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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Executive Director, Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, 20 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. (June 1993 - present). Assists Ohio communities with the creation, expansion and rehabilitation of arts, cultural and sports facilities.

Responsibilities:

- Direct the agency, overseeing \$37 million annual operating budget, \$525 million in state capital improvements funds, 300 capital projects located across Ohio, and 14 employees. Report directly to a 12 member Commission appointed by the Governor and Legislative leaders.
- Responsible for project management, public information, legislative liaison activities, coordination with the Governor's office and key policy makers, and interaction with state and local governments and nonprofit arts organizations.
- Key spokesperson for the agency with the legislature and external organizations

Key Accomplishments:

- As first director for the Commission, established an office, hired staff, recommended organizational structure and researched, recommended and implemented policy. Oversaw development of project management process, standard legal documents, financial procedures, reporting systems, project sponsor resource guides and the cultural facilities planning and assessment handbook.
- Successfully balanced the proper oversight of public resources with providing advice and technical assistance to scores of community cultural organizations.
- Established and maintained a high level of confidence in the agency amongst key decision makers.

Executive Director, Capitol Square Foundation, Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, OH 43215 (August 1988 - June 1993). Co-Founded and subsequently directed a non-profit organization established to assist with the restoration of Ohio's state capital building and grounds.

Responsibilities:

- Managed nonprofit organization, oversaw multi-million dollar capital fundraising campaign and three employees. Reported to Board of Trustees.

- Directed statewide public awareness campaign, including newsletter, public presentations, and development of audio visuals, collateral materials, special events, editorial boards, and press conferences related to the rehabilitation of Ohio's State Capitol building and grounds.

Key Accomplishments:

- Oversaw National design competition and public exhibition for the Veterans Memorial Fountain for Ohio's Capitol Square.
- Coordinated with the Ohio Historical Society on development of an education center for the Capitol. Coordinated financial feasibility study and design proposals for museum gift shop at the Capitol.
- Co-produced unique artistic and educational programs on the Capitol grounds: *Voices from the Square* and *McKinley's Carnation - A Celebration of Ohio's Capitol Square*.
- Obtained & managed special project grants from arts and humanities councils.

Landscape Architect Administrator Office of the State Architect, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, OH 43228. (1984 - 1988)

- Initiated the Ohio Chapter - American Society of Landscape Architects community assistance team, which launched the rehabilitation project for Ohio's Capitol Square.
- Reviewed design consultants' drawings and specifications for public construction projects such as state universities, and hospital facilities.

Landscape Architect positions (various) 1980-1984.

EDUCATION

- **Harvard University Loeb Fellow, 2001-2002**, Cambridge, MA 02138. One-year, mid-career fellowship at the Graduate School of Design. Focus: How arts and cultural facilities can become more integral to community revitalization efforts. Independent studies at Harvard's schools of business, law, government and design, included auditing coursework in nonprofit entrepreneurship, excellence in government, leadership, negotiations, community economic development, real estate development and finance, and public and private development.
- **The Ohio State University School of Public Administration**, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Graduate course work in public administration. Construction Specifications Institute Prize.

- **The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture**, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, cum laude; College Honor Student; American Society of Landscape Architects Certificate of Honor.

PUBLIC and PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **National Assembly of State Arts Agencies:** Affiliate Member; Capital Facilities Peer Group, member.
- **Ohio Historic Sites Preservation Advisory Board:** Chair 2003-06. Gubernatorial appointments, 1997- 2000, 2000-03, 2003-06, and 2006-09. Advises the State Historic Preservation Officer on nominations for the National Register of Historic Places and on historic preservation grants.
- **Harvard University Graduate School of Design:** Alumni Council member, 2004 – present.
- **Jefferson Center for Learning & the Arts:** Immediate Past Board Chair; board member 2003-present; Advisory committee and faculty member for *Academy for Leadership & Governance – Executive Fellowship* for non-profit organization executive directors, 2003-present.
- **Columbus Metropolitan Club:** Board of Trustees, 2004-present; Program Committee 1994-present; Co-creator of *Growing Inward–Rebuilding the Center City*
- **Campus Partners for Community Urban Redevelopment:** Board Member, September 2000-present; Community Advisory Board for New Market Tax Credits, Chair, 2004-present.
- **The Ohio State University College of Engineering:** Dean’s Strategy Council, 2006-present.
- **Ohio Arts Council:** Past Chair, *Art in Public Places* and *Design Arts* grant panels.
- **American Society of Landscape Architects:** Immediate Past Chair, Council of Fellows; Past National Vice President for Finance; Past Member, National Board of Trustees,; Council of Fellows Jury, 2000-02; Program Committee Chair, 2000 Annual Meeting; Past Ohio Chapter President.

HONORS & AWARDS

- **Women for Economic and Leadership Development:** Featured as one of “12 Women You Should Know” for 2007.

- American Society of Landscape Architects: Elected to the Council of Fellows; Ohio Chapter Medal; Ohio Chapter Service Awards; Ohio Chapter Merit Award in Communications.
- Business First: “Forty under 40” Award.
- The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture: Distinguished Alumna Award.
- Rotary Foundation: Professional Group Exchange to Brazil. Selected as one of five Ohio women professionals for this five week professional exchange program.

SELECTED PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Columbus Metropolitan Club, Forum speaker, *Lessons from Harvard: The Role of Cultural Facilities in Community Revitalization*.

Heritage Ohio, Presenter at Historic Theatres pre-conference session, Heritage Ohio Annual Conference.

International Economic Development Council, Keynote Speaker, *A Value Assessment - Performing Arts Centers, Convention Centers and Sports Facilities*. IEDC conference.

International Economic Development Council, Panelist on sports facility development, IEDC National conference.

Knowlton School of Architecture, Guest lecturer on arts and cultural facilities as engines of economic development, graduate and undergraduate courses in the departments of City & Regional Planning, and Landscape Architecture.

National Council of State Legislatures, Presenter on Creative Industries and State Spending, NCSL Assembly on State Issues.

Ohio Museums Association, Annual conference session presenter on Launching your Museum Construction, Renovation or Expansion Project.

Ohio Historical Society - Building Connections Conference, Session presenter on *Launching your cultural facility construction, rehabilitation or expansion project*.