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## EDUCATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 9/96-9/05, Columbus, Ohio

Ph.D., American History

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 9/94-3/96, Columbus, Ohio

M.A., American History

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 9/93-12/95, Columbus, Ohio

M. Arch., Architecture

ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION OF LONDON 3/94-7/94, London, England

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 1/89-6/93, Columbus, Ohio

B. S., Architecture, Magna Cum Laude

with distinction in Architecture, minor in History.

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA NETWORKS FOR COLLABORATION, 7/15-12/15

Engagement Strategies Learning Collaborative, Desert Region

California Association of Museums

ATTINGHAM FELLOW, 2006

London, England

Attingham Trust for the Study of English Country Houses and Collections

POPLAR FOREST RESTORATION FIELD SCHOOL 6/95-7/95

Lynchburg, Virginia

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

Hawaiian Mission Houses and Archive 2/1/2018-Present

Honolulu, HI 96813

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Imperial Valley Desert Museum 1/2011-1/31/2018

Ocotillo, California

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- Opened New Museum: Fundraising and grant preparation, design and developed conservation lab, developed exhibits, developed visitor programming, developed and trained staff.
- Developed and implemented fundraising plan resulting in long-term sustainable funding for new museum; awarded 2014 NEH Challenge grant to build Endowment (largest NEH grant to a single museum in California, 2014).
- MAP, July 2013; CAP, September 2013; AAM Core Documents Verification, October 3, 2013.

- Received approval, 36 CFR 79, to curate federally-owned Collections, December 2013
- Permanent exhibit “Land of Extremes” designed, fabricated, and installed, April 2015

National Museum of the Turks and Caicos Islands 9/2007-9/2010

Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies

Director

- Full managerial responsibilities including staffing, collection preservation, public relations, strategic planning, program development, fundraising, and fiscal management.
- Provided disaster management following Hurricane Ike (cat 5) which destroyed 80% of visitor infrastructure on island of Grand Turk.
- Managed national conservation laboratory and the curation of the Trouvadore and Fort St. George survey and excavation projects.

Ohio Historical Society 6/1997-9/2007

Facilities Management Division

Columbus, Ohio

Restoration and Planning Project Specialist, 04-07

Associate Project Architect, 97-04

- Developed historic sites and museums, including the restoration of five presidential sites.
- Provided research, design and construction administration services, for the restoration of the Paul Laurence Dunbar House, ADENA: The Home of Thomas Worthington, and the Warren G. Harding Home

### **CONCURRENT APPOINTMENTS**

San Diego State University 7/2012-12/2018

Imperial Valley Campus

720 Heber Avenue

Calexico, CA 92231

Lecturer, History Department

Capital University, 1/2004-6/2007

Lecturer, History Department

Otterbein College, 1/2003-1/2004

Lecturer, History/Political Science Department

The Ohio State University 2001

Lecturer, Knowlton School of Architecture

### **MAJOR PUBLICATIONS**

Neal V. Hitch and Leslie Humm Cormier. *Homes Through American History: Volume 3*. Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press, 2008.

Neal V. Hitch and Craig S. Keener, "A Test Case of Transdisciplinary Research Theory and Practice: Test Case, Adena, the Home of Thomas Worthington." *Historical Archaeology*, 41:1 (2007).

Neal V. Hitch and Cheryl J. Lugg, "Digital Reproduction of Historic Wallpaper at the Paul Laurence Dunbar House in Ohio," *APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology*, 36:3 (2005): 57-66.

Neal V. Hitch and Cheryl J. Lugg. "Wallpaper Documentation and Reproduction at Adena: The Estate of Thomas Worthington." *APT: Journal of Preservation Technology*, 33: (2002): 57-64. *Winner of the Anne de Fort-Menares Award from the Association for Preservation Technology International.*

### **Public History Articles**

Neal V. Hitch. "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?" *Times of the Island*. Winter 2009: 76-80.

Neal V. Hitch. "Vanishing Culture: Turks and Caicos Government Archives." *Times of the Island*. Fall 2009: 60-65.

Neal V. Hitch. "The Oldest Image: The Museum Acquires the Earliest Painting of Grand Turk." *Times of the Island*. Spring 2008: 75-58.

Neal V. Hitch. "Original 1920s Harding Press House Shingles Preserved During Re-roofing Project." *Echoes*, 45:2, March/April 2006.

### **Tourism Publications**

"County Fair is Rooted in Imperial Valley's History," *IV Today Quarterly: Fairs and Festivals*, February, March, April 2012.

Neal V. Hitch, "Investigating Fort George Cay." *Discover Turks and Caicos*, 2011.

Neal V. Hitch, "The Oldest Image of the Turks and Caicos Islands." *Discover Turks and Caicos*, 2010.

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

#### *Certificate of Commendation*

Paul Laurence Dunbar House Restoration, AASLH, 2005

*Anne de Fort-Menares Award for outstanding scholarship published in APT journal*

Association for Preservation Technology International, 2002

*Alpha Rho Chi Medal, 1996*

Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University