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PROFILE

I am a museum professional, historian, educator and veteran. As a result of my varied professional background, I have a wide range of skills and expertise.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Postsecondary Leadership Track) 2017

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Dissertation: Best Practices in Parent and Family Engagement: Implications for Student Success

Master of Secondary Education degree (Specialization in History) 1991

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Supplemental Instructor World Civilization

Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English with Teacher Certification 1984

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Certified in History and English grades 7-12, and Department of History undergraduate tutor

RECENT CAREER HISTORY

Education Curator KY Museum/Associate Professor, Western Kentucky University 2005-PRESENT

- Conceptualized/developed educational programs for K-8 audiences.
- Planned/implemented a variety of community outreach activities and programs.
- Conceptualized/executed the largest public events in the Museum's 80-year history.
- Supervised/trained full-time staff member, graduate and undergraduate student workers.
- Directed multiple independent study courses and internships for undergraduates.
- Implemented new strategies to increase faculty/student use of the museum.
- Collaborated with faculty and staff from across campus to engage with the museum.
- Served as the de facto museum marketer of public events and offerings.
- Compiled data and presented reports to various stakeholders.
- Served on multiple departmental, college level, and university level committees.
- Successful grant writer.
- Managed the budget for my unit.
- Created and posted web content.
- Created and posted content across social media platforms.
- Served on exhibit planning team.
- Liaised with staff colleagues.
- Active membership in larger museum community.

- Attended and presented at numerous conferences.
- Teacher, Logan County High School, Russellville Kentucky** **1998-2005**
- Taught students in a productive learning environment across a wide range of subjects: English III, English IV, U.S. history and arts & humanities.
 - Developed lesson plans and activities.
 - Addressed different learning styles to differentiate instruction and meet student needs.
 - Encouraged the pursuit of higher education.
- Accounting Specialist, Willamette Industries, Bowling Green Kentucky** **1994-1997**
- Performed numerous accounting duties including payroll and accounts receivable.
 - Responsible for approximately \$400,000 of product each week.
- Teacher, Glasgow High School, Glasgow Kentucky** **1991-1994**
- Selected *Teacher of the Year* by the Glasgow student body (1994).
 - Taught students in a productive learning environment across a wide range of subjects: English II, Speech & Drama, U.S. History, and Political Science.
 - Certified AP U.S. history teacher.
 - Speech & Drama coach.
 - Student Council sponsor.
- Soldier, United States Army, Pirmasens, Germany** **1987-1991**
- Performed all payroll and financial functions for post, including helicopter mobile pay team.
 - Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Warfare School/NCO.
 - Selected as Outstanding Soldier for FSU and represented unit in East Berlin.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

History/Museum Education

American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)

Copresenter: *Adventures in exhibit planning.* (Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, 2010).

Grants

19th Amendment Anniversary, \$14,000. Created series of programs with several campus and community partners, wku.edu/go/journey. (Awarded by WKU Sisterhood, 2018).

Early America/ Early Kentucky, \$8,800.00. Created multi-part learning stations based upon 5th grade social studies curriculum (Awarded by WKU, 2012).

Lincoln/Kentucky History/Civil War Teacher Workshop, \$4,859.00. Hosted Saturday workshop for area educators (Awarded by Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society, 2007).

Lincoln Traveling Trunk, \$574.00. Developed a Lincoln based traveling trunk for local educators to use in their classrooms (Awarded by Awarded by Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society, 2007).

Kentucky Historical Society

Recipient of *Frank R. Levstik Award for Professional Service* (2009).

Kentucky Museum Advisory Council

Recipient of the first *Award for Excellence* (2007).

Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance (KMHA)

Presenter: *Road show: Developing and implementing a successful need based educational outreach program for schools* (Annual Conference, Lexington, KY, 2012).

Recipient of Emerging Museum Professional Award (2010).

Presenter: *Special program days for schools* (Annual Conference, Berea, KY, 2010).

Presenter: *Adventures in museum planning* (Annual Conference, Owensboro, KY, 2009).

Presenter: *Fighting for the field trip dollar: Wooing teachers to your door* (Annual Conference, Elizabethtown, KY, 2008).

Member since 2007.

Landmark Association

Nonprofit 501 c3 volunteer organization dedicated to historic preservation in Bowling Green, KY.

President (2009-2010), **Vice President** (2008-2009), **Board Member** (2007-2011).

Higher Education

Create Conference

Copresenter poster session: *Assessment of persistence for domestic and international WKU EdD students.* (Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, 2016).

National Symposium on Student Retention

Presenter: *Socialization and retention of part-time doctoral students.* (Annual Symposium, Norfolk, VA, 2016).

University Awards

Recipient of University Public Service Award for University Libraries (2011).

Recipient of Margie Helm Award for Outstanding Performance (2008).

University Service (selected)

Faculty Senate (2008-2010, 2017-2019)

Academic Quality Committee (2017-2019)

Colonnade Committee (2017-2019)

Potter College Cultural Enhancement Committee (2009-2012)

WKU Student Success Summit

Copresenter: *Why you should bring your students to the Kentucky Museum, and how they'll be smarter for it.* (Annual Summit, Bowling Green, KY, 2018).

Copresenter: *How many clicks does it take? Evaluating the usability of retention support websites of eight public Kentucky universities.* (Annual Summit, Bowling Green, KY, 2016).

PUBLICATIONS

Spurlock, C.L. (2018, May/June). Celebration of the Arts: Kentucky Museum hosts annual exhibit. *Bowling Green Living*, 8.

Spurlock, C.L. (2012, October). Pecha Kucha: WKU teaching spirit. *FACET Newsletter*. 24 (2), 1.

Spurlock, C.L. (2011, December). History and restoration of the 1928 BGMU pump house. *Landmark Newsletter*, 29 (3) 4-5.

Spurlock, C.L. (2010, April). Logan County Felts log house: A fixture of the KY Museum. *LoJo: The Logan Journal*.

Spurlock, C.L. (1994). Stone of the most beautiful kind: White Stone Quarry of Bowling Green, KY. *The Register of Kentucky Historical Society*. 92 (1), 44-72.