

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 39

Approved February 13, 2014

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a rich archeological history; and

WHEREAS, Other cities, such as Boston, have documented their archaeological history and enriched their city's heritage through the office of City Archaeologist; and

WHEREAS, There currently are projects underway that explore the City's history in which an archeologist could make a useful contribution, such as the development of "virtual tours" of the North Burial Ground; and

WHEREAS, There are opportunities to enrich the curriculum of local schools with archaeological resources, such as the Haffenreffer Museum; and

WHEREAS, The City currently lacks the financial resources to establish a paid position, but the City Archivist has offered to work with a suitable volunteer; and

WHEREAS, William Simmons (resume attached) is a distinguished professor of anthropology at Brown University whose experience includes important archeological research, including studies of the Narragansett Indians burial grounds; and

WHEREAS, Professor Simmons has offered his services as City Archeologist *pro bono* to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and the City Archivist; and

WHEREAS, The City Archivist supports the appointment of Mr. Simmons to this position;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The Providence City Council authorizes creation of the volunteer position of City Archeologist to be appointed by the Mayor, and recommends that Professor William Simmons be appointed for this position.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**FEB 06 2014**

**READ AND PASSED**

  
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**PRES.**

  
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**CLERK**

**I HEREBY APPROVE.**

  
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Date: 2/13/14

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education:

Ph.D., Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1967.

M.A., Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1963.

B.A., cum laude, with Highest Honors in Human Biology, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 1960.

Diploma, Classical High School, Providence, Rhode Island, 1956.

### Current Academic Interests:

Religion, Folklore; North American Indians, particularly California and New England; American Pluralism; Contemporary American Higher Education.

### Employment:

2006-2009	Chairman, Department of Anthropology, Brown University.
2000-2002	Acting Director, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Brown.
1999-2002	Senior Vice President for Academic Outreach and Affiliated Programs, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
1998-	Professor of Anthropology, Brown University.
1998-1999	Executive Vice President and Provost, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
1993-1998	Dean, Division of Social Sciences, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.
1988-1994	Director, Center for the Teaching and Study of American Cultures, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.
1984-1990	Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.
1982-1983	Associate Dean of the Graduate Division, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.
1979-1998	Professor of Anthropology, University of California-Berkeley.
1978-1981	Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.
1970-1979	Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.

- 1967-1970 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, California.  
 1967 Summer Director, Brown University Museum of Anthropology, Bristol, R.I.

Other Positions :

- 2008- President of Board of Trustees, Providence Public Library.  
 2008- First Vice President, Board of Trustees, Rhode Island Historical Society  
 2005- Trustee, Providence Public Library.  
 2004-2005 Member of the Corporation, Providence Public Library.  
 2003-2006 Board Member, Education Partnership (merger of the Providence Chamber of Commerce Business / Education Roundtable and The Public Education Fund).  
 2003- Board Member and First Vice President, Providence Branch, NAACP.  
 1999-2003 Board Member, Public Education Fund of Rhode Island.  
 1999- Co-Founder and Board Vice President, Rhode Island Archaeological Society  
 1999- Trustee and Chair Strategic Planning, Rhode Island Historical Society.  
 1998-2001 Consultant, Eastern Pequot Tribe.  
 1995-1996 Member, Bancroft Library Strategic Planning Committee.  
 1995-1996 Member, Bancroft Library Review Committee.  
 1990-1991 Member, Berkeley Campus Skeletal Remains Committee.  
 1990-1998 Curator of California Ethnology, Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology.  
 1990 Principal Investigator, Lowie Museum Quincentenary Exhibition.  
 1990 Outside Reviewer, Graduate Program in Anthropology, University of California-Davis.  
 1988 Program Chair, Fourth Annual California Indian Conference.  
 1987-89 Chair, University of California-Berkeley Academic Senate Special Committee on Education and Ethnicity.  
 1987-88 Member, University of California Anthropology Review Board.  
 1987 Chair, Anthropology Review Committee, California State University, Los Angeles.  
 1986-87 President, American Society for Ethnohistory.  
 1986 Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.  
 1985-86 President Elect, American Society for Ethnohistory.  
 1985 Founder and Program Chair, First Annual California Indian Conference.  
 1982-83 Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, Brown University.  
 1981-83 Member, Executive Board, American Society for Ethnohistory.  
 1980-85 The Athletics Congress (TAC) Track and Field Official.  
 1979-80 Program Chair, 1980 Annual Meeting, American Society for Ethnohistory.

Grants, Fellowships, Awards:

- 1990,1999 National Endowment for the Humanities Museum Planning Grants.  
 1986 Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities Grant.  
 1985 Phillips Fund Award, American Philosophical Society.  
 1983 Phillips Fund Award, American Philosophical Society.

