

DARCI L. TUCKER

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Teacher of history at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and in schools nationwide

Performer in schools, storytelling festivals, and Colonial Williamsburg's plays and Electronic Field Trips

Presenter of lessons and workshops at museums and social studies conferences

Developer of educational programs that meet national and state standards

Author: Tucker, D. *Embodying the Story through Character Interpretation*. Williamsburg, VA (2011).
Tucker, D. (2018) Ann Wager. In L. Huevel (Ed.), *Interpreting Leadership* (pp. 48-50).
Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Lives: History Brought to Life™: Owner, Consultant & Teaching Artist, 2000-present

Founding Director and Teacher of "Legacy," a character interpretation scholarship program at Bethel University, TN

Teacher training in character interpretation, storytelling, and other topics. Customers include:

- the State University of NY
- the Mount Vernon Teacher Institute
- County Offices of Education: CA (San Bernardino, San Diego, Los Angeles), FL (Hillsborough), UT (Alpine) and VA (Hampton, Fairfax).

Live Performances nationwide for audiences of all ages. Repertoire includes more than 20 women from American history. Presentations are so well-researched that audience questions are answered in character.

Online Performances of both characters and traditional storytelling

Museum consulting:

- George Washington's Mt. Vernon Estate (VA): auditioned, hired and trained interpreters in storytelling technique and character interpretation. Advised on 18th century language and behavior for Mount Vernon's introductory film, *We Fight to be Free*.
- Gunston Hall (VA): trained interpreters in character interpretation.
- Heritage Farm Museum and Village (WV): advised on educational programming, collections management, mission and vision statements.

Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, VA: full time 1987-2000, part time 2000-present

Coordinator, Teacher Institute: Researching, creating lessons and teaching a variety of topics, including 18th century Virginia government, social history and African-American life.

Character Interpreter: Portraying historical characters ranging from 18th century tradeswomen to the Royal Governor's wife

Evening and Special Programs Interpreter: Actress in a variety of live and recorded programs. Dancer: demonstrating and teaching 17th and 18th century dances. Military Interpreter: marching in formation, firing 18th century style muskets and cannon.

SELECTED STORYTELLING EXPERIENCES

CD of Folktales and Fairytales scheduled for release in 2020

The Tejas Storytelling Festival: 2011 – present. I have presented almost every year since 2011: I've told stories twice, done two fringe performances and four workshops, and been an emcee. I was scheduled as a featured teller in 2020, but the festival was shut down.

Annual concert tours with Andy Offutt Irwin, 2015 - present

Tucker-Arnold Productions Annual Storytelling Concert & Workshop: 2010 – 2019:
Co-Producer and Teller

Stories from Sea to Shore: emcee 2017

George West Storyfest: featured teller 2017

Timpanogos Storytelling Conference: performer and workshop presenter 2015

Viridian Event Center: storyteller 2014 & 2015

Salon! You're ON!: storyteller 2012

Stories by the Sea, Norfolk, VA: 2011

Ojai Village of Tales workshop stage manager and emcee, 2010-2015

National Storytelling Network Conference, Richmond, VA, 2013: workshop presenter and Regional Showcase storyteller

The Colonial Williamsburg Storytelling Festival: Teller 2006 & 2007, Emcee 2008

Weavers of the Word Storytelling Collaborative, Williamsburg, VA: Founding Member and Teller

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tim Tingle Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2019

Donald Davis Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2018, **Storytelling Week,** Ocracoke, NC, June 2010

Bill Harley Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2017
Carmen Deedy Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2016
Bil Lepp Workshop, Virginia Beach, VA, Jan. 2017
Syd Lieberman Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2014
Donald Davis Workshop, Virginia Beach, VA, Jan. 2014 & Jan. 2008
Charlotte Blake Alston Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2013
Kevin Kling Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Sept. 2012
Susan Klein Workshop, Virginia Beach, VA, Sept. 2011
Milbre Burch Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Jan. 2011
Andy Offutt Irwin Workshop, Williamsburg, VA, Jan. 2010

EDUCATION

B.A. in Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles, 1986

A.A. in Sociology, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA, 1983

References available upon request.