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Education

- 1983 Ph.D. in botany; Claremont Graduate School & Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, CA
1979 M.A. in botany; Claremont Graduate School & Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, CA
1977 B.A. in botany with highest honors; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC

Professional Recognition; Employment

- 2014 American Public Garden Association: National Professional Citation Award
2009 Michigan Roads Scholar, Office of the Provost, University of Michigan
1990- present. Develop and curate the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum's living and special collections.
1983-1989 Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University; Research Taxonomist

Relevant Publications since 2000 - Books & Chapters

- [2017] Michener, D & N. H. Holmgren. *Keckiella* In: *Flora North America, Vol 17*, Oxford University Press. *19-page ms in press*
2017 Michener, D & C. Adelman. *Peony: the best varieties for your garden*. Timber Press. 254 pg - *in press*. <https://www.workman.com/products/peony>
2017 Michener, D. *History of the UM Botanical Gardens 1914-2015* In: *Object Lessons and the Formation of Knowledge: The University of Michigan Museums, Libraries and Collections 1817-2017*. K. Barndt and C. Sinopoli [Eds.] University of Michigan Press.
2011 Michener, D. *Collection Management*. Pg 253-271. In *Establishing and Managing a Public Garden*, D. Rakow and S. Lee [Eds.]. John Wiley & Sons, NY, NY.
2002 Michener, D. & Shultz, I. *Through the Garden Gate: Objects and Informal Education for Environmental and Cultural Awareness in Arboreta and Botanic Gardens* In: *Perspectives on Object-Centered Learning in Museums* pp. 95-110, S. Paris [Ed.] Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, NJ
2001 Michener, D. & Sinton, N. *Taylor's Guide to Groundcovers*. 375 pg. Houghton Mifflin, Boston, MA

Articles

- [2019] Michener, D. and V. Passfield. *First Nations Representation in American Public Gardens*. [A survey of professional practices in research phase.]
2015 Vlasava, NB et al. *Genetic differentiation of historic cultivars of Paeonia*. [In English and Russian] UDC 577.21:58(470.57)
2014 Hockenberry, Mary M & D. Michener. *Academic, Internship and Cooperative Extension Programs at Botanic Gardens*. HortTechnology 23:635-641
2013 Leskoviansky, C & D. Michener. *Update from the Peony Garden at the University of Michigan*. Bull. American Peony Soc: 366:10-14.

- 2006 Lowe, E., Everett, A, Lau, M., Dunbar A. Michener, D. & Osawa, Y. *Naturally occurring neuronal NO-synthase inactivators found in Nicotiana tabacum (Solanaceae) and other plants*. 26 ms pages incl. tables. Phytomedicine (manuscript #05067-A)
- 2005 *Ethics, water conservation and sustainable gardens* (B. Grese senior co-author). *Public Garden* 21(4): 16-19
- 2005 *Water, Gardens and Values* (introductory essay to the special issue) *Public Garden* 21(4): 5, 39
- 2005 *Is your history being lost as fast as you make it?* (co-authored with D. Coleman). *Public Garden* 20(1): 22-23, 37
- 2004 *The well-appointed web page*. *Public Garden* 19(1): 8-9, 42

Editorial and Review Work

- 1990-2011 Living-collection site-reviews or formal assessments with confidential reports for agencies: 17 total in California, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Idaho, Illinois, Newfoundland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virginia, Wisconsin
- 1995-2010 Editorial Advisory Committee, *The Public Garden* (Journal of the American Public Garden Association), Kennnet Square, PA.

Grants Awarded since 2010

- 2016 \$315,644 (incl. match) IMLS - MFA
- 2015 \$140,800 (incl. match) IMLS - Conservation
- 2011 \$160,207 (incl. match) IMLS - MFA
- 2011 \$287,723 (incl. match) IMLS - Conservation
- 2010 \$10,000. Stanley Smith Horticulture Trust – Peony Conservation

UM Graduate degrees co-supervised since 2005

- 2016 *Art & Design* MFA, J. Verney *studio thesis based on his acrylic paintings inspired by his nature b&w photographs developed in natural hot springs*
- 2015 *LS&A - American Culture*, PhD. J. Ciadella (Enid Haupt Fellow 2012-13) *From the Machine in the Garden to the Garden in the Machine*.
- 2014 *University of Delaware – Public Garden Management*, MA, L. Kerr (Longwood Fellow 2013-2014). *Planned Distribution of Plant Collections for Public Horticultur Institutions*.
- 2009 *School of Natural Resources & Environment*, MLA: A. Kludt *Footprints in the snow – playground design as a facilitator of winter play*.
- 2006 *School of Natural Resources & Environment*, MLA: J. Tamutyte. *In search of a niche for a new botanic garden: A masterplan for Siauliai Botanic Garden, Lithuania*.

UM Courses since 2000 (all 3 credit hours)

- 2016 *Program in the Environment* 300. Independent Study: Forest plot determination.
- 2011 *Museum Studies* 401. Contemporary issues in museology – Conservation issues in zoos, aquaria and botanical gardens. *Winter term: Jan.-April 2011*
2007. *Program in the Environment* 113. Introduction to landscape systems.
- 2004, 5, 6 7, 8 *Program in the Environment* 350. The Built Environment: an introduction to landscape change (initially co-taught with Donna Erickson, ASLA).
- 2002, 3, 5 *School of Natural Resources & Environment* 691. Plant Materials & Design