

## **CURRICULUM VITA**

### **DWIGHT T. PITCAITHLEY CHIEF HISTORIAN (RETIRED) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

#### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Texas Tech University, History, 1976  
M.A., Eastern New Mexico University, History, 1971  
B.A., Eastern New Mexico University, History, 1970

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

College Professor, New Mexico State University, 2005-Present  
Board of Directors, New Mexico Humanities Council, 2006-2011  
Editorial Board, *The Journal of American History*, 2006-2008  
Board of Directors, George Wright Society, 2001-2006  
President, George Wright Society, 2005-2006  
Council, American Association for State and Local History, 2002-2006  
Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, 1993-2004  
President, National Council on Public History, 1998-1999  
Editorial Board, *The Public Historian*, 1991-1997  
Program Committee, Organization of American Historians, 1995, 2002  
Board of Directors, National Council on Public History, 1991-1994  
Program Committee Chair, National Council on Public History, 1992  
Chair, Historic Preservation and Display Committee, The Society for History in the Federal Government, 1988-1989  
History Committee, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation, 1985-1989  
Board of Advisors, New England Heritage Center, Bentley College, 1986-1989  
Public History Committee, Organization of American Historians, 1983-1985  
Chief Historian, National Park Service (Washington), March 1995 to July 2005  
Chief, Division of Cultural Resources, National Park Service, National Capital Region (Washington), August 1989 to March 1995  
Regional Historian, National Park Service, North Atlantic Region (Boston), September 1979 to August 1989  
Historian, National Park Service, Southwest Region (Santa Fe), June 1976 to September 1979

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

“Revisiting Secession: Reassessing the Evidence.” *North & South*, Series II, 1, No. 3 (January 2020), 48-57.

*The U.S. Constitution and Secession: A Documentary Anthology of Slavery and White Supremacy.*  
Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2018.

“Final Centennial Thoughts.” (With Rolf Diamant.) *The George Wright Forum*, 33, No. 4 (2016), pp. 257-267.

“From Civil War to Civil Rights.” In *A Thinking Person’s Guide to America’s National Parks*, edited by

Robert Manning, Rolf Diamant, Nora Mitchell, and David Harmon, pp. 137-147. New York: George Braziller Publishers, 2016.

“The Lemmon Slave Case: Courtroom Drama, Constitutional Crisis and the Southern Quest to Nationalize Slavery.” (With Marie Tyler-McGraw.) *Common-Place*, 14, No. 1 (Fall 2013). <http://www.common-place.org/vol-14/no-01/mcgraw/>

“Teaching Local History in the Classroom: One Perspective.” In *Encyclopedia of Local History*, edited by Carol Kammen and Amy H. Wilson, pp. 522-523. New York: AltaMira Press, 2013.

“Addressing the Causes of the Civil War in Public History.” In *Race, Slavery and the Civil War: The Tough Stuff of American History and Memory*, edited by James O. Horton and Amanda Kleintop, 99-104. Richmond: Virginia Sesquicentennial of the Civil War Commission, 2011.

“New Mexico and the Coming of the American Civil War.” In *Sunshine and Shadows in New Mexico's Past: The U.S. Territorial Period, 1848-1912*, edited by Richard Melzer, 71-83. Los Ranchos, N.M.: Rio Grande Books in collaboration with the Historical Society of New Mexico, 2011.

“Secession of the Upper South: States Rights and Slavery.” *North & South*, 12, No. 1 (February 2010), pp. 14-19.

“Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace Cabin: A Rebuttal - Keep Your Eye on the Logs.” (With Sandy Brue.) *Ancestral News*, 34, No. 4 (Winter 2009), pp. 259-263.

“Taking the Long Way from Euterpe to Clio.” In *Becoming Historians*, edited by James M. Banner, Jr. and John R. Gillis, 54-75. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009.

“The Future of the National Park Service: Managing the Three-Legged Stool.” *Ranger*, 25, No. 1 (Winter 2008-2009), pp. 9-12.

