

Laura Purvis, MA		Architectural Historian II	
National Park Service Professional Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architectural Historian Historian 		Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Management Archival Research and Field Documentation Report Preparation 	
		Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M.A. Architectural History, Certificate in Historic Preservation, University of Virginia B.A. Art History, College of William and Mary A. A. Liberal Arts, Piedmont Virginia Community College 	
Professional Experience Summary			
Architectural Historian Cultural Resource Analysts Richmond, Virginia 2016 – Present		Independent Consultant, Architectural History and Fundraising 2011 – 2016	
		Administrative Specialist and Instructor, Art & Architectural History James Madison University Washington & Lee University 2010 – 2013, 2014 – 2016	
<p>Laura Purvis is an architectural and art historian holding a M.A. in Architectural History with a Certificate in Historic Preservation and B.A. in Art History focusing on museum practices and cultural landscapes. Her professional and academic background includes a wide range of projects from documenting rocket test facilities at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, to community and building recording projects throughout Virginia and within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Having worked across the non-profit, public, and private sectors, she is experienced in communicating project goals, procedures, and timelines to a variety of audiences.</p> <p>At CRA, Laura serves as an Architectural Historian based in the company's Richmond, Virginia, office specializing in National Register Nominations, field survey, community histories, and cultural landscapes. Her previous research focused on enslaved Virginians' built legacy from the nineteenth century and the communities that developed throughout the twentieth century. She also has taught architectural and art history at the university level, leading students in building documentation projects and other community-based research opportunities. Laura served as an independent consultant while teaching and has completed National Register Nominations in collaboration with historians in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.</p>			
<p><u>REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS</u></p> <p>National Register of Historic Places Documentation:</p> <p>2016 Historic District Nomination for West Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia. Building descriptions and site documentation prepared for Maral Kalbian, LLC.</p> <p>2013 Individual Property National Register Nomination, Barton Lodge, Bath County, Virginia. Prepared for Frazier Associates with Bill Frazier and Beth Scripps</p> <p>2011 Historic District Nomination for Lovettsville, Virginia. Building descriptions and site documentation prepared for Maral Kalbian, LLC.</p> <p>2009 Historic District Nomination for Fry's Spring, Charlottesville, Virginia. Prepared for the City of Charlottesville via a Certified Local Government grant working with Maral Kalbian, LLC.</p>			

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Surveys and Field Schools:

- 2016 Historic District Nomination for West Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.** Field Survey and documentation with Maral Kalbian, LLC.
- 2013 Individual Property National Register Nomination, Barton Lodge, Bath County, Virginia.** Field visit, photo documentation, and local chain of title research for Frazier Associates
- 2012 Victorian Society in America, London Summer Field School,** University of Virginia.
- 2011 Historic District Nomination for Lovettsville, Virginia.** Field Survey and documentation working with Maral Kalbian, LLC.
- 2010 Victorian Society in America, Newport, Rhode Island Field School,** University of Virginia
- 2010 Cultural Resource GIS project for Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama.** Photographed, documented and researched Cold-War era testing sites as part of CRGIS project for the Virginia Space Grant Consortium and NASA-Langley. Assisted with MOA preparation.
- 2009 Historic District Nomination for Fry's Spring, Charlottesville, Virginia.** Field Survey and documentation working with Maral Kalbian, LLC.
- 2009 Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts Summer Institute,** University of Virginia
- 2009 Learning Barge and Community History project in Hampton Roads and the Elizabeth River,** University of Virginia. Researched and documented development patterns for the Cradock community near Norfolk Naval Shipyard and Portsmouth Naval Hospital, created interactive display from that research for the Learning Barge project on the Elizabeth River.
- 2008 Property Research on Fort Monroe and Hampton, Virginia.** Both physical and documentary research on the former Civil War era African American communities both at Fort Monroe and near current Hampton University.
- 2008 University of Hawaii at Manoa Preservation Field School,** University of Hawaii, Analyzed and documented complex cultural landscapes at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park through lectures by Native Hawaiians and examination of park resources. Created measured drawings, worked in the backcountry, and conducted research in park collections.

Rehabilitation Grants:

- 2014 Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance Façade Improvement Grant.** Successful application for the Arts Council of the Valley.

Heritage Tourism:

- 2013 Heart of the Arts, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Historic and Art Sites Brochure and Self-Guided Tour.** Prepared for the Arts Council of the Valley with Lindsay Denny, Graphic Designer.

