

Position: Historiographer

Term: One Year

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Positions Held in a Parish:

• Vestry Member

Diocesan/National Positions Held:

• Historiographer

Why you Feel Called:

As a lifelong historian with over 25 years of experience in the fields of public history, archives management, and museum work, I have served the Diocese of East Carolina as Historiographer since 2017, and I wish to continue to dedicate my skills and abilities to the preservation and dissemination of the Church's history. I have been blessed by God with a passion for the past and I want to share this gift with the Diocese as we seek to preserve and share our story. A published and award winning author, I can also provide editorial services to assist with the creation of new histories of the various parishes within the Diocese as needed.

Originally from Bath, North Carolina, I graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1991 with a Bachelor's Degree in History, followed by coursework at NC State in Archival Management and graduation from East Carolina University with a Master's Degree in

1998. I also published *A Day of Blood: The 1898 Wilmington Race Riot*, based on research for which I was awarded the American Association of State and Local History Award of Merit and their prestigious WOW Award. Currently working for the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, I work to ensure that all of our state's history is preserved and shared through museums and historic sites from the mountains to the sea.

Nominated by: Douglas Grizzard