

Personal Data Record Form

Profile

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New Applicant or Current Member

☒ New Applicant

Michela Kuykendall
First Name Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

Date of Birth

[Redacted]

Place of Birth

[Redacted]

Home Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Street Address Suite or Apt
[Redacted] [Redacted] 22314
City State Postal Code

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

[Redacted] [Redacted]
Employer Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Archaeological Commission: Submitted

Type of Position/Role

Member at large

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

20 months

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain

Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

Since arriving in Alexandria in December of 2020, it has opened its arms to me in so many ways. I have come to genuinely adore this city and its vast historic resources and would like to become more involved in their research and safeguarding for the future. I am a trained museum professional but spent a significant amount of my time in graduate school focusing on understanding the many facets of heritage preservation from an academic standpoint. To put these ideas in practice and learn in such a wonderful community would be an incredible opportunity.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the board:

How many terms have you served on this board?

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Have you applied for a position on a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority in the last six months?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867?

☒ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX United States Master's degree 12 / 2020 GPA: 3.928 of a maximum 4
Major: Museum Science Minor: Heritage Management Relevant Coursework, Licenses and Certifications:
Helen Devitt Jones Fellow Hardin-Simmons University Abilene, TX United States Bachelor's degree 5 /
2017 GPA: 3.756 of a maximum 4.00 Major: History Minor: Honors Honors: Magna Cum Laude

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

Department of the Army, Museum Technician: • Drafts deed of gift agreements, deaccession packets, and accession records as well as ensuring all appropriate copies are filed and maintained. • Participated in teams with higher level staff to perform required monthly object inventories, averaging 1,000 objects a day individually, and 5,000 as a team. Worked as a team subsequently to identify and document inventory issues for resolution and update associate storage records and labels. • Generates and maintains condition reports regularly while ensuring conservators are briefed on pressing issues. • Regularly packs, stages, and loads macro and micro artifacts for transport utilizing equipment such as pallet jacks and forklifts. • Creates innovative housing and shipping containers for fragile objects using artifact-safe materials. • Regularly searches the museum database to locate objects and evaluate data to ensure properly documented, prepared, cataloged, curated, maintained, and accessible collections according to established guidance and procedures. Texas Tech University, Collections Assistant: • Created boxes and housing for fragile bone and metal historics utilizing a variety of appropriate materials according to object needs. • Interpreted, adapted, and utilized collections policies to ensure proper management of artifacts in processing from field to museum collections. • Cleaned bone and historics for placement in museums or comparison collections. • Labeled, inventoried, and rehoused objects for transportation to long-term storage facilities. • Carried out reconciliation of discrepancies between objects and curatorial and collection management records and re-labeled artifacts as needed with current or updated taxonomic identification. • Processed requests for information regarding collections and individual objects. • Assessed collections and took corrective action to solve past preservation decisions and issues as well as re-organized specimens/objects into a more proper curatorial order. Texas Tech University, Heritage Education Intern: • Performed outreach at several community and university events, interacting with an estimated 2,000 people. • Organized and presented elements of annual "Archaeology in Action" day as well as evaluated and presented research regarding its effectiveness as an education tool. • Designed informal learning curriculum for students aged five to twelve regarding natural resources and archaeological methods. • Adapted content and public interaction methods to fit safety measures following the outbreak of COVID-19. • Worked on a team to organize and teach four weeks of summer camps uniquely adapted to student safety amid a pandemic. • Served as an interpreter to visitors and class groups utilizing the Interpretive Plan Lubbock County Historical Commission, Research Assistant • Researched historic sites and buildings and produced findings to the CHC board. • Utilized historical research methodology by creating research plans and locating a vast range of sources in order to ensure accuracy. • Composed historic narratives using primary documents, interviews, and oral histories. • Completed Texas Historical Commission applications for State Historical Markers and one Historic Texas Cemetery designation. • Contacted and conducted interviews with stakeholders at each site in an effort to understand context as well as its significance in the community.

REFERENCES (Please list names and addresses of four references that you have contacted and support your application).

Non-Discrimination Data Supplemental Questions

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Ethnicity

None Selected

Gender

None Selected

Sexual Orientation

None Selected

For what Board, Commission, Committee, or Authority are you applying?

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Do you have Disability?

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John

First Name

Oldfield

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

22302

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Accelerate Global, LLC

Employer

Founder and CEO

Job Title

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I have been involved with avocational underwater and maritime archaeology for approximately fifteen years, primarily via the Institute of Maritime History (IMH). Since 2007, I have been an active volunteer Research Diver with IMH, currently led by Joshua Daniel, M.A. (who is also an Associate Director of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology) and David Howe, J.D. I have volunteered as a desk researcher and Research Diver on numerous assignments for the Maryland Historical Trust in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay, for the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, and for the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (under the direction of Esther White). These various sites date from the US Revolutionary War through the middle of the 20th century. I was also selected in 2018 to be a member of a small dive team for the Pentagon's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), on a mission to locate and survey a sunken U.S. World War II bomber in a lake in northern Germany. I am a member of the Maritime Heritage Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Virginia, the Battle of the Atlantic Research and Expedition Group, and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, and am working toward my Part 2 Certification with the Nautical Archaeology Society in the UK. My claim to fame is being featured as a research diver in a front page, full color article in The Enterprise newspaper in St. Mary's County, Maryland, just under a headline warning of a local rabid skunk. I moved to Alexandria in December 2019 in great part because of the city's maritime history, above and below the water. I would be honored to contribute in a small way to the important, historical work of the AAC. I do not take this commitment lightly because of the importance of the AAC's work locally, and because the AAC has led the way for many other such efforts across the U.S. since 1975. My most relevant interest and expertise is primarily in maritime / underwater archaeology, but if accepted as an AAC member I would look forward to learning more about the terrestrial work, and hopefully adding value to those efforts as well. Based on the several AAC meetings I have attended, I hold the AAC in high esteem, and am proud to live in a city with such an interesting and alive history, and such an engaged citizenry. My day job for the last fifteen years has been in a series of advocacy organizations focused primarily on the global water security challenge. I would like to see if my advocacy and communications skills (which admittedly are not in grassroots / community-based advocacy) could be useful to the efforts of the AAC as well. It would be a special honor to contribute to the work of a Commission with such history, and such future. There are a lot of archaeological discoveries still to be unearthed in Alexandria, a lot of stories to be shared with fellow Alexandrians, and a lot of opportunities for the Commission to engage further with the public. I have a reasonable sense of what to expect from the Commission, and the value that I hope to add.

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Founder and CEO, Accelerate Global, LLC (2021 – present): I lead a private consulting firm advising corporate, non-profit, philanthropic, and government clients on rapidly and sustainably accelerating progress toward global and local water, health, climate, gender, and environment goals. Co-Founder and Managing Principal, Global Water 2020 (2017 – 2021): I co-founded, led, and managed a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to increasing the amount and effectiveness of funding, policies and programming for global water and sanitation security. I brokered and maintained relationships with private foundations and high net worth individuals, raising \$1m - \$1.5m/annually from private philanthropy. CEO, WASH Advocates (2011 – 2016): I led this non-profit advocacy organization, designing and directing strategic outreach efforts to increase the appropriations and effectiveness of resources devoted to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. I doubled the staffing level and tripled the funding level of the organization.

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