HISTORYWEAVER, LLC

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EDUCATION

Dual MA/MSc, International and World History

Columbia University and the London School of Economics and Political Science, 2014

BA, Anthropology and Political Science

University of Colorado at Boulder, 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Historian and Founder, HistoryWeaver, LLC, Brookfield, Vermont

April 2023-present

• I founded HistoryWeaver, LLC in 2023 to provide a range of services including historical research and writing, copy editing and fact-checking, and property research.

Historian, Historical Research Associates, Inc., Seattle, Washington

April 2015–March 2023

- Worked on projects ranging from environmental litigation to organizational histories to focused local narratives.
- Conducted research in local, state, and national archives as well as online databases such as Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, and Hathi Trust to identify relevant primary sources.
- In litigation work, helped clients sort through and distill large volumes of information to create strong arguments framed within the appropriate historical context.
- Helped to research and write several U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administrative histories, as well as natural resource use histories of Native American Indian Reservations.
- Wrote location and topic-specific historic contexts for cultural resources management projects.

Narrative and Interpretive Projects:

Georeferenced Online Interpretive Content for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

National Park Service, Omaha, Nebraska, 2021–2022

Developed interpretive content for 65 to 80 sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The National Park Service will use this content for its place-based digital interpretive platforms, including its website and mobile apps. HRA conducted research and developed engaging interpretive content for each of the sites, georeferencing that content to the appropriate location on the trail.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District History, 1966–2016

U.S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles, California, 2019–2020

Conducted research at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District office and National Archives branch at Riverside, California. The final deliverable was a 300-page scholarly written, well-illustrated manuscript, and 325 high-resolution photographs for inclusion during production. Wrote chapters on dams and water resources and emergency response operations. The final manuscript, Fifty Years of Protecting Communities and Safeguarding the Nation: A History of the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1966–2016, was published in 2021.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District Updated History, 2000–2015

U.S. Army Engineer District, Portland, Oregon, 2018

Researched and wrote sections of an updated administrative history for the Portland District of the USACE. The history focuses on the years 2000 to 2015 and builds upon HRA's previous administrative history for the District, Currents of Change: A History of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1980–2000. Topics researched include disaster response activities and business changes adopted by the district in the twenty-first century.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District History, 1957–2017

U.S. Army Engineer Far East District, South Korea, 2018

Researched and wrote a chapter covering the history of the USACE Far East District from 2010 to the present. HRA's illustrated administrative history of the Far East District included topics ranging from pipeline/tunnel detection, Korea Relocation Program, and Military Construction, to Air Force and aviation, work in Japan and Mongolia, and Inchon Tidal Basin rehabilitation.

STEM's "Hidden Figures"

Ogilvy Public Relations, 2016

As part of an outreach effort for IBM, HRA worked with Ogilvy Public Relations to conduct research on persons who have not been broadly recognized for their contributions to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). From this research, HRA developed biographical content for digital applications to appeal to a public audience.

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Projects:

Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman Historic Context

U.S. Navy, Boardman, Oregon, 2022–2023

Researched and wrote an early settlement study for NWSTF Boardman in Morrow County, Oregon. The historic context covers early exploration of the region through initial settlement in the 1850s and into the twentieth century. It includes a detailed ownership history of homestead and other land claims within the Naval facility's boundaries. Research for the context included extensive use of online sources as well as in-person research at the Morrow County Clerk's office in Heppner, Oregon.

Kubota Garden Cultural Resources Inventory

Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle, Washington, 2021

Researched and wrote a historic context statement for the Kubota Garden Cultural Resources Inventory. Seattle Parks and Recreation directed HRA to complete a cultural resources inventory for the Kubota Gardens project ahead of constructing a new comfort station in the garden. The project was funded by RCO and LWCF grants and is defined as a federal undertaking; therefore, it was subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). HRA conducted background research, archaeological and built environment inventories, built environment evaluations, and prepared a cultural resources technical report.

Snohomish County Historic Resources Inventory

Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission, Everett, Washington, 2019

Researched and wrote an in-depth historic context identifying historic themes, events, trends, and individuals significant in the history of Snohomish County. This context accompanied a historic resources survey of 203 historic-period residential and civic resources. HRA's resulting survey report provided a historic context, physical descriptions, photos, and eligibility evaluations, as well as recommendations for further study to help guide Snohomish County through future phases of research.

Seattle's Auto Row Historic Context and Survey

EA Engineering, Science, and Technology and Pine Street Group, Seattle, Washington, 2018–2019

Researched and wrote an in-depth historic context about the growth of auto dealerships within the city of Seattle from 1900 through 1968. The research involved extensive use of city directories to identify dealerships and track their development over time.

Union Pacific Alexandria Bridge Mitigation

CDM Smith and Union Pacific, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, 2018

Wrote historical context statement related to the history of the Texas & Pacific Line for a project involving a proposed railroad bridge replacement in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The results of the survey and evaluation assisted CDM Smith and the Union Pacific Railroad in determining appropriate management recommendations in consultation with USACE and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology for affected properties.

