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**Education:**

1970 BA – Sam Houston State University, History  
1994 MA History – University of Houston, Institute for Public History  
1996 Modern Archive Institute, National Archives

**Sam Houston Memorial Museum:**  
**Director January 2013 – present**

**Collections Department 1995-2012**

Curator of Collections  
Wrote and implemented first Collections Policies and Procedures  
Wrote first Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Plan  
Accreditation by AAM  
Certified site by THC for State Associated Held-in-Trust Collections  
Converted collections databases to Access and Past Perfect  
Began imaging artifacts  
Sam Houston State University Internal audit  
Assisted with October Archaeology Fair  
Wrote, received, and participated in Conservation Assessment Program Grant  
Sam Houston Julep Cup- initiated, designed, and produced  
Significant Acquisitions:  
    Rost Collection  
    Houston Silhouette  
    Sam Houston Chair  
    Other period objects

**Activities**

**Preservation:**

National Parks Service, two summer log structure preservation workshops in Montana  
Received THC Preservation Trust Grant for Sam Houston's "Woodland" Home  
Painted Woodland Home and Steamboat House  
Skirting Woodland Home  
Roberts Farris Cabin restoration served as project manager  
Heating in Steamboat House  
Guerrant Cabin restoration served as project manager  
Joshua Houston, Jr. Home restoration served as project manager  
Walker County Historical Commission – "Preservationist of the Year"  
    for work at Oakwood Cemetery

**Exhibits:**

Assisted with writing text for renovations of Main Museum

Wrote text for artifacts on exhibit in Main Museum and Exhibit Hall

Designed and installed:

Currency of the Republic

Sam Houston grave marker

Sam Houston memorabilia collection

Joshua Houston and Eliza Revelle

**Publications:**

*Sam Houston Memorial Museum* guide book

*Sam Houston, For Texas and the Union*

**Outside Museum**

Worked with:

University of Houston Architecture Department

United States Department of State, Embassy Division

Department of Interior National Landmark Report

Tides of Texas History

Walker County Treasures

Bob Bullock, Texas State History Museum

Wynne Home Arts Center

Texas Prison Museum

Hill College

Texas Highways

Texas State Cemetery

**Museum related**

Worked with:

Transferred items to Consumer Sciences SHSU

Worked on and conducted school outreach programs

Assisted educational publishing companies with images and text

Assisted various researchers including James Haley

SHSU Alumni Association, President Markers, Oakwood Cemetery

SHSU Founder Day Presentation

SHSU Lets' Talk Committee

**Presentations:**

Texas State Historical Association

ALFAM

Texas Association of Museums

*Gone to Texas* participant

**Affiliations:**

Sons of the Republic of Texas  
Sons of the American Revolution

**Community Service related:**

Mayor City of Huntsville – two terms  
Huntsville City Council - four terms  
Walker County Heritage Foundation / Joshua Houston, Jr. Home  
Oakwood Cemetery Advisory Board  
Wrote application and received Historic Texas Cemetery designation for Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas  
City of Huntsville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
City of Huntsville Marker Committee:  
    Andrew Female College  
    Wynne Home  
    Boettcher's Mill (wrote narrative and application)  
    Cumberland Presbyterian Church (wrote narrative and application)  
    James A. Baker (wrote narrative and application)  
    Roberts Farris Cabin  
    Original Site of the Steamboat House  
    Bishop Ward College  
  
Board member Boys and Girls Club of Walker County  
Served on March 2 Birthday Committee