

August 26, 2015

Dear Ms. Fish,

I am writing in application for the Director of Sponsored Projects position at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, as advertised on the Crow Canyon website. I recently graduated with a PhD in anthropology from Washington State University, and am highly motivated to begin a career in archaeological research and education at Crow Canyon. My skills and experience in developing large grant proposals, managing classrooms and research, and producing grant deliverables for academic, government, and public audiences make me uniquely qualified to join Crow Canyon as the Director of Sponsored Projects.

During the past seven years I have been a researcher, lead software developer, and GIS administrator for the **Village Ecodynamics Project (VEP)**. I co-authored several chapters in an edited volume detailing the first phase of VEP research, and oversaw the production of the figures for that volume. As part of phase two of the VEP, I restructured the geospatial databases used in VEP research, developed workflows for digitally recording archaeological sites in Mesa Verde National Park (as part of the **Mesa Verde Community Center Survey**), and collaborated with the VEP IT team to make the Village computer simulation code available to other researchers. I also co-authored several academic publications of VEP research, and have given presentations—several at Crow Canyon—to professional and public audiences. In addition to coordinating research in the VEP, I have taught three undergraduate courses, managing classes of 15–90 students.

As part of efforts to expand the scope and impact of VEP research, I co-developed several research proposals to the National Science Foundation with budgets between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million. I also helped write and am currently participating in a funded collaborative proposal—**Designing SKOPE: Synthesized Knowledge of Past Environments**—for which WSU has an operating budget of \$102,000 of a total project budget of \$300,000. As a graduate student, I secured \$180,000 in competitive doctoral fellowships from the National Science Foundation. I am currently co-developing several other large NSF proposals focusing on human-environment interactions and traditional agriculture in the US Southwest, Africa, and upland China.

I am very familiar with the mission and activities of Crow Canyon, having participated as a visiting researcher in 2011 and a research intern in 2012, and having collaborated closely with Crow researchers throughout the VEP. I feel that mission can be enhanced through expanded grant funding, including from private foundations and agencies that do not traditionally fund archaeological research. I look forward to discussing these opportunities with the Crow Canyon leadership.

Attached please find a copy of my résumé (with references), curriculum vitae, and salary history. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 362-6659 or by email at bocinsky@wsu.edu. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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