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Career

U.S. Geological Survey (1974-2012); Pan American Institute on Geography & History (PAIGH) – Director Geographic Names program (1993-present); Designer & Developer Nation’s Official Geographic Names Repository (GNIS Database) (1979-2006); United Nations Permanent Delegate from USA - Mapping & Geographic Names (1989-2006; Delegation Head 1991 & 1993-2006); Named Mountain in Antarctica (Mount Payne – 2006); United States Interior Department Representative to American National Standards Institute’s Committee on Data Representation (1987-2001); Federal Scientist Exchange Program - Antarctic 2000; China 1989; Howard University 1985; Elected to Membership of the Cosmos Club (1994); Elected Fellow of the Explores Club International (1991); President American Name Society (1989)

Adjunct Faculty

Old Dominion University (2005-2013); George Mason University (1979-1983 & 1998-2001); George Washington University (1977-1989); Benjamin Franklin University (1985-1987); Northern Virginia College (1974-1977); East Carolina University (1969-1971)

Consulting

Cambridge University Press, Polar Record (2021); University of Wisconsin Press (2015); WCNY New York (potential project) 2010-2015; Oregon Historical Society (2008); University of Chicago Press (2003-2006); Summer Production Studios (2003-2006); Oxford University Press (2000); Bloomsburg Publishing (1998-2000); Atlantic Cooperation Group (Virginia) – September 2004

Publications

Names, Naming, Identity, and the Law. Forthcoming (chapter, applied toponymy) ; Book (OBX Gazetteer © 2021); Book Chapters – Cartography in the Twentieth Century (Applied Toponymy © 2007); Names Studies & Essays in the Theory of Names (Geographic Names Activity in the U.S. © 1996); Surnames, Nicknames, Placenames and Epithets in America: Essays in the Theory of Names (Development and Implementation of the Nation’s Official Geographic Names Database © 2006); Editor National Gazetteer of the United States (conventional and digital), U.S. Geological Survey, Professional Paper 1200, 1987-2006; An Analysis of Urban Development, Specialization, and Functional Classification in the Republic of South Africa. Master’s Thesis © 1972; More than 50 Papers in several journals and conferences; More than 75 Book Reviews for the Association for the Advancement of Science (including over 20 children’s books)