2001, Tucson, Arizona.

"The Physical Dimensions of Plantation Social Space." Co-authored with David Muraca. Jamestown Annual Conference, November, 2000, Jamestown, Virginia.

"The Usable Histories of the American 'Relic' Collector." Great Lakes History Conference, October 2000, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"In Small Finds Recovered: Plowzone Artifacts and Reconstructing Social Relations." Coauthored with David Muraca. Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Annual Conference, October 2000, Halifax Nova Scotia.

"Always a Handmaiden, Never a Bride: The Relationship Between Historians and Historical Archaeologists." Society for Historical Archaeology, Annual Conference, January 2000, Quebec, Quebec.

"Revisioning Seventeenth-Century Virginia Architecture, Brick by Brick." Society for Historical Archaeology, Annual Conference, January 2000, Quebec, Quebec.

"Of Piles and Edifices." Jamestown Annual Conference. November, 1999, Jamestown, Virginia.

"A Planter's Urbanity." Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Annual Conference, October 1998, Montréal, Quebec.

"A Family Squabble: The Meanings of the Matakeeset Land Dispute." Northeastern American Society For Eighteenth Century Studies, 21st Annual Conference, December 1997, Boston, Massachusetts.

"Exemplars of Taking Liberties: The Iroquois Influence Thesis and the Problem of Evidence." Colloquium on the Indians of the Americas, November 1995, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Public History Projects:

George Washington Commemoration Project. Crowdsourced online database, Mount Vernon, VA. 2020.

Co-Chair, National Council on Public History, Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. 2017 - present.

Member, National Council on Public History, Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. 2015 - 2017.

NPS, George Washington Birthplace National Monument Archaeological and Interpretive Reassessment. Westmoreland County, Virginia, 2013 – Present.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Historical Archiving and Museum Building Project, Tampa, FL, 2011 - 2012.

Archaeology Projects:

George Washington Birthplace National Monument (NPS) Building X Re-Excavation, New South Associates, Summer 2022, Consultant.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument (NPS) Home Site Reassessment. 2013.

Ferry Farm, George Washington's Boyhood Home, George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation, Fredericksburg Virginia, started Summer 2002 to present.

Project Archaeologist / Field Director, Rich Neck Plantation, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1995-2001.

Field Director, The Nassau Street Site, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Summer 1999.

Project Archaeologist, Jamestown Rediscovery, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Fall, 1997.

Research-Based Websites and Apps Designed, Written, and Collaborated Upon:

Ipad Tour of Ferry Farm. Released for Public Use, Spring, 2013.

Remnantology.com. Professional Blog.

Chesapeakearchaeology.org. Contributor Participant Funded by the NEH and live as of 2005, this is a collection of regional sites presented shaped for comparison using artifact assemblages, site maps, and site reports.

"Excavations at George Washington's Ferry Farm: The USF-GWF Historical Archaeology Website," Started Summer 2002. <http://www.cas.usf.edu/history/gwffs/mainpage.htm>

History and Archaeology at Nassau Street. History.org. Summer, 1999. Co-designed and co-written with Daniel Ingram. <http://www.history.org>

Major University Service:

USF Faculty Senate President, 2015-2016.

USF Faculty Senate Vice President, 2013-2014.

Fellowships:

Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Short Term Fellow. Mount Vernon, Virginia. 2022-2023.

University of Exeter, International Fellow, Exeter UK, March, 2017.

Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Long Term Fellow. Mount Vernon, Virginia. Spring, 2016.

Research Fellow in Residence, George Washington Foundation, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 2009.

Visiting Scholar, Temple Beth Shalom, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 2009.

Edna and Norman Freehling Fellowship in South Atlantic Studies Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Fall 2008.

Summer Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, 2006.

Research Fellow, Department of Archaeology, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia, June, 1999--2001.

Selected Public and Professional Service:

National Council on Public History, Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, Co-Chair, 2017-Present.

National Council on Public History, Climate Change and Sustainability Committee. Member, 2015-2017.

Sun Coast Hillels, Tampa Florida, Board Member, 2011-2012

Society for Historical Archaeology, SHA Representative to the Organization of American Historians. 2003-2006.

Phi Alpha Theta, University of South Florida Rho Nu Chapter faculty advisor.

Selected University Service:

University of South Florida Faculty Senate, President, 2014 – 2016.

University of South Florida Faculty Senate, Vice President, 2012 – 2014.

University of South Florida, Young Israel Jewish Student Center, Faculty Advisor, 2010 – Present.

Selected Grants:

National Park Service, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, Westmoreland County, Virginia. Archaeological Collection Reassessment Project 2012-2013.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Teaching American History Grant. Monroe County Florida School District. Monroe County Historical Educator, 2008-2009.

National Geographic Society. 2008. Sponsored Researcher. "The Discovery of George Washington's Boyhood Home."

National Endowment for the Humanities, Teaching American History Grant. Pinellas County Florida Eight Grade teachers Program. Grant participant 2005-2007.

Recipient, University of South Florida, New Researcher Grant, 2003. Grant for work on *Fellow Travelers: Indians and Europeans on the Early American Trail*. May 2003—January 2004.

Project Advisor/Receiving Group Member, Chesapeake Archaeological Studies Group/Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, NEH Grant award period July 2003—January 2005. Grant supports Chesapeake Group for Archaeological Studies regional database creation project housed at Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, Calvert County Maryland.

Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, 2002, granted to George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation to support the research and excavation of Ferry Farm.

Other Awards:

2014, *Where the Cherry Tree Grew* was the Mount Vernon and the National History Club's prize book. One copy was awarded to winning high school essayists across the country.

USF Ambassadors Teacher Appreciation Award, 2007. University of South Florida.

2004 William M. E. Rachal Annual Award for the best article in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2004. University of South Florida.

Seminar Participant, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1800. Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., August 2004.

Mellon Foundation Seminar Participant, "History, Culture, and the Postmodern Challenge." Spring 1998.

Winner of numerous prizes for Old Time Fiddle and Old Time Band at the Galax Old Fiddlers' Convention, Galax Virginia; The Grayson County Fiddlers' Convention, Elk Creek, Virginia; The Glen Maury Fiddlers' Convention, Buena Vista, Virginia; Albemarle County Fiddlers' Contest, Scottsville, Virginia; Florida Fiddlers' Association, O'Leno, Florida; Florida Old Time Music Championships, Dade City, Florida.

2023 Florida State Champion Old Time Band, Fiddler.

2015 Florida State Champion Old Time Band, Fiddler.

2006 Florida State Champion Old Time Band, Fiddler.

2005 Florida State Champion Old Time Fiddler.

2004 Florida State Champion Old Time Band, Fiddler.

1999 Albemarle County, Virginia, Hog Calling Champion.