

PETER J. PARKER

Education

Harvard College, A.B., *c.l.*; University of Pennsylvania, M.A., history

Professional Experience

Inlook Group, Portsmouth, NH (Since 1990)

Assessment, planning and implementation services to non-profit cultural organizations, colleges and universities, government agencies, and businesses, including:

- Collections management: collections policy and attendant policies and procedures, appraisal methodology, standards of description
- Archives and/or records management: policies, procedures, appraisal methodology, benchmarking, cost-benefit analysis, records inventory
- Space planning
- Preservation planning
- Disaster preparedness planning
- Strategic Planning
- Training, supervising staff and/or volunteers; assistance in finding suitable staff
- Organizing and facilitating customized workshops or strategic planning retreats

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Curator and then Director

As Curator (1970 - 1984)

- Responsible for a nationally known collection of manuscripts, prints, drawings, photographs, maps, a/v materials, paintings, and artifacts
- Supervised reference, conservation, and photo-duplication services
- Planned and supervised retrospective cataloguing for on-line (RLIN) project for c. 14 million manuscripts, prints, and photographs
- Planned, secured funding for, and supervised a major NEH-supported cataloguing project and five NHPRC-supported preservation microfilming projects

As Director (1984 -1990)

- Produced HSP's first long-range plan, improved collections and preservation policies and implemented disaster recovery and scheduled maintenance plans.
- Secured funding for and supervised the construction of new climate-controlled stacks and collections storage; renovated conservation laboratory

- Improved standards of access, preservation, and storage for collections
- Automated administrative functions, including Business and Development Offices

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, Instructor, History Department - American (colonial and early national periods) and European history. Faculty Curriculum Committee; Chair, Faculty Library Committee

Related Professional Experience:

- Adjunct faculty, University of Pennsylvania (American Civilization Department) and Temple University (History Department)
- Reviewer/ Panelist for: American Association of Museums, Institute of Museum Services, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- Board and committee memberships:

In Pennsylvania: PA State Historical Records Advisory Board; PA Federation of Museums and Historical Agencies; Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies; Philadelphia Area Coalition of Special Collections Libraries. Organizing President of Richard Allen Museum of Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church; Board member: Cliveden of the National Trust; Maxwell Mansion, a house museum (president, 3 terms); National Constitution Center; Print Club of Philadelphia

In New Hampshire: Member, Collections Committee, New Hampshire Historical Society; Secretary of the Board of Governors and Chair, Collections Committee and Museum Assessment Program task force, American Independence Museum, Exeter; Trustees of North Hampton Public Library; Vice-president & Newsletter Editor, New Hampshire Library Trustees Association; Member, North Hampton Public School Technology Planning Committee; School Administrative Unit #21 Study Committee; North Hampton Capital Improvement Program Committee; and North Hampton Heritage Commission

Professional memberships:

American Alliance of Museums
 National Council on Public History
 New England Archivists
 New Hampshire Archives Group