



# Constance Ramirez

## PROFILE COURSES

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Constance Werner Ramirez is an architectural historian and urban planner who specializes in historic preservation. She holds an undergraduate degree from Wheaton College in Massachusetts, a master's degree in city planning from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in urban and regional planning from Cornell University. Major positions include historic preservation planner for the Urban Renewal Administration, the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, the Department of the Army, the General Services Administration, and the National Park Service. Since 1983, she has served continuously as adjunct faculty teaching graduate courses at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and in Northern Virginia, at George Mason University, at The George Washington University, and, since 2004, at the University of Maryland. In 1980, she founded the National Preservation Institute, a non-profit organization which offers short courses in historic preservation. She has worked as a consultant on numerous projects and was director of the Paterson, NJ, Archaeology Lab for two years. She was instrumental in the establishment of the US Army Corps of Engineers' Cultural Resources Research Center which applied various technologies to locate, identify, and protect cultural resources. She was a trustee of Wheaton College, a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of Cornell's College of Architecture, Art, and Planning; chair of the Arlington County Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board; and is currently a member of the City of Annapolis Heritage Commission, the Board of Directors of the Chase Home, Inc., and founding member of the West Annapolis Heritage Partnership.. She has written numerous articles on historic preservation and was responsible for the preservation of an 1840 Arlington, Virginia, log house, an 1890 military band building in Texas, and an early 20th century roadhouse on the Yukon Trail in Alaska.

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**SUMMARY:** An urban planner and urban and architectural historian by education, I have conceptualized and developed local and national programs in historic preservation, directed community and nation-wide research projects in history, architecture, archaeology, and applied technology, taught graduate courses in historic preservation policy and planning, and participated as a volunteer in local and academic organizations and committees.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2000 - Director, Federal Preservation Institute, National Park Service. Created the program and developed a computer performance support system that delivers information and training on historic preservation to federal agency staffs and others carrying out federal historic preservation laws, orders, and regulations. Provide monthly training to representatives of 75 federal agencies, acquire funds and in-kind services from various federal agencies, develop partnerships with other programs and agencies, and oversee the work of professional staff of two plus interns from various college and university historic preservation programs.
- 1997 - 2000 Preservation Officer and Chief, Cultural, Environmental, and Accessibility Programs, Public Buildings Service, U.S. General Services Administration, Washington, DC. Directed a staff of 8 plus interns to carry out NEPA, ABA, ADA, NHPA, and related federal laws on GSA controlled property in the U.S. Established a partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a program for providing the public with more information about the government's historic buildings.
- 1977 - 1997 Preservation Planner and Technical Preservation Officer, Department of Army, Washington, DC, author of Army Regulation 420-40, Army Technical Manuals on historic preservation and historic property repair and maintenance, and numerous guidance documents, and proponent for over 20 historic preservation research grants, including reports, publications, and exhibits for Departments of Army and Defense. Hired in 1977 as an expert consultant to create program and given a full time permanent position in 1984. In 1995, assumed responsibility for building a computer based Army Environmental Management Program.
- 1977 - 1985 Consultant, National Preservation Institute, to undertake urban history research in Hiram Market, New Brunswick, NJ; joined team preparing historic structures report on the Bonnet House, Fort Lauderdale, FL; and part of team surveying Clarke County, VA, plus other smaller tasks. In addition, oversaw continued development of the training program of the National Preservation Institute through 2001.
- 1977 - 1980 Consultant and Director, Paterson Archaeology Lab, City of Paterson, NJ, to direct development of documentation of Great Falls National Historic Landmark district. Supervised a staff of professional archaeologists, geologist, architectural historians,

- architect, and CETA workers who produced a 500 page documentation report.
- 1975 – 1977 Consultant, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, Washington, DC, initiated first historic preservation plan and preservation of buildings on 7<sup>th</sup> St., NW.
- 1967 – 1975 Consultant to various firms and to Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), National Park Service. Prepared Maryland HABS catalogue of over 800 buildings, documented urban development of Nantucket, MA, researched and prepared history of Georgetown (DC) waterfront, and prepared research and reports for numerous architectural and engineering firms in D.C.
- 1966 – 1968 Consultant, N.Y. Council on the Arts in Palmyra, NY, and prepared a historic preservation strategy with members of Historic Palmyra.
- 1964 – 1966 Planner, Urban Renewal Administration, Washington, DC, worked under the supervision of Dorn McGrath and prepared the booklet, *Preserving Historic America*. Very exciting time, but left to undertake doctoral studies at Cornell University.
- 1961 - 1962 Assistant to the Director for Architectural Research, Historic Annapolis, Inc., Annapolis, MD, to document development of the Annapolis Dock Space (research on deposit at Maryland Hall of Records). [Indexer of Maryland Gazette for Historic Annapolis and Maryland Hall of Records, summer 1959.] [Helped organize the Junior Guides for Historic Annapolis in summer of 1956.]

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT :**

University of Maryland – Adjunct Faculty, Historic Preservation Program, School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, College Park, MD  
 2004-2012 Preservation Policy and Planning, 3 credit course  
 2005-2008 Preservation Economics and Finance, 3 credit course  
 2010 – Coordinator, Clarence Stein Environment and Institute Symposium, Greenbelt, MD, June 2011, April 2012.

