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PRESIDENT

2017 - Present

Rooks and Company, LLC, Flora, MS

Owner and biologist for firm specializing in conservation planning, grant writing and management, baseline documentation for conservation easements, and strategic planning. Consulting services include conservation planning for the MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, coordination of Coastal Impact Assistance Program for MS Department of Environmental Quality and the MS Department of Marine Resources, conservation planning for the MS Forestry Commission, grant writing and various special technical projects and reports for non-profits such as Ducks Unlimited, the Land Trust Alliance, the Land Trust for Louisiana, the Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain, the National Audubon Society, Rio Grande Return, The Nature Conservancy, The New Venture Fund, the Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, The Trust for Public Land, the Wolf River Conservancy and private landowners.

VICE PRESIDENT

2002- 2017

Barber and Mann, Inc., Ridgeland, MS

Co-founder and biologist for firm specializing in conservation easement appraisals, baseline and environmental reports, land planning, grants, specialized consulting and real estate.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1998 – 2003

American Lung Association of Mississippi and Mississippi Thoracic Society Ridgeland, MS

CEO of state's oldest voluntary health organization. Oversaw all lung health program, administrative, education, professional, policy, strategic planning, communication, research and grant operations of lung health organization.

ASSOCIATE

2001 – 2002

Jorgenson and Mann Ridgeland, MS

Part-time consultant and technical staff for specialized appraisal firm. Responsible for researching and compiling data such as comparative land sales, environmental baseline documentation reports, maps, and socioeconomic information for appraisals and other reports on conservation servitudes, Tidelands Trust and properties of significant ecological and historical value.

Mississippi Wildlife Federation Jackson, MS 1989 – 1998

1991 – 1998

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Managed operations of non-profit conservation organization including membership, education programs, resource committees, volunteer coordination, strategic planning, fundraising, advocacy efforts and communication.

1990 – 1991

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND EDITOR

1989 – 1990

GRADUATE STUDENT INTERN

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1984-1988

1987 – 1988

PARK RANGER Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Columbus, MS

Responsible for inspections, permits, law enforcement, recreation management and operations in territory from Aberdeen to Fulton, MS along waterway and adjacent public lands. Assisted project biologists and foresters with all resource management including creel surveys, re-vegetation of borrow pits, creation and enhancement of wildlife habitat, reforestation and forest management, prescribed burning, supplemental feeding and artificial nesting.

1984 – 1986

PARK RANGER TRAINEE (Cooperative Educational Student)

STUDENT AIDE

1984

Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources
Starkville, MS

LAB ASSISTANT

1983-1984

R.T. Clapp Forest Products Lab Starkville, MS

EDUCATION

Augustine Institute, Greenwood Village, Colorado

August 2020-Current. Pursuing Master of Arts in Theology.

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi

Master of Science in Communication 1990 *Summa Cum Laude*

Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi

Bachelor of Science in Forestry/Wildlife Management 1987

Cooperative Education Program *Cum Laude*