- 1983 Humanities Faculty Professor, University of California-Berkeley.  
 1978 Social Science Research Council Award (declined).  
 1977 National Institute of Mental Health Small Grant.  
 1973-74 Humanities Research Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley.  
 1972 Grant-in-Aid, American Council of Learned Societies.  
 1966-1967 Head Tutor, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
 1964-66 Sheldon Travelling Fellow, Harvard University.  
 1961-62 General Electric Foundation Fellow, Harvard University.  
 1961-62 National Science Foundation Fellow, Harvard University (declined).  
 1960-61 Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Harvard University.

Memberships:

American Anthropological Association  
 American Association for Higher Education.  
 American Association for State and Local History  
 American Association of University Professors  
 American Ethnological Society  
 Association for the Study of Higher Education  
 Book Club of California  
 California Mission Studies Association  
 Friends of the Haffenreffer Museum  
 Rhode Island Historical Society  
 Society of Colonial Wars

Teaching Areas:

Social-Cultural Anthropology, History and Theory, Religion, Mythology, North American Indians (past and present), American Pluralism, American Higher Education.

Publications:

- 1967a The Ancient Graves of Conanicut Island. *Newport History* 128(40):153-175.  
 1967b Social Organization Among the Badyaranke of Tonghia, Senegal. *Bulletins et Memories de la Societe d'Anthropologie de Paris* 2(12th series):59-95.  
 1967c The Supernatural World of the Badyaranke of Tonghia (Senegal). *Journal de la Societe des Africanistes* 37:41-72.  
 1967d Review, *Ancient Men of the Arctic*, by J. Louis Giddings. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1967. *Brown Alumni Monthly* LXVIII (No. 1, October):24-26.  
 1970a *Cautantowit's House: An Indian Burial Ground on the Island of Conanicut in Narragansett Bay*. Providence: Brown University Press.  
 1970b *Man Makes Sense: A Reader in Modern Cultural Anthropology*. With Eugene Hammel. Boston: Little, Brown and Company.

- 1970c Burr's Hill Indian Treasures Displayed in National Museums. (Warren, R. I.) Times-Gazette 104 (No. 53, Dec. 30):3.
- 1971a Eyes of the Night: Witchcraft Among a Senegalese People. Boston: Little, Brown and Company.
- 1971b Guide to Exhibits in the Sydney L. Wright Museum, Jamestown, Rhode Island. Newport. (Reprinted in 1973).
- 1972 Croyances Badyaranke Concernant Certains Animaux. Objets et Mondes, La Revue du Musee de l'Homme XII (4):409-10.
- 1975 Narragansett Kinship. With George Aubin. Man in the Northeast 9:21-31.
- 1976 Southern New England Shamanism: An Ethnographic Reconstruction. In Papers of the Seventh Algonquian Conference, 1975. William Cowan, ed. Ottawa: Carleton University Press, pp. 217-56.
- 1978 Narragansett. In Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. 15, Northeast. William Sturtevant, General Editor; Bruce Trigger, Volume Editor. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, pp. 190-97.
- 1979a The Great Awakening and Indian Conversion in Southern New England. In Papers of the Tenth Algonquian Conference. William Cowan, ed. Ottawa: Carleton University Press, pp. 25-36.
- 1979b Conversion from Indian to Puritan. The New England Quarterly 52(2):197-218.
- 1979c Islamic Conversion and Social Change in a Senegalese Village. Ethnology 18(4):303-23.
- 1980a Islam Badyaranke. In Tenda 1980: Badyaranke, Bassari, Bedik, Boin, Coniagui. Monique Gessain et Marie-Therese de Lestrang, eds. Paris: Memoires de la Societe des Afrikanistes, pp. 125-31.
- 1980b Powerlessness, Exploitation and the Soul-Eating Witch: An Analysis of Badyaranke Witchcraft. American Ethnologist 7(3):447-65.
- 1980c Book Note, New England's Prospect, by William Wood (1634). Alden T. Vaughan, ed. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1977. American Anthropologist 82(4):961.
- 1981a Cultural Bias in the New England Puritans' Perception of Indians. The William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd Series XXXVIII(1):56-72.
- 1981b Review, Settling with the Indians: The Meeting of English and Indian Cultures in America, 1600-1640, by Karen Ordahl Kupperman. Totowa, New Jersey: Rowman and Littlefield, 1980. The New England Quarterly LIV(2):269-72.

