

# Benjamin Briggs

## *Preservation Management / Architectural History / Historic Resource Survey*

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### **Qualification Summary**

#### **Non-Profit Management**

Extensive service with local not-for-profit boards, including North Carolina Friends Historical Society, High Point Historical Society, and Jamestown Historical Society. Served on fund raising committee with High Point Friends School which accomplished a \$2.2 million capital campaign in 2003 for construction of a new Lower School building. Experience with docent training, preservation planning and management, advocacy, and promotions.

#### **Architectural History**

Experience writing about architectural history and identification of architectural styles, especially ante-bellum Quaker design. Past accomplishments include a feature on HGTV, a six-year column on architectural history published in the *High Point Enterprise*, and numerous essays on historic sites along the eastern seaboard states.

#### **Survey Experience**

Hands on experience with survey work for the North Carolina SHPO, the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Australian Heritage Commission in Canberra, Australia. Additional related work includes structural evaluation, historic site analysis and local landmark nominations.

#### **Project Management**

Broad experience as project manager on restoration projects, including two residences for resale and personal residence; and assisted in application of tax credits for an income-producing property. Have completed numerous Conservation Plans, Historic Structure Reports and Condition Assessment Reports on buildings in and around central North Carolina.

### **Career Highlights**

#### **Executive Director, Preservation Greensboro Incorporated**

##### **October 2003-Present**

Managed staff and programming for the largest citywide non-profit in North Carolina. Set agenda for preservation efforts of the organization throughout Greensboro, ranging from downtown revitalization to fundraising and public relations. Managed an annual budget of more than \$300,000, and administration of a small staff. Entities operating within PGI include Blandwood Mansion (National Historic Landmark), Architectural Salvage of Greensboro, Preservation Greensboro Development Fund, and the Blandwood Carriage House conference facility.

**Career  
Highlights  
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**Consultant, Alamance County Historic Resources Survey**

**November 2001-August 2002**

Updated the 1980 Architectural Resources inventory of the Alamance County with particular focus on African-American resources as well as twentieth century resources. Utilized and coordinated a select group of students from the Randolph Community College Historic Preservation Technology program to assist in identifying historic resources, gather photographs, create files and describe each property in the state's county-wide file database. Projects also included contextual essays as well as the submission of a list for inclusion on National Register Study List.

**Consultant, High Point Historic Resources Survey**

**November 1999- September 2000**

Updated the 1975-77 Architectural Resources inventory of the City of High Point, with particular focus on neighborhoods within the central core of the city. Neighborhood types ranged from mill villages, to African-American resources, and included twentieth-century neighborhoods and downtown High Point. Projects also included the compilation of contextual essays on High Point history and architecture and submission of sites for inclusion on Study List. The survey was published by the City of High Point and History Press under the title *The Architecture of High Point, North Carolina* in 2008.

**Program Head, Randolph Community College**

**August 1999-October 2003**

Director of the Historic Preservation Technology program. Responsibilities include class content and instruction and community involvement. Developed initiatives within the program enabling students to participate in hands on preservation activities, such as the creation of conservation plans, feasibility studies, non-profit management, National Register nominations and state survey projects. Administered a staff of six adjunct faculty, program budget, and numerous guest speakers from the professional sector of the field.

**Education**

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA**

**M.A., Preservation Studies, 1996**

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, Raleigh, NC**

**B.A., Multi-Disciplinary Studies (Architecture and Sociology), 1989**

**WESTTOWN SCHOOL, Westtown, PA, 1985**

**Involvement**

**Executive Director Academy/Center for Creative Leadership (2010)**

**Leadership Greensboro (2005)**

**Excellence in Community Service Award, Daughters of the American Revolution (2004)**

**North Carolina Friends Historical Society, Clerk (1998-2003)**

**Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission, Chairman (1996- 2009)**

**High Point Friends School, Trustee (1998-present)**

**Historic Jamestown Society, Board Member (1996- 2008)**

**High Point Historical Society, Board Member (1993-1995)**

**High Point Preservation Commission, Commissioner (1990-1994)**

**Recipient of US/ICOMOS International Summer Internship (1995)**

**Recipient of "Gertrude S. Carraway" Award of Merit from Preservation North Carolina, Inc. (1993)**

**Historic Charleston Foundation, Intern (1985)**