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## EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

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Over six years of experience as an architectural historian; additional experience in environmental law, as well as regulatory and land use planning. Responsibilities have included cultural resource management, public involvement, environmental impact statement analysis, policy formulation, legal analysis, contract negotiation, and historic building condition analysis. Mr. Christopher has undertaken and managed large-scale cultural resource surveys and impact assessment for a wide variety of urban, rural and suburban resources. Clients have included federal, state and municipal agencies as well as energy, telecommunications, and private real estate development interests.

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## EDUCATION

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JD, Environmental Law Certificate, anticipated 2007, Pace University School of Law  
MS, Historic Preservation, 2003, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
BA, History, 1998, Macalester College

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## REGISTRATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

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NPS Standards for Professional Practice - Architectural Historian /Historian (36 CFR 61)  
AICP Certification forthcoming (anticipated 2006), American Institute of Certified Planners

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## TRAINING

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## CORPORATION PROJECT EXPERIENCE

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### **Brindle Lake Dam Study - Architectural Historian, May 2006-June 2006**

#### **US Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Dix, NJ**

Research, site documentation, analysis and interagency consultation regarding historic resources, in support of a proposed dam removal and waterway enhancement project.

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## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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### **City of New York - Office of Environmental Coordination (November 2005 – present)**

#### *Metroland Brownfield Remediation Program*

Legal research and assistance in developing a revolving loan program for brownfield remediation; EPA grants are used as credit enhancement to finance private CERCLA remediation and urban neighborhood development projects.

#### *CEQR Technical Manual Revisions*

Research and development of forthcoming revised technical guidance for compliance with the City's environmental review law. Revised guidance provides agencies, applicants and consultants with information on streamlined procedures for effective environmental impact documents.

#### *CEQR Project Review*

Review, analysis and legal research for a variety of project-specific environmental impact statements and environmental assessments.

#### *Long-Range Planning/GEIS Analysis, Energy Facility Siting*

Research and developed a proposed long-term environmental siting strategy and marketing plan for an anticipated 6,000 MW grid increase. Analysis included responding to a deregulated marketplace through utilization of innovative EIS strategies.



**City of New York - Department of Parks & Recreation (Revson Fellow) (May 2005-October 2005)**

*Washington Square Park Reconstruction - Environmental Assessment Statement*

Author of an extensive CEQR document and accompanying report, developed in response to pending litigation, in support of a multi-year \$16 million renovation of a 10-acre urban park in Greenwich Village.

*High Line (Linear Urban Park) – Historic Resource Consultation*

Provided internal agency consultation and assisted in development of a historic resource survey methodology and interagency consultation plan, in support of a federally-funded, large scale urban park.

*Consultant Procurement & Contract Negotiation/Oversight/Procurement*

Responsibilities for the city's largest property owner include assistance in contract negotiation, regulatory compliance, interagency negotiation and environmental planning for a wide variety of public infrastructure projects. Duties included legal support in contract management, procurement, default hearings and development of agency environmental compliance policy.

**URS Corporation (August 2001 – August 2004)**

*Hazard-prone Historic Resource Survey & Plan, Fire Island to Montauk Point (Long Island, New York)*

Project manager for a historic resource survey and detailed documentation of 1,600 hazard-prone historic sites across an 83-mile project corridor along the South Bay in support of a phased EIS. Project included interagency consultation, integrated GIS development, public involvement and tribal consultation, and development of a decision-making process for the Corps to evaluate impacts.

Client: New York District, US Army Corps of Engineers / Department of Defense

*Times Square Station Historic Resource Study (New York City)*

Historic resource consultation for a phased \$225 million rehabilitation project of a large National-Register-eligible subway complex featuring five separate track lines. Work included the detailed documentation of historic features, conditions, and development of specific recommendations for design options to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as well as other mitigation alternatives. Interagency consultation and development of a draft Programmatic Agreement for the project was also undertaken.

*Client: Metropolitan Transit Authority / New York City Transit*

*14<sup>th</sup> Ave / 15<sup>th</sup> Ave School Replacement, Historic Resource Survey (Newark, NJ)*

Fast-track Historic Resource Report for the proposed closure, demolition and replacement of two historic school buildings within a larger residential neighborhood. Activities included detailed site research, archaeological analysis, and analysis of design alternatives.

*Client: New Jersey School Construction Corporation (Public Authority)*

*Cunard Building (28 Broadway) Historic Resource Study & Condition Assessment (New York City)*

Working as part of an Environmental Site Assessment team, direction of Historic Resource Survey and detailed condition assessment, including restoration cost estimates, for a historic cruise-ship ticketing office in lower Manhattan. This local landmark interior includes multiple Beaux Arts ceiling fresco and decorative tilework.

*Client: United States Postal Service*

*Belt Parkway Reconstruction – “Context Sensitive” Design Guidelines (Brooklyn, New York)*

Working with landscape preservation specialists from Pressley Associates, this project included coordination with a working group throughout evaluation and design. Work included preliminary interagency coordination, scoping and initial research.



*Client: New York City Department of Transportation / New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
FEMA “How To” Planning Guide – Integrating Hazard Mitigation & Historic Resources*

Principal author of nationwide How-To planning guide which allows for communities properly balance preservation of historic buildings with disaster mitigation projects. The planning guide is sixth in a series of nine reader-friendly publications for local and regional planning departments.

Client: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

*Dulles Airport Expansion EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) – Loudoun County, VA*

Historic Resource Survey, evaluation, planning and public consultation process currently underway for proposed runway expansion of Dulles International Airport. Part of a multi-disciplinary planning team that is evaluating a variety of design options for impacts to historic and environmental resources, as well as socio-economic impacts of multiple project growth patterns. Dulles International Airport is the world’s first jet airport and a master design by Eero Saarinen, an important Modern architect.