University of Virginia (all graduate level courses in the Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, School of Architecture; average class size about 15 students):

- 1983 – 2003 Preservation Planning (taught in Charlottesville 1984-1994 and every other year from 1990 to 2003 in UVA Northern Virginia campus + 1983)
- 1989 – 2002 Introduction to Historic Preservation (taught every other year in UVA Northern Virginia campus)
- 2000 – Adaptive Reuse (taught in Northern Virginia, 33 students)
- 1986 - Preservation Field Methods (taught in Charlottesville)
- 1990 – 2003 Numerous Independent Study students for 1, 3, and 6 credit work in both the Charlottesville and Northern Virginia programs

Other Teaching Experience (all 3 credit graduate level courses, except as noted):  
 2001, '3, '5, '7, '9 Adjunct Associate Professor, Preservation Planning, Department of American Studies, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

- 1998 - '00 Independent Research Advisor, and Thesis Advisor, Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies, Goucher College, Towson, MD.
- 1996 - Instructor, Public History Seminar on Preservation Policy, Department of History, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. (1 credit course)
- 1987, '89, '91, '96 - Instructor, Introduction to Historic Preservation, Department of History, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- 1983, '84, '85 Instructor, Introduction to Historic Preservation, Department of American Studies, The George Washington University
- 1975-76 Training courses on repair and maintenance of historic houses, Preservation Resource Group, Springfield, VA. One of 3 instructors in approximately 30 one-day classes.

### EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. Urban & Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (1975)  
Dissertation: *Urban History for Preservation Planning: the Annapolis Experience*  
Committee Chair: John W. Reps
- M.C.P. City Planning, Yale University, New Haven, CT (1964)  
Thesis studio: *Preservation of the Historic Environment of Guilford, CT*  
Advisor: Christopher Tunnard
- Attingham Summer School, English National Trust, England (summer 1962)
- Course in urban history, McCoy College, Johns Hopkins University (2 semesters 1961-1962)
- B.A. Art and Architectural History, Wheaton College, Norton, MA (1961)  
Thesis: *A Study of Spatial Organization in Western Architecture*  
Recipient of History of Art Prize  
[Graduate of Green Street Elementary School and Annapolis High School]

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected)

- Member, Advisory Council to the Dean, College of Architecture, Art & Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2000-2008.
- President, National Preservation Institute, Inc., a non-profit organization providing training in cultural resource management, 1981-1992, 1995-2001
- Representative of Arlington County to Advisory Committee of Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 1998 - 2005
- Coordinator with Historic Preservation Program, Arlington County, monthly luncheon program with speakers on historic preservation issues, 2002 - 2008
- Member, Lambda Alpha, Honorary Land Economics Society, 1974 - 2000
- Board Member, US Chapter, International Council on Monuments and Sites, 1994-99
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Public Historian*, National Council on Public History, 1995-98
- Board Member, Women's Council on Energy and the Environment 1995-2000
- Board Member, Arlington Heritage Alliance, Arlington, VA 1996-2008
- Trustee, Wheaton College, 1977-1982
- Preservation Roundtable, member since 1969, chair *Pro Tem* since 2000-2008.

### PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- 2010 & 2011 Short articles on local history topics for various Annapolis publications and newsletters.
- 2007 "Historic Preservation Learning Portal: A Performance Support Project for

- Cultural Resource Managers," co-author in *SAA Archaeological Record*, Vol.7, No. 4, September 20
- 2005 "Measuring the Economic Impact of Federal Historic Properties," co-author with Tracey Kelly, available at [www.historicpreservation.gov](http://www.historicpreservation.gov)
- 2003 "Protecting Our Historic Places in Uncertain Times," in *Forum Journal*, National Trust for Historic Preservation, V. 17, no. 3, spring 2003.
- 1999 "The Economics of Preserving Historic Federal Buildings," co-author, in *Forum News: A Newsletter of the National Trust for Historic Preservation*, v. VI, no. 1, Sept./Oct. 1999.
- 1997 "A Summary History of the Army's Preservation Program," in *CRM*, National Park Service, v. 20, no. 13, 1997.
- 1993 "The Legacy Program: A Model for Federal Agencies," in *Forum*, National Trust for Historic Preservation, October 1993.
- 1993 "Preserving History," in *Defense Housing*, publication of the Professional Housing Management Association, July/August, 1993.
- 1993 "Stewardship of Legacy Resources," in *Federal Archeology Report*, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, v. 6, no. 1, spring 1993.
- 1990 "Housing the Military," with Katherine Grendine, in *Housing: Symbol, Structure, Site*, Cooper-Hewitt Museum, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 1986 "Historic Preservation in Federal Agencies," co-author, in *Cultural Resources Management*, Kreiger Publishing Co., FL.
- 1984 Department of the Army Regulation No. 420-40: Historic Preservation
- 1975 U.S. Army Technical Manual 5-801-1, Historic Preservation: Administrative Procedures
- 1977 U.S. Army Technical Manual 5-801-2, Historic Preservation: Maintenance Procedures.
- 1975 "Urban History for Preservation Planning: Case Study Annapolis," doctoral dissertation, Cornell University.
- 1970 "The Historic Architecture and Urban Design of Nantucket," pamphlet, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 1968 *Georgetown Historic Waterfront*, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
- 1966 *Preserving Historic America*, U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
- 1962 "Architectural Research in the Annapolis Dock Space," *Journal of the Society of*

**HONORS (selected)**

- 2009 Arlington Heritage Alliance, 2009 Heritage Award, Arlington, VA
- 1999 Certificate of Appreciation, Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration
- 1998 President's Award for NEPA Excellence, National Association of Environmental Professionals
- 1995 Certificate of Achievement, Department of the Army
- 1994 The Honor Roll, Ann Pamela Cunningham Awards
- 1993 Public Service "Golden Trowel" Award, Society for American Archaeology
- 1985 Commendation plaque, Arlington Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board
- 1984 Commendation Award, Department of the Army
- 1978 Phi Beta Kappa (*Honoris Causa*), Massachusetts Chapter