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Craig Wilson, Dominick Miller Appointed to New Positions with Mackinac State Historic Parks

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks is pleased to announce the appointments of Craig Wilson and Dominick Miller to Chief Curator and Chief of Marketing, respectively. Both started in their new roles October 1.

“We announce these appointments with confidence that Craig and Dominick bring excellent skills and experience to the Chief Curator and Chief of Marketing positions,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director.

Wilson is originally from the Detroit area and spent his childhood in Saginaw. After high school he attended Michigan Technological University in Houghton, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in anthropology in 2007. In 2005, while on summer break from college, Wilson began to work for MSHP as a seasonal interpreter at Fort Mackinac. Wilson continued his studies at Michigan Tech beginning in 2008, earning a Master of Science degree in industrial archaeology in 2010. He briefly served with the State Historical Society of North Dakota as the Site Supervisor at Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site in Abercrombie, North Dakota before returning to Michigan. His first full-time position with MSHP was as Museum Historian. Most recently he was Curator of History.

“I have very much enjoyed being part of Mackinac State Historic Parks' efforts to protect, preserve, and present the resources under our care for our visitors for the past several years, and I look forward to continuing that work in this new role,” Wilson said. “I am particularly excited about working

with my colleagues at MSHP to produce first-rate exhibits, programs, and publications to share Mackinac's heritage with the public.”

Wilson makes his home in Mackinaw City, and will primarily work out of the Petersen Center in Mackinaw City.

Miller grew up in Gaylord. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in journalism. He has worked in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years, the last six with MSHP. He was originally hired as the Group Travel and Special Events Coordinator before being promoted to Marketing Manager.

Along with his wife, Becky, and their two children Piper (six) and Oscar (three), he makes his home in Cheboygan in the winter months and on Mackinac Island during the summer. Becky is employed by Hotel Investment Services in sales and marketing and works for The Inn at Stonecliffe and Harbour View Inn on the island. Piper is in first grade and Oscar attends preschool at Bishop Baraga in Cheboygan.

“I am absolutely honored and thrilled to continue my career with Mackinac State Historic Parks in this new role,” Miller said. “The legacy of this organization is amazing, and I’m excited to continue moving it forward with our incredible staff.”

Miller’s office is in Mackinaw City in the winter months and on Mackinac Island in the summer.

Please see the attached photos. A downloadable version of this release can be found here.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan’s Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks’ rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or on the web at www.mackinacparks.com.

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