

Diversity Statement

Past Experience:

For the last twenty years have worked in the field of interactive museums, the majority of my work has coincided with the revitalization of urban areas. Often science centers and children's museums are used to revitalize urban communities. Have worked on interactive museum projects in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Malaysia, China, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Past Activities:

Mentoring Activities: For the last five years have lived as an expat in Mexico working as a museum planner and professor. Have worked on several "linkage" projects, creating collaborations between museums (under funded), universities, corporations and NGOs. Have also mentored many students as part of the linkage projects.

Public Service: As a museum planner with experience of more than twenty years, often called on to give opinion on issues such as climate change education, interactive public education in underrepresented communities on a pro bono basis. Have an active blog Museum Planner <http://museumplanner.org> that is often used by organizations in developing countries to protect and display cultural heritage.

Research Activities: Currently conducting research in the area of human computer interaction HCI for public settings, including STEM and STEAM.

Other Activities: Active member SEGD, AAM, ASTC and ICOM. The issue of inequality in museums and unpaid internships has been a become a major issue of the last five years, have been very active in committees and ad-hoc groups in underrepresented staff and volunteers gaining a voice within the museum community.

Planned Activities:

Working on a second book *Museum Customer Experience CX*, in discussions with my publisher for a second edition of my book *Museums 101* and a new book *Museums 102*.

<http://www.amazon.com/Museums-101-Mark-Walhimer/dp/1442230185>

Personally concerned that the global economy is bypassing many in underrepresented communities in the area of technology literacy and critical thought. My intention is with my writing and research will empower those with limited resources.