

## Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

**W. Stephen McBride, Ph.D.**

Director of Interpretation and Archaeology  
Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park



**Current Positions:** Director of Interpretation and Archaeology, Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

**Past Positions:** Cultural Resource Planner, Wilbur Smith and Assoc., Lexington, KY, 1994-2003; Project Archaeologist, Program for Cultural Resource Assessment, University of Kentucky, 1987-1994.

**Education:** Ph.D., Anthropology, Michigan State University, 1991; M.A., Anthropology, Michigan State University, 1984; B.A., Anthropology, Beloit College, cum laude, departmental honors, 1979.

**Main Interests:** Historical Archaeology, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Material Culture, Military Archaeology, African Diaspora, Frontier Settlement and Defense, Preservation Planning, Public Education.

**Awards:** Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation 2016 Clay Lancaster Education Award, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia 2014 Archaeology Award, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 2009 Unbridled Spirit Award, West Virginia Archaeological Society 2009 Sigfus Olafson Award of Merit, Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation 1993 Special Archaeology Award.

**Grants:** Awarded over 30 state or federal grants, often in partnership with local preservation agencies, to conduct archaeological research, preservation planning, and exhibit preparation. These projects have focused on frontier forts, plantations, and Civil War encampments and battlefields.

**Preservation Planning:** Authored or co-authored the Kentucky State Plan for Historical Archaeology, eight preservation and/or interpretive plans for Civil War or Revolutionary War sites, two historic contexts for Civil War sites, one National Register nomination and one National Historic Landmark nomination for Camp Nelson, KY. Contracted with NPS-American Battlefield Protection Program to research and register Revolutionary War and War of 1812 sites in Kentucky.

**Interpretation/Exhibit Experience:** Directed exhibit projects including indoor archaeology exhibits at museums or historic sites and outdoor interpretive signs at one historic site, and assisted in the creation of podcasts and a brochure for a Civil War trail. These exhibits are or were located at Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park, KY; the Kentucky State Fair; the University of Kentucky; the North House Museum, Lewisburg, WV; the Pope House, Lexington, KY; the Ashland Estate, Lexington, KY, and on the Rio Grande Civil War Trail in South Texas.

**Teaching Experience:** Instructor, Potomac State College of WVU archaeology field school, 2017; West Virginia State University archaeology field school, 2016; Instructor, Concord University, WV, 2010-16; Visiting Faculty, Georgetown College, KY, 1999-2006; Instructor, Centre College, KY, 2006; Instructor, West Virginia University archaeological field school 2006; Instructor, University of Kentucky archaeological field schools 1990, 2001, 2002, and 2005. Faculty, Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, Centre College, 1994-95. Graduate teaching assistant at Michigan State University, 1981-87.

## Sample of Recent Publications:

In press (with Kim A. McBride) Border Warfare in Revolutionary Era West Virginia, in *Archaeology of Asymmetrical Warfare*, edited by Steven D. Smith and Clarence R. Geier. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

In press From the Bluegrass to the Rio Grande: Kentucky's U.S. Colored Troops on the Border (1865-1867), in *War and Peace on the Rio Grande*, edited by Christopher Miller, Russell Skowronek, and Roseann Bacha-Garza. Texas A&M University Press, College Station.

2016 (with Kim A. McBride) "I Tremble for the Fate of the Greenbrier People": Border Conflict in Revolutionary Era West Virginia, in *Preserving Fields of Conflict: Papers from the 2014 Fields of Conflict Conference and Preservation Workshop*, edited by Steven D. Smith, pp. 85-91. South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

2014 (with Kim A. McBride) *Frontier Defense: Colonizing Contested Areas in the Greenbrier Valley of West Virginia*. West Virginia Humanities Council, Charleston.

2014 (with Kim A. McBride and J. David McBride) Archaeology and Reconstruction of Fort Putnam, Camp Nelson, Kentucky, in *From These Honored Dead: Historical Archaeology of the American Civil War*, edited by Clarence R. Geier, Douglas D. Scott, and Lawrence E. Babits, pp. 193-207. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

2013 Camp Nelson and Kentucky's Civil War Memory. *Historical Archaeology* 47:69-80.

2013 "To Preserve the Forts, and the Families Gathered into Them": Archaeology of Edwards's Fort, Capon Bridge, West Virginia, in *The Archaeology of French and Indian War Frontier Forts*, edited by Lawrence E. Babits and Stephanie Gandulla, pp. 139-157. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

2013 "Camp Nelson is now our Canada". *Kentucky Humanities* Fall 2013:10-14.

2011 (with Kim A. McBride) Methods in the Archaeology of Colonial Frontier Forts: Examples from Virginia and West Virginia. In *Historical Archaeology of Military Archaeology: Method and Topic*. Edited by Clarence Geier, Lawrence Babits, Douglas Scott, and David Orr, pp. 123-134. Texas A&M University Press, College Station.

2010 African-American Women, Power, and Freedom in the Contested Landscape of Camp Nelson, Kentucky, in *Archaeology and Preservation of Gendered Landscapes*, edited by Sherene Baugher and Suzanne M. Spencer-Wood, pp. 95-112. Springer Science and Business Media, New York, New York.

2010 Camp Nelson: Civil War Emancipation Center for Kentucky, in *Abraham Lincoln, Kentucky African Americans and the Constitution*, compiled by Alicestyne Turley, pp. 99-105. Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, Frankfort.

2010 (with Kim A. McBride) Archaeology and the Creation of a Civil War Park: Experiences from Camp Nelson, Kentucky. In *Archaeologist as Activists: Can Archaeologists Change the World?* Edited by M. Jay Stottman, pp. 110-125. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

2010 (with Kim A. McBride) *Seizing Freedom: Archaeology of Escaped Slaves at Camp Nelson, Kentucky*. Booklet funded by the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, National Park Service. Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park, Nicholasville, KY.

2010 (with Kim A. McBride) Excavations at Three French and Indian War Forts: Insights into Fort Design and Construction. *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology* 26:43-60.

2006 (with Kim A. McBride) Civil War Housing: Insights from Camp Nelson, Kentucky. In *Huts and History: Historical Archaeology of Military Encampment during the American Civil War*, edited by Clarence Geier, David G. Orr, and Matthew B. Reeves, pp. 136-172. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

2005 Camp Nelson: A Fortified Union Supply Depot, Recruitment Center, and African-American Refugee Camp. In *Kentucky's Civil War, 1861-1865*. Edited by Jerlene Rose, pp. 112-113. Back Home in Kentucky, Clay City.

2003 (with Kim A. McBride and Greg Adamson) *Frontier Forts in West Virginia: Historical and Archaeological Explorations*. West Virginia Division of Culture and History, Charleston.

2001 (with Susan C. Andrews and Sean P. Coughlin) "For the Convenience and Comforts of the Soldiers and Employees at the Depot": Archaeology of the Owens' House/Post Office Complex, Camp Nelson, Kentucky. In *Archaeological Perspectives on the American Civil War*, edited by Clarence Geier and Stephen Potter, pp. 99-124. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

#### **Papers and Public Lectures:**

Presented over 100 papers at professional conferences and local archaeological/historical society meetings.

#### **Professional Societies and Organizations:**

Society for Historical Archaeology, Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Civil War Fortification Study Group, West Virginia Archaeological Society, Council for West Virginia Archaeology, Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists, Council on Northeastern Historical Archaeology, Greenbrier Historical Society.