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EDUCATION

1976 Radcliffe College, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. BA (Honors) Anthropology
1972 University of London, Medieval Studies
1971 The Madeira School, Greenway, Virginia
1968 La Combe, Rolle, Switzerland

CURRENT

World Exploration Summit, Curator (2015-17)
The Explorers Club Board of Directors (2016-2019)
The Explorers Club Exploration Summit, Curator (2015-)
Panda Press, Editor (2013-)
The Explorers Journal, Reviews Editor (1995-)
The Explorers Club Polar Film Festival, Co-Curator (2012-)

PROGRAMS FOUNDED

Wings WorldQuest,™Inc Co-FOUNDER, DIRECTOR (2001-2010, 2013-14)
Wings Trust, Inc. Co-FOUNDER / TRUSTEE (1992-present)
Women Explorers: An Oral History Project FOUNDER and DIRECTOR (1991-1995)
"The Ancestors" CO-FOUNDER and DIRECTOR (1979) Museum of the American Indian
Margaret Mead Film Festival (1977-79) FOUNDER American Museum of Natural History

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Explorers Club Annual Dinner Co-Chair 2013
Committee 2014, 2015, 2016
Affordable World Security Conference Vice-Chairman and Coordinator 2012-13
(WP Carey Foundation and East West Institute)
ART OF EXPLORATION with Imagination Celebration CO-PRODUCER (2005-2011)
Discover! Creator
Channel 13 Education Summit invited speaker 2011
Polar Fair, co-Producer Lecturer AMNH/Barnard/Lamont Doherty 2007-2010
American Museum of Natural History Tour Director Lecturer *Rajasthan*
Students on Ice, Lecturer, Arctic Expedition 2007
Wings *Women of Discovery* Awards, Event Producer 2003 – 2010, 2014
Explorers Club Film Festival 2003- 2007 Judge
CBS Sunday Morning News, Polk profiled in "THEY ALSO DARED" October 1996
GRACIE Award 1997

LECTURES: more than 150 schools, Universities, Clubs, Organizations

PUBLICATIONS

Inside by Susan Conrad, Introduction 2016
Indiana SSAT 2015
American National Biography (Oxford University Press) contributor 2014
Passing Brave, Personal History, Distant Thunder, Humpty Dumpty The Fate of Regime Change, Blind Man's Buff books by William Polk, Panda Press, Editor 2013-
The Great Explorers (Thames and Hudson 2010) Contributor "Marianne North"
Norwegian National Schools Curriculum contributor 2009
Pennsylvania SSAT Contributor 2007-2010
Discovery Talk "Explorers" Card Game (US GAMES 2008)
The Quest (Lulu 2008) novel with paintings by Cynthia James
Gathering the Pieces Contributor
They Lived to Tell the Tale (Explorers Club and Lyons Press 2007) Contributor
Adventurous Dreams, Adventurous Lives (Rocky Mountain Books, 2007) Contributor
The Explorers Journal Reviews and Contributing Editor (1995-present)
The Looting of the Iraq Museum, Baghdad Co-Editor (2005 Abrams)
"100 Best First Person Exploration Books of 20th Century" *The Explorers Journal*
As Told at the Explorers Club ed. George Plimpton (Lyons Press 2003) contributor
Exploration Series Editor (Chelsea House Publications 2004) *Gertrude Bell, Alexandra David-Neel, Sylvia Earle, Mary Kingsley, Annie Alexander, Sue Hendrickson*
Frauen erkunden die Welt (National Geographic/Friederking & Thaler (2004 reprint 2014)
Women of Discovery Calendar (Rizzoli) 2003
Women of Discovery (Clarkson Potter, 2001)
Library Journal Award Best Books of 2001
School Library Journal Best Books 2002
Egyptian Mummies (Dutton/Penguin. 1997)
Margaret A. Edwards Award 1998 Best Books
YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers 1998
The History of Arabian Transportation Cambridge Univ Press (1984-1987)
"LEGACY" Public Television series on World History RESEARCHER (1982)
"ROLLOVER" Feature Film SCRIPT CONSULTANT (1979)
"MARGARET MEAD; PORTRAIT OF A FRIEND" Film by Rouch and Marshall (1979)

EXPEDITIONS

Chasing the Light Expedition NW Greenland Leader 2012
Prince William Sound, Alaska; Western Desert of Egypt (National Geographic); Yemen; Southern Sudan; Saudi Arabia; Iran; Pakistan; Burma; John River, Alaska; Nepal; Brazilian coast; Greenland, Baffin Island (Students on Ice), Devon Island (Adventure Canada), India (American Museum of Natural History); Chinese Tibet, Andaman Sea, Chilean Fjords
Advisor to numerous expeditions.

AWARDS

2015 *Capt. J-E Bernier Medal*, Royal Canadian Geographic Society. Ottawa

- 2011 *Alumnae Achievement Award*, Madeira School. Greenway, Virginia
- 2011 *Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award*, Lindbergh Foundation
- 2010 *Fellow*, Wings WorldQuest
- 2007 *Women's Environmental Leadership Award*, Unity College, Maine
- 2005 *Honorary Fellow, FRCGS (Hon)* The Royal Canadian Geographical Society
- 2005 Arden Seminars Scholarship
- 2003 *Leader of the 21st Century*, WomensENews.org
- 1986 *Outstanding Woman of the Year*
- 1979 *Robert Flaherty New York State Arts Grant (Film)*

AFFILIATIONS

- NY Wild Film Festival*, Film Reviewer (2013-)
- Harvard Club of Rockland County*
- Takster Foundation*, Tibetan Education, Advisor
- Wings WorldQuest*, Fellow
- Lion Guardians*, Advisor
- N'Kisi Project*, Advisor
- Power of One Woman*, Advisor
- Tibetan Home of Hope*, Advisor
- Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA)* Advisor
- The National Arts Club*, Board of Governors (2003-2012)
- George Polk Awards*, Advisor
- Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Fellow FRCGS (Hon)*
- Royal Geographic Society Fellow, FRGS*
- The Explorers Club*, Fellow
- Piermont Rowing Club*, (Board 2000-2001)
- Masters Rowing Association (Competitive Rower)*
- Wilbur Mills Prize*, Polar Book Award Committee
- Harvard College Class of 76*, Marshall
- Society of the History of Discoveries*, Member, Book Reviewer

PERSONAL DETAILS

- Children: Adelaide Elisabeth (1986); Milbry Catherine (1988); Mary Harding (1992)
- Citizenship: American and British

REFERENCE

- Who's Who: American Women; World; America, Professional