

Maurice Lee Preston Jr.
West Friendship, Maryland

Education

1972 M.A. in Administration & Supervision, Loyola College
1968 B.A. in Education, University of Maryland

Professional Experience

Thirty-seven years of classroom teaching at the secondary level, 34 of which were in Howard County. Social Studies Instructional Leader from 1975-2004 at Atholton and River Hill High Schools. Wrote the Anthropology curriculum for Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) in 1975 and again in 2003. Adjunct Instructor, Cultural Anthropology and Physical Anthropology at Howard Community College from 1982-2007. Wrote the outcome based curriculum for Physical Anthropology and Archaeology at Howard Community College in 1998. President of Upper Patuxent Archaeology Group (UPAG), Director of a Phase II B Reconnaissance at 2 sites in Laurel, Maryland, and Director of Excavations at the Patapsco Female Institute from 1986-present. Creator and Director of "Hands-On Archaeology Camps and Advanced Archaeology Camps for Department of Recreation and Parks, 1982-2013; consultant for the "Changing Lives, Changing Landscape" exhibit at the Robinson Nature Center, 2008-2012, adjunct instructor Osher at Johns Hopkins University 2013-

Workshops/Presentations/Grants/Awards

Conducted/presented dozens of workshops/lectures on archaeology for classroom teachers, the archaeology society of Maryland (ASM), and general audiences. Topics included: the archaeological method, the role of archaeology in the identification and preservation of prehistoric and historic sites in Howard County, the importance of public involvement in the preservation of our antiquities, including cemeteries.

Received over \$40,000 in grants for conducting archaeology field work, historic research and for producing exhibits and displays to increase public awareness and understanding of Howard County's prehistoric and historic past, as well as the need for preservation of our cultural resources.

Received outstanding teacher awards from the HCPSS, ASM, Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Howard County PTA's and the Senator James Clark Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award from Preservation Howard County.

Published, Archaeology in Howard County and Beyond: What I've Learned in Forty Years About Its People and Sites, James and Anne Robinson Foundation, 326 pages.
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