

RLP DIRECTOR

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Education Colorado State University, Fort Collins, 1968-1970
University of Colorado, Boulder, 1970-1980
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Anthropology, 1972
M.A., Anthropology, 1974
Ph.D., Anthropology, 1980

Professional Experience

2001-Current – Director, Regional Learning Project, Center for Continuing Education, and Faculty Affiliate in the Department of Anthropology and Adjunct in School of Education, University of Montana

As director of the Regional Learning Project, I oversee a team of specialists with a focus on regional history, geography and culture. This work includes working with tribal elders and educators to assemble and produce authentic classroom resources; and providing teacher training through workshops and online courses. I am responsible for program direction, grant-writing, project management, research and production, assisted by a team of researchers and production specialists.

1993-2000 - Consulting Anthropologist

During these years I conducted anthropological research on projects for tribal entities including Taos Pueblo and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

1980-1993 - Historical Research Associates, Inc. Senior Anthropologist & Project Manager

As project manager and principal investigator on scores of projects I was responsible for all phases of project design and implementation to ensure legislative and regulatory compliance involving public projects on Indian and public lands throughout the Western U.S. As part of these tribe-focused projects, I served as liaison among various project entities including attorneys, tribal government, tribal spiritual leaders, community members, and agency representatives.

Appointments, Elected Positions, and Professional Service

Final Symposium for National Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, Member, Planning Committee, 2006

National Endowment for the Humanities Review Panelist, Special Projects, 2005

National Endowment for the Humanities Consultant for “Wisdom of the Elders”
2003-04

Advisor, Essential Understandings about Montana Indians, Office of Public Instruction, Helena
Member, Confluence of Cultures Symposium Committee, University of Montana, 2001-2003
University of Montana, Bicentennial and Confluence of Cultures Committees - present
Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Board of Directors, 1999-present
Institute of Medicine and Humanities, Advisory Committee, 1992-1998
Missoula Writer's Collaborative, Secretary, Board of Directors, 1994-1997
Plains Anthropological Conference, Board of Directors, 1987-1990
Archaeology in Montana, Editor, 1984-86

Honors, Awards, and Grants (since 1994)

Teaching American History Grant, Dept. of Education, project director, 2005-08.
EPSCoR Faculty Enhancement Grant for Rocky Mountain Missions research project, 2006.
MCH Media Grant to produce facilitator's guide for "Why Save a Language". 2006.
Media Producer for NEH funded *Lewis & Clark and the Indian Country*, Newberry Library
National Park Service Challenge Cost-Share Grants for video production, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
Montana Committee for the Humanities, Speakers Bureau Scholar 2002-2005
Engelhard Foundation grant for Rock Creek story maps project, 2001.
Montana Committee for the Humanities Research Fellowship, 2000-2001.
Chutney Foundation grant for oral history in the Ovando area, 1999.
Rock Creek Trust grant for oral history in Upper Rock Creek area, 1999.
Kettering Foundation grant to participate as delegate in "A Bi-Cultural Conversation in New Zealand." 1996
Engelhard Foundation grant for "The Storytelling Project: Stories of Place." 1994
MT Comm. for the Humanities, Planning Grant "The Storytelling Project: Stories of Place." 1994

Publications & Films - Selected Listing (Full listing available upon request.)

2008 *Tribal Perspectives on American History in the Great Plains* (70 minute educational DVD with teacher guide)
2008 *The Great Peace Council of 1855: A Readers' Theater*. (First author with M. Scott, L. Juneau & K. Lugthart)
2007 *Long Before We Were Born* (25 minute educational DVD)
2006 *Tribal Perspectives on American History in the Northwest* (70 minute educational DVD with teacher guide)
2006 *Long Ago in Montana* (25 minute educational DVD)
2006 *Tribes of Montana and How They Got Their Names* (28 minute educational DVD)
2006 *Talking Without Words* (20 minute educational DVD)
2006 *Why Save a Language?* (27 minute documentary film)

- 2005 "Historical Maps of Montana and the Stories They Tell". *Montana, Magazine of Western History*, Montana Historical Society, Helena, Montana.
- 2005 *Contemporary Voices along the Lewis & Clark Trail*. Film produced at the Regional Learning Project, Continuing Education, University of Montana, Missoula.
- 2004 *Native Homelands along the Lewis & Clark Trail*. Film produced at the Regional Learning Project, Continuing Education, University of Montana, Missoula.
- 2003 "Miscommunication along the Lewis and Clark Trail." Proceedings of the Confluence of Cultures Symposium, University of Montana, May, 2003. University of Montana Press.
- 2003 Content for Lifelong Learning Project website –www.trailtribes.org
- 2000 "Traditional Salish Use of the Upper Clark Fork River Basin, 1800-1950." Confidential Report for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.
- 1996 "Sacred Bird" In The Large Macaws, edited by J. Abramson, B.L. Speer and J.B. Thomsen. Raintree Publications, Ft. Bragg, California.
- 1995 "The Case for Prehistoric Irrigation in the Greater Southwest". In Soil, Water, Biology, and Belief in Prehistoric and Traditional Southwestern Agriculture. H. Wolcott Toll, editor. New Mexico Arch. Council, Santa Fe. Special Pub. #2. (First author)
- 1994 "Late Prehistoric Cultures on the Montana Plains." In Indian Cultures of the Great Plains, A.D. 500-1500, Karl Schlesier, editor. University of Oklahoma Press.
- 1993 "Sacred Lands and Traditional Cultural Properties: Two World Views." (First author, with T. Weber Greiser.) CRM 16:9-11.
- 1991 "Indian Creek PaleoIndians: Early Occupation of the Elkhorn Mountains Southeast Flank, West-Central Montana." In: Ice Age Hunters of the Rockies, Stanford and Day, eds. Denver Museum of Natural History, Proceedings. (2nd author, with L. B. Davis.)
- 1985 "Predictive Models of Hunter-Gatherer Adaptations on the Central High Plains." Plains Anthropologist Memoir No. 20.
- 1984 "Middle Prehistoric Period Adaptations and Paleoenvironment in the Northwestern Plains." American Antiquity 50(4):849-877. (First author, w/ T W Greiser & S.Vetter.)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2006 "The Words We Use And The Stories We Tell." Keynote, Indian Education Conference, Billings.
- 2005 "The Cartography of Father Pierre DeSmet." Pacific Northwest Historians Guild, Seattle.
- 2005 "Non-verbal Communication along the Lewis & Clark Trail." Corps II, Helena.
- 2004 "Tribal Perspectives on American History." Northern Montana College, Havre, Montana;

- 2003 "Miscommunication along the Lewis & Clark Trail." Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, Washington, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2002 Environmental History of the Columbia Basin, through the Eyes of Native Elders, Whitman College,
- 2002 Heritage Trails of Montana. Museum of the Rockies, MSU, Bozeman.
- 2001 "Shishiquaw and the Old North Trail." Piegan Institute, Browning, MT.
- 2001 "Nez Perce: A Glimpse from Montana." "Symposium, Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho.
- 1996 "People and Place: Wilderness and Culture." Wilderness Institute University of Montana.
- 1995 "Spirit of Place: The Rocky Mountain West." Center for the Rocky Mountain West, UM. Missoula.
- 1993 "Taos Sacred Geography and Curtailment of Religious Practice." Amer. Anth. Assn, Wash, DC
- 1993 "Sacred Land Issues in the U. S." Committee of Justice, Peace, and Integrity, World Council of Churches and Committee for Indigenous Peoples, United Nations, Geneva.