

Kelly M. Palich

Education

University of Maryland Baltimore County

Catonsville, Maryland

Courses in Historical Studies, Public History

Research Interests: Museum Education, Curriculum Development, African American history, Antebellum History

American University

Washington, DC

MA in Public Anthropology, August 2010

Masters Thesis: *Conspicuous Consumption in a Pre-Georgian Society: An Analysis of Feature 2, Site 18CH354, Charles County, Maryland*

Washington College

Chestertown, Maryland

BA Anthropology, Concentration Archaeology, May 2001, Cum Laude

Honors Thesis: *Archaeology in the Classroom: Teaching the Past for the Future*

Work Experience

- **January 2020-April 2020; June 2022-Present** **Gold Medal Committee, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks**

Membership on committee to plan for and apply for the Gold Medal Award through the National Recreation and Parks Association. Work as a group to review and compile data for application.

- **September 2021-Present** **Public Spaces Commission Phase I and II, Howard County**

Member on committee that was established by Executive Order to review and contextualize the relevant history surrounding the namesakes of county buildings and facilities. Reviewed the history surrounding the namesake for public facilities and spaces to determine if the namesake participated in or encouraged the oppression of African Americans, Indigenous Americans and other individuals of color and contributed to the history of systemic racism and similar biases.

- **November 2018-Present Heritage Program Coordinator/Archaeologist, Living History and Heritage Section, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks**

Responsible for coordinating all programming within the Living History and Heritage Section pertaining to school groups, scouts, homeschool, preschool and adult programming. Supervise contingent education staff. Oversee the planning and implementation of programming for the aforementioned groups. Serve as Archaeologist with Department of Recreation and Parks participating in compliance and research archaeology with the public. Lead the Archaeology In the Parks Public Archaeology Program with Howard County Recreation and Parks. Grant writing for programming opportunities for Living History and Heritage and various partners.

- **March 2018-November 2018 Heritage Program Educator/Archaeologist, Living History and Heritage Section, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks**

Responsible for the development and implementation of educational programming for the Living History and Heritage Program. Developed and facilitated heritage education programs for school groups, public programs outreach, tours and Scout groups. Created relationships and collaborations with other local heritage groups; built a close collaborative relationship with Howard County Public Schools; grant writing and management; historical research for programming; archaeology and collections management of the Departments collections. Organize and oversee internship and volunteer opportunities with local high schools and adults.

- **September 2017-March 2022 President, Upper Patuxent Archaeological Group**

Developed a management plan to reorganize, redevelop and rebrand this non-profit organization to maintain sustainability for the future; organized annual speaker series, created new programming and training opportunities for group; created a plan to increase membership; updated and maintained media communications including website, social media and print media; researched opportunities for funding, marketing strategies and way to make the group more present in local communities. This position transitioned into the new Archaeology in the Parks Public Archaeology Program with Howard County Recreation and Parks.

- **June 2017-March 2020 Independent Consultant, Historical Research**

Serve as consultant for Dr. Philip Hill, Archeological Testing and Consulting, Inc.; researched chain of title and historical context for various properties for Phase I, II and III archaeological research; worked with various research facilities including the Office of Land Records, research libraries and State Archives; wrote historical narratives for final reports for clients.

- **June 2015-April 2017 Owner, Palich Family Childcare**
 Owner and operator of in-home family childcare; accountable for providing a secure and developmentally suitable daycare program for children ages infant through ten. Worked in accordance with all relevant state laws, policies and procedures; created an informal preschool setting and curriculum; maintained operating budget and fiscal management, prepared tax and legal paperwork to maintain business.
- **October 2013-May 2014 Education and Public Programs Director, Sandy Spring Museum**
 Created and implemented educational and public programming; coordinated and developed relationships with local schools, cultural groups and community partners to collaborate on programming and events; fostered innovation and experimentation in developing and enhancing programs that actively encourage new and diverse audiences to explore and engage with the museum's collections; developed new programming and events that brought in revenue from non-traditional groups and organizations; maximized opportunities to create learning experiences that actively engaged audiences both in the life of the Museum and with each other, as a community rooted in like-minded enthusiasm for the community's past, present and future.
- **October 2012-2013 Outreach and Partnership Coordinator, Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, Maryland Office of Tourism Development**
 Coordinated events, statewide and regional product development, and tourism marketing activities associated with the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 in Maryland. Established and supported a network of official bicentennial partners (historical and cultural sites, heritage areas, business and corporations, local and state government); organized conferences and trainings for stakeholders; coordinated with local and regional groups to assist in the planning and implementation of festivals and events; Administered the Star Spangled 200 grant program (assisted applicants, reviewed applications and managed final reports) and managed the Commission's E-Communications (web, e-news and social media).
- **May 2009-October 2012 Education Coordinator, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum**
 Duties included coordinating with local schools and groups to schedule educational programming, developed and implemented educational programming for grades K-12 pertaining to archaeology and history; assisted with the development and design of educational traveling trunks; developed and implemented week-long summer camps for children.
- **July 2004-August 2010 Archaeologist/Researcher and Laboratory Manager, Archeological Testing and Consulting, Inc.**

Duties included archaeological investigation (Phase I, II, III) and laboratory analysis/processing on various sites in the DC metro area; acted as laboratory manager, supervising and training new employees in the laboratory.

Trainings and Certifications

- **Certified Interpretive Guide, February 2021, National Association for Interpretation**
- **Collections and Care of Archaeological Collections Course, June 2022**
- **Camp Standards Training, Howard Department of Recreation and Parks, May 2022**
- **First Aid and CPR Certification, April 2021**
- **Autism 101 Training, April 2021, 2022**
- **Inclusion and Diversity Training, National Association for Interpretation, February 2022**