

Vermont Alliance for Response Forum Speakers Bios

JANE S. LONG

Jane S. Long is Vice President for Emergency Programs at Heritage Preservation, a national nonprofit in Washington, DC. She also serves as director of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force, a partnership of 41 national service organizations and federal agencies. Formed in 1995, the Task Force provides information and tools to help cultural institutions better prepare for and respond to emergencies. Ms. Long has created and developed many Task Force initiatives, including the innovative Alliance for Response program and the award-winning *Field Guide to Emergency Response*. She is co-author of *Caring for Your Family Treasures* (Harry N. Abrams, 2000). Ms. Long has served as Special Projects Coordinator for the U.S. President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and Executive Director of the Foundation for Public Affairs. She holds a BA from the College of Wooster and MA from the University of Chicago.

MJ DAVIS

From 1995 to 2004, Ms. Davis worked part-time for the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance (VMGA) as the Project Director for the statewide collections care program. During 2002, the VMGA collections care program was chosen as the recipient of the joint AIC/Heritage Preservation award for *Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections*. In October of 2000, Ms. Davis was one of ten professionals chosen to participate in the FAIC/National Task Force on Emergency Response *Train the Trainers* disaster workshop. In 2003, Ms. Davis organized the Vermont Emergency Response Team for Cultural Institutions consisting of 15 people from Vermont's cultural community and trained them in emergency response issues. In conjunction with her professional organization, the American Institute for Conservation and her colleague Barbara Moore, Ms. Davis has helped train and develop a national response team for cultural institutions called the AIC Collections Emergency Response Team. Ms. Davis has a MA in art conservation and has maintained a private practice in paper conservation in Newark, VT since 1995.

POLLY DARNELL

In addition to serving as Archivist & Librarian at Shelburne Museum, Ms. Darnell is the coordinator of the museum's ever-evolving disaster plan, which she spent a year developing from discussions with staff and from previous emergency plans. Prior to coming to Shelburne in 1995, Ms. Darnell ran the Research Center at the Sheldon Museum in Middlebury, Vermont for 25 years. Polly is a member of the national AIC-CERT team and the VMGA disaster team.

BARBARA S. FARR

Barbara Farr was appointed Director of the Vermont Division of Emergency Management in June 2005. Oversight includes planning, preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery for all-hazards for the State of Vermont. Developing and enhancing partnerships between the local communities, state departments and federal entities in the emergency management field are a critical focus. She is an officer on the Board of Directors of the National Emergency Managers Association. Farr's previous experience includes principal of a consulting firm specializing in emergency preparedness, recovery and mitigation through FEMA and Homeland Security contracts and was the director of a Vermont regional planning commission for fourteen years. Farr lead Lamoille County in recovering from several federally declared flood disasters in the 1990s. She also was instrumental in securing millions of dollars in recovery funds through federal grant programs and through Project Impact, a former FEMA mitigation initiative. Farr holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Law from the Vermont Law School and a Bachelors Degree from the University of New Hampshire. She has also worked for the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences in North Carolina and conducted research at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts.

ANDREW RADDANT

Mr. Raddant has served since 1994 as the Department of the Interior's Regional Environmental Officer for the northeast U.S., covering New York, New Jersey and the New England States. Areas of responsibility include emergency response to natural and technical disasters, oil spills and hazardous materials releases; the policy and technical review of non-Interior projects and proposals potentially affecting resources of the Department; and, the Department's Federal Facility compliance requirements.

WOODSTOCK SCENARIO

Corwin Sharp	Director of Program Development, Billings Farm & Museum
Laura Anderson	Curator, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park
Phil Swanson	Town Manager, Town of Woodstock, VT
Byron Kelly	Chief of Police, Woodstock, VT
Jay Morgan	Town Clerk, Woodstock, VT
Jack Anderson	Executive Director, Woodstock Historical Society
Deb Spackman	Head Librarian, Norman Williams Public Library and Volunteer Fireperson and EMT
Butch Sutherland	Fire Chief, Woodstock, VT and Fire Marshall for the VT Div. of Fire Safety, Rutland Office

AIMEE PRIMEAUX

Ms. Primeaux is a Preservation Consultant working from Arlington, Mass. She is the Project Manager for the Northeast Document Conservation Center's COSTEP

(Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness) project, and serves as the Coordinator for the American Institute for Conservation's AIC-CERT (Collections Emergency Response Teams). She teaches both online and live workshops on preservation and disaster preparedness, as well as *Preservation Management* at Simmons College's Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Prior to her work as a consultant she was the Special Projects Coordinator and Field Service Representative for the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts. She has an M.L.S. in Library and Information Science and an M.A. in American History from Simmons College in Boston and a B.A. from Millsaps College in Mississippi.

JACK SULLIVAN

Jack began working for FEMA in 1991. He spent close to two years working out of field offices during Hurricane Andrew, the 1993 Midwest Floods, and the Northridge Earthquake in 1994. In addition he has worked in more than 50 FEMA-State Joint Field Offices. In Katrina he was part of the Emergency Response Team – Advanced Element (ERT-A) that spent the first week delivering services at the NO Superdome. Later he served as the Chief of Staff for Environmental and Historic Preservation team that worked out of Baton Rouge. In Region I he has served as the Individual Assistance Branch Chief, the Hazard Mitigation Grants Branch Chief, and currently is FEMA's Region I Environmental and Historic Preservation Officer.

NICK ARTIM P.E.

Nick currently serves as the director of the Heritage Protection Group, a Middlebury, Vermont based collaborative of fire protection and security consultants and engineers that specializes in heritage protection. Over more than twenty-five years his project experience has included sites in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Bermuda and Ireland with clients that include several National Park Service historic sites, the National Libraries of Canada and Ireland, the Scottish Supreme Court, and the Canadian Museum of Civilization, historic structures under the jurisdiction of the Vermont State Government and the home of President James Madison.

Previously he was the Chief Fire Protection Engineer for the Architect of the United States Capitol where he was responsible for fire and life safety at the U.S Capitol Complex. He also served as a professional fire fighter for the Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Fire and Rescue Services.

Nick is a registered fire protection engineer and has a formal education consisting of Associates and Bachelors Degrees in Fire Protection. He is a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPA) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) where he serves as a principal committee member on the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Resources. He is also responsible for fire protection educational services with the International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection and has authored a number of fire protection technical articles, and serves as an instructor for several fire protection educational seminars.

JACKIE CALDER

Jackie has been Curator at the Vermont Historical Society for almost 20 years. Before that she worked in history museums in Connecticut and New York. She is a member of the Vermont Emergency Response Team for Cultural Institutions. In addition to co-chairing the Vermont Alliance for Response Forum with MJ Davis she is Project Director of the IMLS funded Vermont Connecting to Collections Project that is working to discover the collections care needs of Vermont's cultural heritage institutions.

ANN COUSINS

Ann Cousins is a Field Services Representative and Special Gifts Officer for the Preservation Trust of Vermont. As a Field Rep, she, Eric Gilbertson, and Meg Campbell (Bennington County) assist local organizations and individuals who are trying to save and use historic places. Their work goes beyond individual buildings to include strategies for keeping village centers and downtowns vibrant. The Preservation Trust of Vermont is a statewide nonprofit organization www.ptvermont.org. The Field Services Program is in partnership with the Nat. Trust for Historic Preservation www.preservationnation.org.