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#### Biography

I got interested in archaeology at a tender age, and was a teen-aged pothunter by age 15.

But in about 1966, as an undergraduate at San Francisco State University (then College) surviving on the GI Bill and work in 'salvage archaeology,' I fell in with a remarkable fellow student named Eric Barnes, who mixed art and urban planning with anthropology in his creative brain, and he introduced me to a law just signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson' the National Historic Preservation Act. Eric felt that it might be used to preserve and manage archaeological sites, rather than simply to get them dug up before they were destroyed. He convinced me, and my career lurched away from mainstream academic archaeology into what we now call 'cultural resource management' or CRM.

Over the next ten years I oversaw the UCLA Archaeological Survey, helped set up the Archaeological Research Unit at the University of California, Riverside and completed a PhD there in Anthropology, did fieldwork in California's North Coast Range, Sierra Nevada, and Mojave and Colorado Deserts, and along the Pacific coast from Los Angeles north to the Oregon border. I set up a private consulting firm in northern California, took part in litigation, helped organize the Society for California Archaeology, and helped coordinate a legislative effort that would have established a state archaeological survey, modeled on one in Arkansas, had the legislation to create it not fallen to a veto by Governor Ronald Reagan. Becoming unemployable in California, I was enabled by the late, great New York State archaeologist Marian White to shuffle across the continent to Buffalo to set up a contract archaeology program for the New York Archaeological Council. I lasted a bit over a year on the Nilagara Frontier before being recruited by the National Park Service to help write regulations and guidalines for the newly apacted Archaeological and Historic Deseanation Act. I was a bit over a year in Washington DC before being recruited by the Northern Mariana Islands to help write.

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