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak, Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan

U.S. Coast Guard, Kodiak, Alaska, 2018

Assisted with research and writing of a historical context, focusing on the Cold War period, for an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) for the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) base in Kodiak, Alaska. The ICRMP was intended to facilitate and expedite compliance with cultural resources requirements under Sections 106 and 110 of 36 CFR 800 (the National Historic Preservation Act [NHPA] of 1966, as amended), and provide guidance on managing USCG historic resources.

Litigation Projects:

Potentially Responsible Party Search in Southern California

Confidential Client, 2019–2020

Historian on a small team that conducted research and litigation support for a confidential environmental cleanup case in Southern California, including extensive online research and visits to several repositories. From this research, HRA developed a chronological timeline about the companies that occupied the sites and the historical manufacturing processes in which they engaged that led to current trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), and trichloroethane (TCA) contamination.

Land Takings and Mineral Rights Management in North Dakota

Confidential Client, 2018

Contributed to research, document review, and development of spreadsheets and other organizational tools to track oil and gas leasing on individually allotted lands within a North Dakota reservation. Analyzed documents related to historical ownership of allotted lands and produced tools to visually represent ownership over time.

Potentially Responsible Party Research for a Major Port in the Northwest

Confidential Client, 2015–2020

Historian on a team conducting land use history, corporate research, and detailed facility investigations to document historical and present industrial contamination of a commercial waterway. The project includes report writing and position paper preparation.

North Cascades National Park Potentially Responsible Party Project

National Park Service, Washington, 2015

Conducted research into the historical use and ownership of the two firing ranges in the North Cascades National Park Service Complex (NOCA) in Whatcom and Chelan Counties, Washington. The two ranges had been identified as hazardous waste sites due to lead contamination in the soil. HRA's potential responsible party (PRP) research and associated report provided historical background on the operations and use of the sites, including site histories, title search results, and recommendations regarding the viability of any PRPs found during the research.

Tribal Natural Resources Management Histories

Confidential Client, 2015–2020

Contributor to resources management histories for various reservations involved in tribal trust lawsuits, culminating in preparation of written histories based on collection and analysis of original source material. Conducted archival research and document collection on various tribes, including site visits to federal offices, tribal headquarters, and repositories across the United States.

Additional Litigation Related to Native American Tribes

Various Confidential Clients, 2015–2021

Historian in suits brought by tribes and individual Indians against the United States involving the history of reservation boundaries, rights to the bed and banks of reservation rivers, and the management of natural resources on Indian reservations in Arizona, Nevada, and North Dakota. The research involved review of published federal and state government documents, historical and anthropological scholarship, and readily available microfilm at the National Archives.

Historic Preservation Fellow, Historic Preservation Office, Greeley, Colorado

August 2014-January 2015

- Assisted the City of Greeley's Historic Preservation Specialist to research and prepare reports for the Historic Preservation Commission regarding review of applications for designation of and alterations to properties on the Greeley Historic Register.
- Attended meetings with local community groups and other stakeholders with an interest in historic preservation.
- Engaged in public outreach to share Greeley's history with the community and encourage greater understanding of the role and importance of historic preservation to the City's future.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Member and Volunteer, Brookfield Historical Society

Assisting with creating a digital catalog of the Society's collections, as well as related projects as needed. Helping to develop a walking tour brochure for Brookfield's historic Pond Village.

Member, Vermont Historical Society

Member, National Council on Public History (NCPH)

National Council on Public History (NCPH) Working Group, "Best Practices for Consulting Historians"

Participated in a virtual working group in 2021 alongside fellow historians to develop a draft document outlining best practices for consulting historians. The discussion covered topics ranging from compensation to personal safety to community engagement. This project is ongoing through the NCPH Consultants Committee.

NCPH Working Group, "La Frontera: Public History on the Borderlands"

Participated as a discussant in a working group at the National Council on Public History's 2018 conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The working group explored the roles and responsibilities of public historians in shaping the narrative of our country's border regions.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING

Meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards in History

Community Engagement with Collections, Vermont Historical Society

Attended a one-day workshop hosted by the Vermont Historical Society focused on how historical organizations, large and small, can use their collections to more actively engage and educate the public.

Interpretation Training, Indiana University Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands

Completed two training courses through the Eppley Institute's online interpretation training program: Foundation of Interpretation and Essential Elements of Interpretive Writing.

National Preservation Institute, Section 106: An Introduction

Completed a three-day training seminar through the National Preservation Institute on Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

PUBLICATIONS

- Paul Sadin, Lindsey Weaver, and Morgen Young. Fifty Years of Protecting Communities and Safeguarding the Nation: A History of the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1966–2016. Los Angeles, California: U.S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles, 2021.
- 2019 Nicolai Kryloff with Joshua Pollarine and Lindsey Weaver. Building Strong in Korea: A History of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District. Camp Humphreys, South Korea: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Far East District, 2019.
- Morgen Young and William F. Willingham with Lindsey Weaver. Engineering in the Twenty-First Century: A History of the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2000–2015. Portland: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2018.
- 2014 "Braceros Documentados: Visual Representations of Mexican Bracero Migrants in U.S. Media, 1954–1964." Master's thesis, Columbia University and the London School of Economics and Political Science, July 2014.