“New Mexico and the Coming of the Civil War.” *New Mexico Humanities*, (Fall/Winter 2008), pp. 5 & 7.

“Public Education and the National Park Service: Interpreting the Civil War.” *Perspectives*, (November 2007), pp. 44-45.

“On the Brink of Greatness: National Parks and the Next Century.” *The George Wright Forum*, 24, No. 2 (2007), pp. 9-20.

*The Antiquities Act: A Century of American Archaeology, Historic Preservation, and Nature Conservation*. Co-edited with David Harmon and Francis P. McManamon. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2006. (2006 Heritage Preservation Award; New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee)

“‘A Cosmic Threat’: The National Park Service Addresses the Causes of the American Civil War.” In *Slavery and Public History: The Tough Stuff of American Memory*, edited by James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton, 169-186. New York: New Press, 2006.

- "Being Born Western and the Challenges of Public History." In *Preserving Western History*, edited by Andrew Gulliford. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2005.
- "Melding the Environment and Public History: The Evolution and Maturation of the National Park Service." (With Carol Shull.) In *Public History and the Environment*, edited by Martin V. Melosi and Philip V. Scarpino. Malabar, Florida: Krieger Publishing Company, 2004.
- "Where we Need to Go—Lessons from Septima Clark." *The George Wright Forum*, 20, No. 3 (2003), 5-8.
- "The American Civil War and the Preservation of Memory." *CRM*, 25, No. 4 (2002), 5-9.
- "Philosophical Underpinnings of the National Park Idea." *Ranger*, XVII, No. 4 (Fall 2001), 4-6.
- "Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace Cabin: The Making of an American Icon." In *Myth, Memory, and the Making of the American Landscape*, edited by Paul A. Shackel. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2001.
- "A Dignified Exploitation: The Growth of Tourism in the National Parks." In *Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West*, edited by David M. Wrobel and Patrick T. Long. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2001.
- "Rudolfo Anaya and the Headless Horseman: Thoughts on the Interpretation of the Past." *Legacy* (November/December 1999), 10-12.
- "We Are What We Preserve: House Museums to Battlefields." *National Trust Forum Journal* 14 (Fall 1999), 57-58.
- "Barbara Kingsolver and the Challenge of Public History." *The Public Historian* 21, No. 4 (Fall 1999), 9-18.
- "The Future of the NPS History Program." *The George Wright Forum* 13, No. 3 (1996), 51-56.
- "Private Residences as National Historic Sites: Issues and Opportunities in Landscape Management." (With Nora J. Mitchell.) In *Landscape Preservation Seminar Proceedings, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, March 25-26, 1988*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1988.
- "Government Sponsored Research: A Sanitized Past?" *The Public Historian* 10 (Summer 1988), 40-46.
- "Audience Expectations as Resource and Challenge: Ellis Island as Case Study." (With Michael Frisch.) In *Past Meets Present*, edited by Jo Blatti. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1987.
- Let the River Be: A History of the Ozarks' Buffalo River*. Denver: National Park Service, 1987.
- "Historic Sites: What Can be Learned From Them?" *The History Teacher* 20, No. 2 (February 1987), 207-219.

(1988 James Madison Prize; The Society for History in the Federal Government)

"National Park Service Historians: Interpretation, Management, and Cultural Resource Management." (With Heather Huyck.) In *Public History: An Introduction*, edited by Barbara J. Howe and Emory Kemp. Malabar, Florida: Krieger Publishing Company, Inc., 1986.

*The National Park Service in the Northeast: A Cultural Resource Management Bibliography*. Boston: National Park Service, 1984.

"Clio and the Computer: The CRM Bibliography in NARO." *CRM Bulletin* VI (June 1983), 5.

"The Third Fort Union: Architecture, Adobe, and the Army." *New Mexico Historical Review* 57 (April 1982), 123-137.

*Historic Structure Report, Historical Data Section, The Third Fort Union, 1863-1891, Fort Union National Monument, New Mexico*. (With Jerome Greene.) Denver: National Park Service, 1982.

