

BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARY / DAVE MCMAHAN

Dave retired as Alaska's State Archaeologist and a Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer in 2013, having worked for the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology since 1983. With BA and MA degrees in anthropology and more than four decades in professional archaeology, Dave's interests and appointments are diverse. While a State Archaeologist with a diving certification, and with responsibility for managing historic shipwrecks on state submerged lands along more than half the nation's coastline, Dave played a key role in bringing marine archaeology to Alaska. He worked with federal, academic, and private marine archaeologists to investigate several of Alaska's most important shipwrecks. These include wrecks off Kodiak Island, as well as Southeast Alaska, Cook Inlet, and the Aleutians.

With a background in forensic anthropology and long-time advisor to the State Medical Examiner, Dave helped solve some of Alaska's most gruesome crimes. He continues to hold a federal appointment as forensic anthropologist, deployable in mass disasters. In recent years Dave has been involved with joint U.S.-Russian research projects in Alaska and Siberia, and is known for his involvement with the archaeology of Russian America. He serves as President of the International Association of Specialists on Russian America and a Board Member of the Alaska-Siberia Research Center. He also holds an appointment to the Accessions Advisory Committee of the Alaska State Museums, and serves on the Graduate Advisory Committee of the University of Alaska Anchorage Anthropology Department.

In addition to an extensive publications list, Dave has served as keynote speaker, session chair, organizer, and participant in conferences devoted to topics such as maritime heritage, historic and prehistoric archaeology, history, climate change, forensic anthropology, and Arctic sciences. In 2006, he was given the Alaska Anthropological Association's "Outstanding Service Award." In December 2016 he relocated from Anchorage to the Nashville, Tennessee area, along with his archaeologist wife Patty. They split time between Nashville and their lake cottage in Pardeeville, Wisconsin.



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