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heritage practitioner & archaeologist

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Personal

Nationality: South African.
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Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Formal Education

Current: MSc palaeontology (2023–present), Evolutionary Studies Institute (ESI), School of Geosciences, University of the Witwatersrand (WITS), Johannesburg.

MSc archaeology (2001–2003), School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies (GAES), WITS, Johannesburg.

BA hon. archaeology (1999–2000), Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Pretoria (UP), Pretoria.

BA archaeology & art history (1991–1993), Department of Anthropology and Archaeology and Department of Fine Arts, UP, Pretoria.

Accreditation

Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) Cultural Resources Management (CRM) accredited heritage practitioner (member no. 163):

- 2025—Principal Investigator (PI): Iron Age archaeology.
- 2010—PI: Stone Age archaeology.
- 2006—Field Director (FD): Grave Relocation.
- 2005—FD: (Stone Age), (Iron Age) and Colonial Period archaeology.

Karen is a professional heritage practitioner with 20 years' experience and specialisation in archaeology and cultural resources management (CRM). She is registered with the Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA) with Principal Investigator (PI) status in Stone and Iron Age archaeology.

References: Available on request.

Experience

April 2007–present

Heritage practitioner & archaeologist at ArchaeoMaps, East London

- Administration and office management.
- Project management.
- Heritage resources management.
 - Phase 1–3 heritage impact assessment (HIA) and CRM (with specialisation in archaeology and cultural heritage) in the environmental-development industry in accordance with the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA 1999) and related environmental/developmental legislation.
- Community and stakeholder liaison (community development projects).

June 2006–March 2007

Archaeologist at the National Museum, Bloemfontein

- Establishment and management of the CRM office at the museum's archaeology department.

March 2005–May 2006 & September 2002–March 2004

Archaeologist at the McGregor Museum, Kimberley

- Research and CRM archaeology.
- Community heritage outreach programmes.
- Dunluce House Museum: management and guided tours.

April 2004–December 2004

AMAFA: head of the archaeology, palaeontology and meteorites (APM) unit, Pietermaritzburg

- Management of the APM unit.
- Compliance consent/comment issuance and heritage permits.
- Compliance policies, procedures, protocols and minimum standards.
- Public heritage/heritage tourism.
- Heritage site declaration and management.

January 2000–July 2002

Open Windows Arts Academy, Pretoria

- Lecturer: theory of art I, II and III.
- Art exhibitions and displays.

January 1997–December 1999

Kemptonpark Technicon, School of Fine Art and Graphic Design

- Lecturer: theory of art I, II and III.
- Art exhibitions and displays.
(Kemptonpark satellite branch of the Vaal Triangle Technicon, Vanderbijlpark.)

Other Courses

2024 (August). Becoming an Editor (part-time online course). Knowadays.

2024 (August). Becoming a Proofreader (part-time online course). Knowadays.

2024 (June). 150-hour advanced TEFL/TESOL certificate (part-time online course). TEFL Universal.

2010 (part-time year course). Project management. University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria.

2007 (part-time year course). Geographic information systems (GIS). Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), Port Elizabeth/Gqeberha.

Languages

English and Afrikaans.

Committees

June 2022–May 2025

Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (ECPHRA)

Member of the ECPHRA APM committee.

- The committee acts as the development applications unit for developments in the province in a compliance consenting/commenting capacity in terms of the NHRA 1999.
 - The committee liaises directly with the Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE), the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), and the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on heritage–environmental processes, policies and standards.
 - The committee is directly responsible for APM and Burial Grounds and Graves (BBG) heritage resources/sites management and liaises with the Built Environment (BE) unit for integrated heritage resources management purposes.
 - The committee focusses on the inclusion of previously neglected and marginalised heritages (including oral, intangible, and living history/heritage) as per the NHRA 1999 and excluded from formal protection under the preceding National Monuments Act, Act No. 28 of 1969 (NMA 1969).
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