**Maxwell T. Sickler**

**Archaeological Technician and Federal Historic Preservation Specialist**

**Work History:**

**Assistant Historic Preservation Specialist**

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation **July 2023 - Present**

Washington, DC

* Provided detailed guidance to federal agencies, municipal governments, and Tribal governments on fulfilling all requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
* Collaborated with Federal, State, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to develop complex state and nationwide programmatic alternatives to the standard Section 106 review process
* Provided guidance to federal agencies on integrating Tribal historic preservation concerns into agency cultural resource management programs
* Collaborated with staff to compose a comprehensive report on the impacts and effectiveness of historic preservation programs in the federal government that was distributed to federal agencies and the White House

**Assistant Historic Preservation Specialist April 2022 – July 2023**

American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service

Washington, DC

* Collaborated with a diverse team of preservation specialists and grant managers to help federal grant recipients develop interpretive strategies and preservation goals for significant battlefield sites across the nation
* Supported state, federal, and local preservation organizations in meeting NHPA and NEPA requirements for federally funded preservation projects
* Aided program staff evaluate federal grant proposals from state, local, and Tribal governments for the preservation of significant battlefields and historical landscapes throughout the country
* Developed a wide variety of digital tools, including GIS programs, web articles, and social media content, to support the protection and management of national battlefields

**Architectural Preservation Specialist July 2021 – April 2022**

Worcester Eisenbrandt Inc,

Baltimore, MD

* Managed large groups of preservation specialists and skilled craftsmen in executing complex restoration projects at historic properties and public monuments in Washington D.C.
* Reviewed restoration plans for historical architectural properties to ensure their compliance with required state and national guidelines

**National Historic Landmarks Program Intern October 2019 – June 2021**

National Park Service, National Capital Area

Washington, DC

* Conducted Phase I through II archaeological survey work as part of Section 106 compliance projects in Civil War battlefields throughout in Maryland and Virginia
* Identified National Register of Historic Places listed and eligible properties within areas of potential effect for federal undertakings
* Collaborated with program staff to carry out the responsibilities of Section 106 of the NHPA by reviewing initiation documentation and conducting consulting party outreach
* Collaborated with program staff and federal agency partners to develop and review successful National Historic Landmark nominations

**Archaeological Field Technician August 2018 – May 2019**

St. Mary’s College of Maryland

St. Mary’s City, MD

* Conducted extensive Phase I through III archaeological excavations of prehistoric, colonial, and 20th century sites across eight Virginia counties as part of the Rappahannock Indigenous Cultural Landscape Project
* Collaborated with federally recognized Tribal and state governments to develop a strategy for an archaeological study of the Rappahannock River Valley in Virginia
* Aided the development and management of a state-of-the-art GIS predictive model for the identification of archaeological sites in various project areas

**Maryland Historical Trust Archaeological Technician May 2018 - August 2018**

Maryland Historical Trust (SHPO), Crownsville, MD

Crownsville, MD

* Conducted archaeological fieldwork at the Calverton site (18CV22) in Calvert County, MD with volunteers from the Archaeological Society of Maryland
* Developed and managed a field archaeological laboratory for the survey and excavation of the Calverton site
* Integrated spatial data collected from terrestrial and underwater archaeological surveys into the Maryland Historical Trust’s Cultural Resource Information System geodatabase

**Education:**

**Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Archaeology Focus** **May 2018**

St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM), St. Mary’s City, MD **GPA: 3.8**

* **Minor:** ​Museum Studies
* **Honors/Awards**: Dean’s List, Baltimore Scholarship Recipient, Lambda Alpha Honors Member
* **Archaeological Field School:** Newtown Neck State Park Archaeological Site, May – August 2015

 **Academic Awards**

 *Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference Student Paper Prize recipient* **March 2018**

 **Conference Presenter**

 *Society for Historical Archaeology Conference* **January 2018**

 *Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference* **March 2019**

**Skills:**

* Ensuring cultural resource management undertakings comply with NHPA and NEPA regulations
* Conducting archaeological Phase I through III excavations
* Archaeological site reports, interpretive materials, and digital educational resources development
* National Historic Landmark and National Register Nomination writing
* Geodatabase development and maintenance
* Communication with state, local, and tribal government entities
* ArcGIS software and archaeological spatial data analysis