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PUBLIC & ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY CONSULTING

SJM Cultural Resource Services is a public history and historic preservation consulting firm dedicated to helping clients navigate cultural and preservation programs at the local, state, and federal levels. Lead consultant Sarah Martin brings to each project a passion for research and storytelling and an awareness of the important contributions of underrecognized communities to our collective history. Her experience managing projects, coordinating stakeholder engagement, conducting historical research, and producing quality history products enables her to guide clients through successful projects.



Washington UBI: 604-867-994
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EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)

Master of Arts in History, 2004

Concentration: Public History & Preservation

University of Kansas (KU)

Bachelor of General Studies in History, 2002

Concentration: American History & Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SJM Cultural Resource Services | Seattle, WA

Principal, Public & Architectural History Consultant

Sep. 2015 - present

Completes public history projects including nominations to local, state, and national registers of historic places, technical reports for compliance with state and federal preservation laws, grant writing and management, and material for clients' use in walking tours or other interpretive products. Clients include state and local governments, developers, community organizations, and individuals.

University of Washington | Seattle, WA

Advancement Services Officer, UW School of Dentistry

Advancement Coordinator, UW School of Dentistry

Feb. 2016 - present

Oct. 2021 - present

Aug. 2016 - Oct. 2021

Serves as part-time support staff for a small team of fundraisers, overseeing donor acknowledgements, gift tracking, internal and external reporting, managing events, stewardship support, and directing student employees.

Contracted Records Project Coordinator, UW Gift Services

Feb. 2016 - Aug. 2016

Oversaw project to evaluate, digitize, and index charitable gift fund files for eventual on-demand access and reporting purposes. Provided overall project management, archival guidance, digitization of historical fund files, and integration with new electronic document creation.

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office | Topeka, KS

National Register Historian & Program Coordinator

Dec. 2004 - May 2015

Jul. 2006 - May 2015

Grants Reviewer

Dec. 2004 - Jul. 2006

Served as liaison between Kansas constituents and the National Park Service in coordination of activities related to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Reviewed and edited NRHP nominations, and presented at public meetings of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, reviewed grant requests, and traveled statewide to meet with constituents.

Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, MTSU | Murfreesboro, TN
Heritage Development Institute Coordinator

May - Dec. 2004

Center for Historic Preservation, MTSU | Murfreesboro, TN
Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2002 - May 2004

SKILLS & ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Proficient in Microsoft and Google suites, WordPress, Canva, MailChimp, Little Green Light constituent database, and Cvent event management platform.

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Forum Webinar: Grant Writing Strategies. *2025*
National Trust for Historic Preservation, Forum Webinar: AI in Historic Preservation. *2025*
UW Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity, Shared Language in Race & Equity Course. *2023*
King County Historic Preservation Program, Hands-on Wood Window Restoration Workshop. *2022*
King County Historic Preservation Program Training, Mid-century Resources. *2022*
Amending National Register Nominations, PastForward Online. *2021*
Beyond Integrity in (X) Virtual Conference. *2021*
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Virtual Forum. *2020*
DAHP Academy. Washington Dept. of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP). *2019*
Preservation Advocacy Workshop: Tools & Strategies. Historic Seattle. *2019*
Proofreading and Editing. UW Professional & Organizational Development. *2016*

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

Board Director, Historic Wallingford (Seattle). *2018-present*
Member & 2025 Community Education & Advocacy Supporter, Historic Seattle. *Current*
Member, Pacific Northwest Historians Guild. *Current*
Appointed Member, HPF Grants Advisory Committee, Washington DAHP. *2017*
Adviser, Kansas Barn Alliance. *2008-15*

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Community Advocacy Award, Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ (team award). Historic Seattle. *2024*
Community Advocacy Award, Historic Wallingford (team award). Historic Seattle. *2023*
Charles Payton Award for Heritage Advocacy for the Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery King County Landmarking effort (team award). Association of King County Heritage Organizations. *2023*
Supporting Partner in Southwest Seattle Historical Society's "We Love the Junction" Campaign (team award). Historic Seattle. *2017*