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# Citizen Interest Application

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Subject: Citizen Interest Application

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Title/Occupation:: Retired Professor Emerita English/Humanities

Employer:: Formerly: SD School of Mines

Ward:: 5

I would like to serve on the following: : Library Board of Trustees

I am also interested in serving on:: Journey Museum Board and/or Library Board of Trustees

Please list education or training relevant to your choice(s):: I earned a Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University, Atlanta, GA in 1992. My American Studies degree is concentrated in American Cultural Studies (art, English, sociology, history). My dissertation was focused on literature of the Post-Civil War South and how it interacted with changing race and gender "norms" in the United States. My B.A. from University of Central Florida in 1985 is in Humanities with a minor in English.

Please list work experience relevant to your choice(s):: For 26 years (until May 2018), I was a Professor of English and Humanities at SD School of Mines and Technology here in Rapid City, so a substantial part of my life has been devoted to education and the love of learning. The courses I was responsible for included Technical Writing I and II; English 101; Intro to Humanities; Intro to Science, Technology & Society; Advanced Research Methods; Computers in Society, American Literature I and II, and a host of specialty courses I designed as "special topics" courses such as Literature of the Civil War, Humor & American Culture, Realism in the 19th Century, the Transcendentalists, and so on. While at Mines I was honored to receive both the Bernard Ennenga Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Outstanding Professor Award. During my teaching career, I published a dozen articles on topics related to teaching with technology, gender in the classroom, and the intersection of literature and race and gender codes. I also presented scholarly papers on these topics at 19 conferences around the country.

Before joining the faculty at Mines, I taught at Georgia Institute of Technology as a Brittan Fellow in Writing. There I taught Technical Writing and Speaking and a variety of literature and humanities courses. And even earlier--before I took the

leap and went back to school to earn the BA and then go on to grad school--I was a legal secretary for 15 years in Phoenix, AZ, and Orlando, FL, for a law firm and for a city development firm.

Please list community volunteer service relevant to your choice(s)::

Since moving to Rapid City in 1992, I have tried to be active in my community and state. I was selected for Leadership Rapid City in 1993 and served on its Board of Directors 1994-1995. I was also chosen to serve on the Rapid City Public Library Citizen Advisory & Planning Board (1996), and then elected to serve on the South Dakota Humanities Council Board of Directors (2003-2007), the Allied Arts Fund Board of Directors (2008-2009), and the Rapid City Arts Council (2012-2016, serving as President of the RCAC in 2015).

I would like to serve in the indicated position(s) because::

Now that I am retired I am more eager than ever to continue giving back to my community as I have done in the past. I believe I have the educational background necessary to serve on these boards, as well as the maturity, leadership skills, organizational abilities, and civic experience that will serve me well in these positions. These two boards are of particular interest to me as an educator and a humanities/cultural studies professional for the last couple of decades. I am convinced that no municipality can truly say it's a city that "serves its citizens" if it doesn't have a strong library and a thriving arts/history/cultural community. Walter Cronkite's assessment of libraries is as valid now as ever, maybe even more so, as he notes that, "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." And without the arts, especially when grounded in history as in a museum setting, we are not as equipped to imagine or dare to follow our dreams and create new, brighter tomorrows. I would be proud to apply my abilities and experience to our library or The Journey and the many wonderful programs each offers Rapid City.

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Are you a registered voter of Rapid City?:

Yes

Are you a resident of Rapid City?::

Yes