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Freelance Writer and Photographer

Academic Credentials

Master of Natural Resource Management, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 2001
Bachelor of Arts, Cultural Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 1995

Certifications & Awards

Jack Williamson Endowed Chair for Literature, Eastern New Mexico University 2015
DaVinci Storyteller 2013
Facilitation for Success, New Mexico First & The Community Store 2009
Permaculture Design, New Mexico Community Education Association and Regenes Inc 2008
Simple CHANGE Stewardship Award 2007
KTAO Environmental Achievement Award 2006
Proper Functioning Conditions Assessment for Riparian Areas, Natural Resource Conservation Service 2001
Golden Key National Honors Society 1994 - 1995, 1998-2001

Career History

Freelance Writer/Photographer 2010-present

Professional writer, editor and photographer for 5+ years • Author of 200+ articles, stories, reports, brochures • Have written for: newspapers, magazines, newsletters, guide books, blogs, brochures, websites, social media • Currently travel editor for *Vrai Magazine*. Have served as editor for weekly email newsletters, and several websites • Thorough copyeditor, content editor, proofreader. Publication list available: <http://www.aroundtheworldineightyyears.com/about/jim-odonnell-publications/>

Photography: Professional photographer for 5+ years, life-long avid photographer • Specializes in travel, culture, wildlife, landscapes, portraits, food and drink • Fluent in Photoshop and Lightroom. Please visit: <http://www.jimodonnellphotography.com/>

Digital: Experienced in blogs, social media, SEO • Basic HTML, textile knowledge • Social media savvy • Experience with multiple publishing platforms including WordPress and SquareSpace • Email newsletter production experience, using multiple solutions.

Subject Matter Expertise: Archaeology/Anthropology • Conservation • Travel/tourism • Human Culture • History • Ecology • Eco-Travel • Food and Drink • Social justice/advocacy • Migration • Literature

Recent clients include: *National Geographic Maps, BBC Travel, SAPIENS, New Mexico Magazine, New Mexico Department of Tourism, Vrai Magazine, Boots-n-All, Matador Network, Perceptive Travel, Taos News, Destinations Travel, Water Matters!, The Ambler, Arrival, Public News Service, Travelati, Itevia, Taos Green Guide.*

Interface Permaculture - Independent Consulting Services 2008 - 2012

Owner/Project Manager

Provided strategic leadership, priorities identification, vision, and direction for comprehensive conservation development, planning, and regenerative design for community resiliency. Served as expert advisor in rural, low-income, and ethnically diverse communities; oversaw conservation, food security and planning programs and activities by developing action plans, coordinating efforts, communicating priorities, and leading and motivating team and community members in project efforts.

New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, Taos, New Mexico 2007 – 2008

Northern Director

Primary land management contact to elected officials, government agencies, other conservation organizations, and foundations on issues related to public land in northern New Mexico. Developed and implemented policy initiatives and activities to gain legal protection. Defined conservation priorities, developed key partnerships with public and private organizations, and engaged local community and elected officials in support of strengthening ecosystem protection efforts throughout the state.

Coalition for the Valle Vidal, Taos, New Mexico 2004 – 2007

Outreach Coordinator

Formulated diverse and complex coalition-centered strategy to identify key policy improvements, managed watershed restoration activities, and carried out objectives to achieve permanent protection from resource extraction for the Valle Vidal unit. Performed as primary lead land management communication liaison, directed public communication campaign and funding outreach efforts, and worked closely with local and regional elected officials.

Additional Experience

Lone Mountain Archaeological Services, Albuquerque, New Mexico 1997 – 1998

Field Archaeologist

Ministry of Culture, Lorraine, France 1997

Archaeological Crew Chief

University of New Mexico Office of Contract Archaeology, Albuquerque, New Mexico 1991 – 1995

Field Archaeologist

Metropolitan State College, Bella Union, Peru 1988

Field Archaeologist

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez, Colorado 1986 – 1988

Field Archaeologist

Major Publications

Notes for the Aurora Society: 1500 Miles on Foot Across Finland, Infinity Press 2009

Rise and Go, Blurb Press 2011

"Red Flag Day" in *Facing the Change* 2013

"This Don't Take No Skill" and "Pello" in *From the Grand Canyon to the Great Wall* 2012

"Egypt, Day One" in *Hyenas Laughed at Me and Now I Know Why*, Travelers Tales Publications 2004

Professional Associations

International Travel Writers Association 2013- present

EcoAdventures Media 2013-present

Green Infrastructure Foundation, Board of Directors 2010-2014

Society for Ecological Restoration, Member 2009-2014

Languages

Spanish: Conversational fluency

French: Conversational fluency

Finnish: Conversational basic

Swedish: Basic