"Reconstructions--Expensive, Life-Size Toys?" (With Richard Sellars.) *CRM Bulletin* II (December 1979), 6-8.

"Zinc and Lead Mining Along the Buffalo River." *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* XXXVII (Winter 1978), 293-305.

"Settlement of the Arkansas Ozarks: The Buffalo River Valley." *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* XXXVII (Autumn 1978), 203-222.

*Special History Report, Preliminary Survey of Historic Structures, Part II, Buffalo National River, Arkansas*. Department of Park Administration, Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, February 1975.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

"Virginia and the Search for Compromise Over Secession Winter." Virginia Forum, Emory, VA, March 2018.

"Redefining States' Rights: Virginia and the New York Lemmon Slave Case." (With Marie Tyler-McGraw.) Virginia Forum, Harrisonburg, VA, March 2012.

"New Mexico and the Coming of the Civil War." New Mexico History Conference, Hobbs, NM, April 2010.

"The Future of the National Park Service: Managing the Three-Legged Stool." A Conference for Comprehensive Resource Stewardship, National Park Service, Tucson, May 2008.

"Kentucky's John J. Crittenden and the Causes of America's Civil War: Constitutional Solutions to the Crisis of the Union." National Council on Public History, Louisville, April 2008.

"Remembering Vietnam: Conflicted Memories on the National Mall." Memory and Identity: The Role of Heritage in Modern Society, Ghent, Belgium, January 2005.

"Where we Need to Go—Lessons from Septima Clark." Dedication of the Septima Clark Fountain, Liberty Square, Fort Sumter National Monument, June 2003.

"Interpreting the Causes of the American Civil War at National Park Service Battlefield Parks." Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 2002.

"The American Civil War and Contemporary Society: Remembering and Forgetting." Public Representation and Private Mourning: Commemoration and Memorial, Bristol, England, March 2002.

"History and Memory in the United States: Some Thoughts on the Art of Structured Amnesia." Public History Conference: Meanings, Ownership, Practice; Wellington, New Zealand, September 2000.

"Historic Sites as Public Forums: The National Park Service as an Educational Institution." George A. Rentschler Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, University of Wyoming, April 2000.

"Barbara Kingsolver and the Challenge of Public History." Presidential address, National Council on Public History, Lowell, April 1999.

"History in the Public Sense: The National Park Service and Education." University of Michigan Distinguished Lecture Series on National Research Policy, Ann Arbor, February 1998.

"Our Cultural Environment: History, the National Parks, and the Role of Public Institutions in American History." The 33rd James Morton Callahan Lecture, West Virginia University, April 1996.

"A Splendid Hoax: The Strange Case of Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace Cabin." Organization of American Historians, Louisville, April 1991.

"Pious Frauds: Federal Reconstruction Efforts During the 1930s." Organization of American Historians/National Council on Public History, St. Louis, April 1989.

"Accessing the Past: Myth and Reality." Mid-America Public History Conference, Toledo, April 1988.

"Government Sponsored Research: A Sanitized Past?" National Council on Public History/Society for History in the Federal Government, Washington, D.C., April 1987.

"A Century of Preservation: Longfellow's Home in Cambridge." Organization of American Historians, New York City, April 1986.

"The Interpretation of History: Monographs and Museums." National Council on Public History, Chicago, April 1982.

"Buffalo National River: From Settlement to National River." Western History Association, Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 1978.

#### **AWARDS/HONORS:**

Elected Member, American Antiquarian Society, 2012

Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of North Carolina, 2011  
Visiting Distinguished Public Historian, Middle Tennessee State University, 2006  
Robert Kelley Memorial Award, National Council on Public History, 2006  
Distinguished Service Award, Organization of American Historians, 2005  
Sequoia Award, 2002; for contributions to the National Park Service Interpretation and Education Program  
Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow: 2002, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2020  
Distinguished American Scholar, Fulbright New Zealand Board of Directors, 2000