

Resume: Dava Davy McGahee

Accomplished anthropologist/park-ranger/interpreter with exceptional presentation, research, and writing skills. Experienced NPS archeologist, cultural and historical anthropologist, naturalist, and curation technician. Specialized education and experience in anthropology and the archeology of the southwest, Mesoamerica, and Spanish colonization. Proven expertise in field studies, ethnography, administration of park resources, supervision, public relations, teaching, and design/production of museum programs and exhibits.

1/13-present **Volunteer:** National Park Service
Fundación de Parques y Museos de Cozumel, Quintana Roo

4/2010-1/13 **Staff Archaeologist,** Capitol Reef National Park

8/97-4/2010 **Park Ranger/Interpretation,** San Antonio Missions NHP

8/95-11/95 **Museum Technician/Curation,** NPS SWRO, Santa Fe

1983-97 **Public and Private Teaching-** Connecticut

1979-82 **Private Business/Public Relations –** New Mexico

6/76-4/78 **Chief of Interpretation,** Guadalupe Mountains NP

4/74-6/76 **Staff Archeologist,** Ocmulgee NM

9/73-4/74 **Park Ranger/Law Enforcement,** Guilford Courthouse NMP

5/73-9/73 **Park Ranger/Environmental Education,** Saguaro NM

1/73-5/73 **Intake Ranger,** Grand Canyon NP

6/70-2/72 **Research Assistant,** University of South Florida

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, University of South Florida, 1972

Anthropology & Archeology Field Research

Universidad De San Carlos, Antigua, Guatemala, 1969

Field School and Ethnography Studies

Master of Arts in World History, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2005

Funeral Director: San Antonio College, State of TX -license pending, 2008

Post Graduate Instruction:

Environmental Education, George Williams College

National Park Operations, HOAL Academy, Grand Canyon NP

Collection & Preservation Techniques, U of CT

Studies in Native American Arts, U of CT

Interpretation and Interpretive Competencies, NPS

Supervision & Management, NPS

ARPA, NEPA, NHPA, PEPC

PUBLICATIONS:

Papers:

Mesoamerica – Religion and the Church in Present Day Guatemala
Acculturation and Culture Change – The Neuter Americans
Causes of War
Exhibiting for Adolescents – a comparative history
Blending of Food ways in Spanish Colonial Missions on the San Antonio River: 1718-1794

Posters and Post Cards:

Guadalupe Mountains NP
McKittrick Canyon
Butterfield Stage Stop

Magazine Article:

NM Sun Country Travel Guide: Destination Carlsbad, We're Expecting You

Guides:

Mother Earth Environmental Study Guide
McKittrick Canyon Highlights for Hikers Trailguide
Desert Scout Color-mat Trip Guide

Books:

Butterfield Overland Mail - The Pinery
But We Didn't See Any Animals
Cactus Patch and Friends

Brochures:

Mission San Francisco de la Espada
Mission San Juan Capistrano
Teaching in Stone
Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo
Day of the Dead
Caring for Culture

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Interpreters
Florida Anthropological Society
Rock Art Foundation of TX
Phi Kappa Phi
Great Basin Anthropological Association

HONORS/RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

Best Educational Exhibit Award, Guadalupe Mountains National Park
Southwest Regional Director's Commendation - Poster - National Park Service
San Antonio Missions NHP Star Award - Exhibits - 1998
Ethel Wilson Harris Discovery Center Exhibit Award 2001
Day of the Dead Exhibit Award 2003
Edwin C. Bearss Fellowship Award 2002 and 2003
UTSA Outstanding Graduate Thesis Monetary Award 2005
National Association of Interpretation (NAI) Presenter: Day of the Dead Puppet Show - 2006
Spirit of Service Award -USA Freedom Corps - 2007
NAI Presenter: TEEN Encounters - Masks, Tattoos, Body Art - 2008
San Antonio Missions NHP Star Award - Exhibits - 2009