- 1981c Contributions of Robert F. Heizer to California Ethnohistory. Ed. with Polly McW. Bickel. Berkeley: Archaeological Research Facility, Department of Anthropology.
- 1981d Narragansett Identity Persistence. In *Hidden Minorities: The Persistence of Ethnicity in American Life*. Joan H. Rollins, ed. Washington: University Press of America, pp. 35-52.
- 1981e An Indian Peace Medal from King Philip's War, 1676. With William A. Turnbaugh. *Man in the Northeast* 22:159-163.
- 1982a Old Light on Separate Ways: The Narragansett Diary of Joseph Fish, 1765-1776. with Cheryl L. Simmons. Hanover and London: University Press of New England.
- 1982b Return of the Timid Giant: Algonquian Legends of Southern New England. In *Papers of the Thirteenth Algonquian Conference*: William Cowan, ed. Ottawa: Carleton University Press, pp. 237-242.
- 1982c The Earliest Prints and Paintings of New England Indians. *Rhode Island History* 41(3):72-85.
- 1983a Review, *The European and the Indian: Essays in the Ethnohistory of Colonial North America*, by James Axtell. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1981. *Man* 18(2):430-431.
- 1983b Red Yankees: Narragansett Conversion in the Great Awakening. *American Ethnologist* 10(2):253-271.
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- 1984 Genres in New England Indian Folklore. In *Papers of the Fifteenth Algonquian Conference*. William Cowan, ed. Ottawa: Carleton University Press, pp. 69-80.
- 1985a Anthropology, History, and the North American Indian. A Review Article. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 27(1):174-182.
- 1985b Frank Speck and "The Old Mohegan Indian Stone Cutter." *Ethnohistory* 32(2):155-163.
- 1985c From Fakelore to Folklore: A Consideration of Some Wampanoag Texts. *Man in the Northeast* 30:45-58.
- 1986 *Spirit of the New England Tribes: Indian History and Folklore, 1620-1984*. Hanover and London: University Press of New England.

- 1987            Review, *Strategies for Survival: American Indians in the Eastern United States*, Frank W. Porter, ed. Westport, Ct.: Greenwood Press, 1986. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* (Winter): 728-730.
- 1988a           Review, *The Lenape: Archaeology, History, and Ethnohistory*, by Herbert C. Kraft. Newark: New Jersey Historical Society, 1986. *The Journal of American History* (June):236-237.
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- 1988c           Review, *Junipero Serra's Legacy*, by Martin J. Morgado. Pacific Grove: Mount Carmel, 1987; and *The Missions of California: A Legacy of Genocide*, Rupert and Jeannette Henry Costo, eds. San Francisco: The Indian Historian Press, 1987. *California History* LXVII(3):191-194.
- 1989a           *The Narragansett*. New York and Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers.
- 1989b           Proposal for an American Cultures Breadth Requirement. With the Special Committee on Education and Ethnicity. Berkeley: Academic Senate.
- 1989c           Review, *America's Fascinating Indian Heritage*, James A. Maxwell, ed. Pleasantville, N. Y. The Reader's Digest Association, Inc., *American Indian Quarterly* 13(3):272-273.
- 1990a           *Brave New World: Implementing a New Requirement*. Teaching at Berkeley 23:2.
- 1990b           *The Mystic Voice: Pequot Folklore from the Seventeenth Century to the Present*. In *The Pequots in Southern New England: The Fall and Rise of an American Indian Nation*. Laurence M. Hauptman and James D. Wherry, eds. Norman and London: University of Oklahoma Press, pp. 141-175.
- 1991           Review, *Indian Survival on the California Frontier*, by Albert L. Hurtado. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1988. *American Indian Quarterly*, 15 (2):261-262.
- 1992           *Of Large Things Remembered: Southern New England Indian Legends of Colonial Encounters*. In *The Art and Mystery of Historical Archaeology: Essays in Honor of James Deetz*. Anne Elizabeth Yentsch and Mary C. Beaudry, eds. Ann Arbor and London: CRC Press, pp. 317-329.
- 1995a           Review, *Little White Father: Redick McKee on the California Frontier*, by Ray Raphael. Eureka: Humboldt County Historical Society, 1993. *California History* 74 (3):350.
- 1995b           Review, *Born for the Shade: Stereotypes of the Native American in United States Literature and the Visual Arts, 1776-1894*, by Klaus Lubbers. Amsterdam and Atlanta: Editions Rodopi, 1994. *The New England*

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- 1998a Indian Peoples of California. In *Contested Eden: California Before the Gold Rush*, Ramon Gutierrez and Richard Orsi, eds. California Historical Society and University of California Press, pp. 48-77.
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- In progress      Book project on the research university.