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Summary of Qualifications

- Mature, attentive individual with thirty years experience working in a variety of situations requiring leadership, teamwork, a positive mindset, and initiative
- Two decades experience in the museum field solving problems in a collaborative manner, utilizing technology, and building the necessary relationships to succeed.
- Seasoned presenter and communicator who builds understanding through education and dialogue.
- Authority on the use of firearms in museums, firearms law, history of the United States Marshals Service, and the use of genealogy in researching museum collections.

Relevant Experience

Curator of Collections and Exhibits, United States Marshals Museum, Fort Smith, Arkansas – November 2015 – Present

- Direct the Collections, Exhibits, and Technology of a museum telling the story of the most prolific law enforcement agency in our nation's history.
- Served as a museum professional on a committee overseeing final design, construction, and budget of 53,000 sq.ft. museum. Assisted with specifications and standards of environmental controls, security standards, phone/data infrastructure, key control, fire suppression, and audio/visual and IT implementation. Sole occupant of building for 12-month period.
- With one other staff member, directly involved with decisions regarding story, objects, script, layout, and appearance of 20,000 sq.ft. permanent exhibit. Responsible for research, record keeping, and coordination with vendors and U.S. Marshals Service regarding installation of same; Compiled collection of more than 40 oral histories and edited/produced 100+ 1-5 minute videos for use in guest-facing interactive; created 100+ custom mounts for variety of objects.
- Oversaw the safe move, rehousing, and cataloging of 1,500 object collection during move from offsite storage to permanent location. Designed and developed collections storage plan for 3,000 sq.ft. collections storage space.
- With input of key individuals from staff and community, develop and maintain 1,500 sq.ft. memorial space recognizing more than 380 individuals who lost their lives in the line of duty to the US Marshals Service. Coordinate with staff and external organizations regarding updates, records, and verifications.

Curator of Collections, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Oklahoma Historical Society, Enid, Oklahoma – May, 2009 – October 2015

- Direct the Collections, Exhibits, and Technology of the museum that tells the story of the largest land run in world history while assisting in development of institutional budgets ranging from \$250,000-\$500,000 per year.
- Served as the museum representative on a committee overseeing final design, construction, and budget of 24,000 sq.ft. museum space and four building historic village. Set specifications for establishment and standards of environmental controls, security standards, phone/data infrastructure, key control, fire suppression, audio/visual and IT implementation, and furniture.
- Oversaw the safe move, rehousing, and cataloging of 10,000 object collection during museum expansion and reinstallation. Designed and developed collections storage plan for 8,000 sq.ft. collections storage space. Update and correct exhibit design for 6,000 sq.ft. main exhibit gallery; Responsible for installation

of same space while coordinating with staff from Oklahoma History Center.

- With input of key individuals from staff and community, develop and maintain rolling 3-5 year exhibit plan for main exhibit gallery and 2,000 sq.ft. temporary exhibit gallery; Coordinate with staff and external organizations regarding exhibit plans, materials, and services.
- Support educational, development, and public relations missions of museum through a variety of means as a team leader or team member.

Robert W. Woodruff Curator of the Cody Firearms Museum, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming – July, 2003 – May, 2009

- Directed the operations, programs, exhibitions, planning, and research of the collections of the Cody Firearms Museum, the home of the most comprehensive collection of American firearms in the world.
- Managed a staff of four and established and maintained a department budget of \$250,000 while serving on Executive Leadership Team that oversaw a staff of 100 and a budget of \$10 million.
- Oversaw the care, conservation, development, and interpretation of the collections of the Cody Firearms Museum, to include a 7,000 piece firearms collection and 15,000 other objects in 2 gallery spaces (c.25,000 sq.ft.), and 3 vault spaces (5,000 sq.ft.) while following all relevant laws and regulations pertaining to firearms.
- Administered \$120,000 in grant funding in 2007 and 2008. The relevant projects provided for a greatly expanded and upgraded hands-on firearms collection for educational use and a technology upgrade in a for-fee information service that earned \$121,000 in 2007, an increase in revenue of 92% from 2002. The technology upgrade reduced time to retrieve information by more than 90%.
- Served on AAM Reaccreditation Committee, Curatorial Committee (Chair), and member of OSHA Safety Committee.

Student Curator/Intern, Weapons that Changed the West: From Flint to Fusion, Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, Montana – January, 2000 – May, 2000

- Assisted exhibit curators in many aspects of the development of a museum exhibit of more than 900 objects to document 11,000 years of history.
- Researched, wrote, and edited sections of the exhibit text.
- Assisted in the organization of a 100+ unit parade to celebrate opening of exhibit.

Education

M.A., History, Montana State University, Bozeman (2000); emphasis on American Military History
B.A., Departmental and University Honors, History, University of Texas, El Paso (1998); Military Studies minor
1989-1992, Attended Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

Special Skills

Expert with all aspects of Microsoft Office, Corel, and OpenOffice business software
Expert with all variants of Microsoft Windows
Expert with Collections Database Software, including Past Perfect Collections Management Software V5.0 and ARGUS Museum Collections Management Software

Current Service/Affiliations

Treasurer and founding member, Association of Firearms Museums and History (2018-2023)
American Association of Museums, Member (2005-Present), Delegate to American Association of Museums Curators Committee (CurCom), Member to same (2012-Present), Judge on "Excellence in Exhibits" panel (2014-2015)
Southeastern Museums Conference, Member (2017-Present)
Mountain Plains Museums Association, Member (2004-2016), Board Member-at-Large (2005-2009, 2011-2015), Chair or Member of various committees (2005-2015): Marketing Committee, Scholarship

Committee, Curators Committee, Technology Committee, Survey Coordinator, and regular conference presenter on museum-related subjects
Oklahoma Museums Association, Member (2009-2015)
Cub Scout Den Leader (2014-2016); Advancements Coordinator (2014), Pack 1, Enid, OK
Referee, Grade 8, US Soccer Federation (2015-2017), Enid, OK and Fort Smith, AR
Coach, Youth Soccer, River Valley Football Club (2016-2018), Fort Smith, AR

Professional References

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