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Education

- M.L.S. Library Science & Archives, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1991.
- M.A. History, Montana State University-Bozeman, 1987.
- B.A. History, San Francisco State University, 1970.

Professional Experience & Qualifications

Library Manager, Montana Historical Society Research Center, Helena, MT.
March 2006 – Dec. 2014.

- Supervise a staff of three in the Library. Oversee library reference, collection development, cataloging, and conservation.

Reference Historian, Montana Historical Society Research Center, Helena, MT., 1993-2006.

Manuscripts Cataloger, Temple University Library, Philadelphia, PA., 1991-1993.

- MARC cataloging of manuscript collections in Special Collections in the RLIN database.

Architectural Historian, GCM Services, Butte, MT., 1984-1990.

Publications Manager, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Butte, MT., 1981-1984.

- Supervising two editors and four writers (engineers) for a Dept. of Energy publications project on alternative energy.

Fellowships

- Ray Calkins Memorial Research Fellowship, 2004, Two weeks residence at Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Research topic: Butte water system. Writing article for publication.

Publications

- Forrest Anderson, the 1972 Constitution, and the Reshaping of Montana, *Montana, the Magazine of Western History*, Spring 2014, p. 41-61.
- From the Big Hole to Butte: Origins and Evolution of a Rocky Mountain Municipal Water System, *The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archeology*, Vol. 37, No. 1 & 2.
- Montana Place Names: From Alzada to Zortman, Montana Historical Society Press. 2009 (co-author)
- Coming Home: A Special Issue Devoted to the Historic Built Environment & Landscapes of Butte and Anaconda, Montana, edited Patty Dean, Drumlummon Institute, 2009 (essay).
- “From the Big Hole to Butte: The Origins and Evolution of a Rocky Mountain Municipal Water System,” forthcoming, *Montana, The Magazine of Western History*.
- Encyclopedia of Immigration and Migration into the American West, edited by Gordon Bakken and Alexandra Kindell, entry on Butte, Montana, Sage Publications.
- “Divisions, Ditches, and District Courts: Montana’s Struggle to Allocate Water, Spring 2005, *Montana the Magazine of Western History*, Helena ,MT.
- “The Old Works Golf Course, Anaconda, Montana,” Autumn 2004, *Montana, The Magazine of Western History*, Helena, MT.
- Book Review, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2005, *Calaveras Gold: The Impact of Mining on a Mother Lode County*, by Ronald Limbaugh and Willard Fuller, Univ. of Nevada Press, 2004.
- “From Treasure State to Big Sky,” *Montana Episode*, *Montana, The Magazine of Western History*, Spring 2003, Vol. 53, No.1.
- “Saving Montana’s Past: The Creation and Evolution of the Montana Historical Society,” *Montana, The Magazine of Western History*, Spring 2002, Vol. 52, No. 1.
- Book Review, *Evel Incarnate: The Life and Legend of Evel Knievel*, by Steve Mandich, 2000, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, Spring 2002, Vol. 93, No. 2.
- “Butte Back from the Brink: Remaking the Wide Open Town,” *Western Technological*

Landscapes, edited by Stephen Tchudi, University of Nevada Press, 1998.

- “Remaking the Wide Open Town: Butte, Montana at the End of the Twentieth Century, Montana, The Magazine of Western History, Autumn 1998, Vol. 48, No. 3.
- Butte and Anaconda Revisited: An Overview of Early Day Mining and Smelting in Montana, Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology, Special Publication 99, 1991, Co-authored with Mark Fiege, Dale Martin, and Fred Quivik.
- “The Perils of Working in the Butte Underground: Industrial Fatalities in the Copper Mines, 1880-1920,” Montana, The Magazine of Western History, Spring 1987, Vol. 37, No. 2.
- Past editor of The Speculator: A Journal of Butte & Southwest Montana History, Butte Historical Society, 1984-1986.
- Masters Thesis, Montana State University-Bozeman, 1987, Miners, Managers and Machines: Industrial Accidents and Occupational Disease in the Butte Underground, 1880-1920.
- “Butte, Montana: An Architectural and Historical Inventory of the National Landmark District,” by Dale Martin & Brian Shovers, Butte Historical Society, 1986.

Public Presentations

- Curator of Montana map exhibit at Montana Historical Society - 2013
- Kohrs Public Library Friends Lecture Series, Deer Lodge, Jan. 2006.
- Montana History Conference, Plenary Session, Water in Montana, Sept. 2005, Helena.
- Montana Gem Society, History of Mining Technologies Helena Area, Feb. 2002, Helena.
- Annual Conference, Society for Industrial Archeology, Montana Irrigation Practice, June 2000, Duluth, Minnesota.
- Annual Conference, Society for Industrial Archeology, Environmental Legacy Butte Mining, May 1997, Houghton, Michigan.

- Montana History Conference, Remaking the Wide Open Town, Oct. 1996, Butte.
- Montana History Conference, Hazards of Underground Mining, Oct. 1987, Helena.

Professional Associations

- President, Klepetko Chapter Society of Industrial Archaeology, 1995-Present.
- Member, Society of Industrial Archeology, 1995-Present.
- Member, Mai-Wah Society, 1994-Present.