Client: Federal Aviation Administration

*FEMA Seismic Decision-Making Guidelines for Historic Buildings*

Co-author, with Wiss Janney Elstner Engineers, of decision-making guidelines for communities undertaking seismic retrofit projects for historic buildings. The project focuses on private owners and architects who seek to understand the financial benefits of successful rehabilitation.

Client: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

*Milton, Pennsylvania - Hazard Mitigation Plan*

Model federal demonstration project included survey of a 700-building historic district and development of a unique community-based planning process for flood-prone historic resources. Planning process included quantitative evaluation of multiple design alternatives, identification of integrated funding strategies, Benefit Cost Analysis and schematic development of new pre-disaster design projects for historic buildings which comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. The project is highlighted as a “Success Story” on FEMA’s webpage.

Client: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

*Woodrow Wilson Bridge Replacement – Virginia, Maryland & Washington DC*

Part of a team which performed multiple cultural resource tasks associated with the \$3.2 billion replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge spanning the Potomac River.

*Client: Federal Highways Administration*

*Multiple Cultural Resource Investigations for Transportation Projects – Delaware*

Co-author of multiple cultural resource reports, including Governor’s Avenue Reconstruction, Dover and SR 1 Improvements, Smyrna. Reports included evaluation of significant historic properties and the development of multiple community-based mitigation options.

Client: Delaware Department of Transportation

*Statewide Historic Bridges Context – Post-1945 (Maryland)*

Co-author of guidelines for identifying and evaluating significant post WWII-era bridges. The document includes a field-test of methodology, detailed research on the development of postwar era bridge technology and standards, and evaluation criteria for specific typologies.

*Client: Maryland State Highways Administration*

*Regional Survey – southern West Virginia*

Multi-county fast-track cultural resource and documentation survey of over 300 historic flood-damaged structures, largely in rural historic mining communities.

*Client: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security  
Historic Resource Survey, Proposed White Oak Power Center (Pittsylvania County, VA)*

Intensive rural survey for a proposed natural gas peaking energy center with multiple tall stacks. Activities included intensive historic resource survey, interagency consultation and mitigation design.

*Client: FPL Energy LLP*

*HABS Documentation, St. Elizabeths Hospital (Washington DC)*

Level II HABS Documentation of multiple agricultural resources and 19<sup>th</sup> century residences within a National Historic Landmark (to be demolished in support of a homeland security communications center). Activities included site documentation and detailed archival research. Submitted to Library of Congress/National Park Service.

*Client: District of Columbia - Office of Chief Technology Officer / Jacobs-Sverdrup Engineers*

*HABS Documentation – Allan Park Veterans Hospital (Detroit, MI)*

Level I HABS Documentation of a historic 1938 12-story hospital complex. Activities included extensive site documentation, measured drawings, archival photography and detailed archival research. Submitted to Library of Congress/National Park Service

Client: Department of Veterans Affairs

*County-wide Historic Resource Survey (Loudoun County, VA)*

Intensive 700-site historic resource survey for the nation's second-fastest growing county. Resources ranged from 18<sup>th</sup> century farmsteads to 1950s suburban development. Activities included scoping, site research and documentation, field survey and data management.

*Client: Loudoun County Department of Planning*

### **CG Consultants (June 1999 – July 2001)**

**Multiple Cultural Resource Investigations for Telecommunication Projects (New Hampshire & Maine)**

Undertook 21 site-specific cultural resource surveys in rural and urban communities for proposed telecommunications installations. Surveys included fieldwork, consultation with State Historic Preservation Office staff, research and effects evaluation.

*Client: SBA Towers Inc & ATC Realty LLC / EnviroBusiness Inc (EBI)*

*Old Main Post Office - Preservation Tax Credit Certification (Chicago, IL)*

Research and design coordination for proposed re-use of 2.5 million square foot historic building, formally the world's largest postal facility. Reuse included hotel, telecommunications and commercial space.

*Client: Gensler / Baldwin Historic Properties*

*5510 N. Sheridan – Investment Tax Credit Certification and National Register Nomination*

Successful nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and investment tax credit coordination in support of a large-scale redevelopment of a historic residential high-rise.

*Client: Wiss Janney Elsner Engineers / Baldwin Historic Properties*

*Citywide Parks Fieldhouse Condition Analysis*

City-wide, multi-site condition analysis and capital improvement estimate of over 40 historic fieldhouses and parks properties.

*Client: Consour Townsend Envirodyne (CTE) Engineers/ Chicago Park District*

*National Register Nomination - Holy Name Cathedral (Chicago, IL)*



Successful nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Chicago's only cathedral. Dating to 1874, the Gothic Revival structure was altered in the 1960s by Modernist architect CF Murphy.

*Client: Archdiocese of Chicago*

## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

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### Publications (Legal Journals)

Torquing the Lugnuts of Time: A 40 Year Tune-Up of the National Historic Preservation Act (anticipated 2006)

Watts My Line? Environmental Siting Strategies for Urban Power Plants (anticipated 2007)

Mr. Smith Goes to Nairobi: The Unwritten Role of Local Actors within International Environmental Law (forthcoming 2007)

### Presentations/Prizes

Presentation (Refereed), Association for Preservation Technology International, Galveston, TX (2004)

Guest Lecture, Preservation Law Class, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2003, 2004)

Presentation (Refereed), Latrobe Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians, College Park MD (2003)

Presentation (Refereed), Association for Preservation Technology International, Toronto (2002)

Presentation, Organization of American Historians, Ames, IA (2000)

Case Prize for Western History - Honors Thesis, Macalester College (1998)