Oral History Documentation:

- 2014 Audrey Smith Interview, Harrisonburg, Virginia.** Documentation project recording Ms. Smith's memoirs of the historic Smith House in Downtown Harrisonburg and her experiences during World War II.
- 2008 Cradock Community Interviews, Portsmouth, Virginia.** A series of oral history interviews from residents in this early government-planned community featuring one of the first shopping centers in the region. Interviews also feature discussion of urban renewal and other significant changes in Virginia's Hampton Roads.

Preservation Planning:

- 2009-2010 Charlottesville Neighborhood Planning Department staff member.** Support BAR members and complete project notifications for this Certified Local Government. Update information on historic overlay districts and assist with National Register Nomination surveys. Work with GIS staff to produce maps in preparation for historic site and district research. Staff

member assigned to the Historic Resources Committee and update historic preservation planning information on the city's website.

REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING & CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- 2016 Ready, Set, Grant Conference at Virginia Commonwealth University.** Conference sessions on grant writing for community projects and research, including procedures for major federal granting agencies.
- 2015 Prague Study Abroad Program.** Program Assistant training, led discussions on World Heritage Sites including Kutná Hora and Terezin (Theresienstadt) Concentration Camp.
- 2014 "Researching Hampton: African American Housing During and After the Civil War"** guest speaker class presentation at the University of Virginia.
- 2013 ArtWorks for Virginia, Virginia Commission for the Arts Conference.** Focus on community revitalization, including historic resources, and the arts.
- 2013 "Contraband Housing" presented at Massanutten Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia Monthly Meeting.**
- 2012 Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference, Madison, Wisconsin.**
- 2012 "The Slabtown type – Considering Hampton Road's Contraband Camps" presented at the Virginia Forum's Annual Meeting**
- 2010 "Community and Construction in Hampton Road's Contraband Camps" presented at the Virginia Forum's Annual Meeting**
- 2010 Preservation Virginia, Annual Conference.**
- 2010 Federal Document Handling Training, Virginia Space Grant Consortium. NASA**
- 2009 Preservation Virginia, Annual Conference.**
- 2008 "Interpreting Remnants: The Cultural and Physical Changes in African American Housing from 1830-1880 in Rural Tidewater Virginia" presented at Southeastern Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting**
- 2007 Preservation Virginia, Annual Conference. Conference Planning Assistant.**

Publications:

- 2013 *Heart of the Arts* Self-Guided Tour Brochure** researched and produced for the Arts Council of the Valley featuring art and cultural sites in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Virginia
- 2010 "Contraband Camps" and "Hoecakes" in *The World of A Slave*.** Greenwood/ABC-CLIO
- 2010 K-12 Lesson Plans for Marshall Space Flight Center Saturn V testing facilities**
- 2010 Cold War Era History of Marshall Space Flight Center, including Saturn V testing facilities**
- 2009 Self-Guided Walking Tour brochure and signage for the Bacon's Castle Outbuildings and Slave Quarters in Surry County, Virginia**
- 2009 Thesis: *Constructing Freedom: African American Housing in Hampton Roads Virginia.*** Investigated the settlement and building patterns of formerly enslaved African American in Hampton Roads from the Civil War to 1900

Teaching:

- 2010-2015 Instructor, Art History, James Madison University**
 - Courses Taught:
 - ARTH 205 Survey of World Art 1: Prehistoric to Renaissance
 - ARTH 206 Survey of World Art II: Renaissance to Modern

ARTH406/506 and HIST 406: Monticello
ARTH 469/569 Topics in 19th Century Art: 19th Century American Architecture
Led students in community history research
ARTH 489/589 Topics in Art History: Vernacular Architecture
Led students in chain of title research and building documentation
ART 496/ARTH 495 Internship in Art: Arts Administration Career Development

2011 Visiting Instructor, Washington & Lee University

ARTH 362 Seminar in Vernacular Architecture
Led students in building documentation and community research

2010 Instructor, Piedmont Virginia Community College

ART 102, History and Appreciation of Art II

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

2014-Present Kennedy Center's Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child Initiative

Harrisonburg, VA. Board Member, 2014-2016; Leadership Team, 2015; Consultant

2012-Present Valley Conservation Council

2008-Present US/ICOMOS

2008-Present National Trust for Historic Preservation

2008-Present Preservation North Carolina

2007-Present Vernacular Architecture Forum

2004-Present Preservation Virginia