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EDUCATION:

- B.A. / M.A. in Archaeology. University of Colorado, Boulder.

PRINCIPAL PUBLICATIONS:

- ***Ephemeral Bounty: Wickiups, Trade Goods, and the Final Years of the Autonomous Ute.*** University of Utah Press, 2016.
- “The Colorado Wickiup Project: Investigations into The Early Historic Ute Occupation of Western Colorado.” In: ***Fierce and Indomitable: The Protohistoric Non-Pueblo World*** by Deni J. Seymour, 2017.
- “Insights Regarding the Dating of Ute Occupation in West Central and Northwest Colorado.” In: ***Spirit Lands of the Eagle and Bear: Numic Archaeology and Ethnohistory in the American West*** by Robert Brunswig, University Press of Colorado, 2020.

POSITIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, Colorado (2023 - present)
- Western Colorado Writer’s Forum, Grand Junction (2023 - present)
- Colorado Mesa University, Lecturer in Archaeology/Field School Director, Grand Junction (2009 - 2022)
- Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists (CCPA)
- Colorado Archaeological Society, Grand Junction Chapter (CAS-GJ)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- 2012 U.S. Department of the Interior Partners in Conservation Award—Washington, DC; for “exceptional contributions to maintain a Native American cultural heritage through collaboration with others” on the creation of the Ute Learning Garden.
- 2014 Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation—Denver; to the Colorado Wickiup Project for a project that “exemplifies the best in historic preservation, in honoring historic design and craftsmanship, and proper preservation techniques and ethics.”
- 2017 Museums of the West Heritage Archaeology Award—Grand Junction, CO; for “distinguished and long-term contributions by an individual to the public understanding and appreciation of Mesa County and Western Slope Archaeology.”
- 2022 Colorado Archaeological Society—C. T. Hurst “Silver Trowel” Award for “individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to Colorado archaeology.”

FIELD WORK AND PRINCIPAL PROJECTS:

- Field work in Colorado (including Mesa Verde and Rocky Mountain National Parks, Canyons of the Ancients and Colorado National Monuments, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, and Ute Mountain Tribal Park), Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, California, Montana, Texas, and Switzerland
- Principal Investigator and Project Archaeologist positions include:
 - Principal Investigator and Project Archaeologist on over 200 CRM projects
 - Principal Investigator, Dominquez Archaeological Research Group, Grand Junction, CO (2003 - 2017)
 - Principal Investigator, Grand River Institute (GRI), Grand Junction, CO (1977 - 2017)
 - Principal Investigator, The Colorado Wickiup Project/The Wickiup Project (throughout state). (2004 - present). 18 awarded grants. Reports available at: www.dargnet.org
 - The Escalante Site excavation (Dolores, CO)
 - University of Colorado Mesa Verde Research Center (MV National Park)

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Ute wickiup and trade ware specialist
 - 18 research grants awarded by History Colorado State Historic Fund
- Experienced metal detectorist
- Work collaboratively with the Native American community: Uintah and Ouray, Ute Mountain, and Southern Ute tribes; Navajo and Zuni reservations
- Extensive grant writing and report preparation
- On-going public and professional outreach program involving speaking engagements, television and radio interviews, and book signings

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Lecturer in Archaeology Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction (2009-2022). *Field Methods, Field Research* (field school), *Colorado Archaeology, Laboratory Methods and Report Preparation, Contact Period Archaeology*.
- Participant in the Ute STEM Project: *A Study in the Integration of Western Knowledge and Native American Knowledge Bases* (2016-2022).
- Public and professional consultation and outreach programs about the Ute Indians and aboriginal wooden structures and trade goods in Colorado.
- University of Colorado Museum enhancement programs K through 12, Boulder Valley School District: "Archaeology of the Southwest", "Archaeology as a Career Choice", and "Native American Arts and Crafts".
- Summer camp program "Walk Like an Ohlone," ages 12 through 15, Marin County, California (in-field workshops on how prehistoric peoples lived on the land).
- Mountain-Plains Enhancement Programs, Arvada (Colorado). Presentations on the "Indians of Colorado," primarily to 4th grade public school classes.