SRI Foundation Principal Researchers

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Lynne Sebastian has a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico, a M.A. in English literature from the University of Utah, and a B.A. in English and Secondary Education from the University of Michigan. Dr. Sebastian has more than 30 years of experience in historic preservation and is a nationally recognized expert in historic preservation regulatory and legislative issues. She is also a recognized scholar in the archaeology of the American Southwest. Dr. Sebastian oversees the Foundation's continuing professional education and regulatory compliance and technical assistance programs; teaches continuing professional education and continuing legal education courses in cultural resource management; provides technical assistance and expert testimony about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other historic preservation issues; and researches and develops best-practices in cultural resource management. Dr. Sebastian developed and teaches the Foundation's one- and two-day Section 106 workshops as well as well as a newly available advanced Section 106 workshop. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Sebastian was the State Historic Preservation Officer for the state of New Mexico. In this position, she administered state and federal historic preservation laws; provided technical assistance to federal, state, and local government agencies; maintained and made available information concerning historic and prehistoric properties and surveys; maintained the state's National and State Registers of historic properties; conducted public education and outreach programs; provided technical assistance and preservation incentives for owners of historic and prehistoric sites; reviewed Section 106 compliance projects and programs; and consulted with federal, state, and local agencies and with Native Americans and other traditional communities about preservation planning, archaeological research designs, and mitigation plans. Dr. Sebastian is a past-President of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). Prior to serving as President, she was the Chair of SAA's Government Affairs Committee and served a term as Secretary of the Society. Dr. Sebastian also holds an adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology appointment at the University of New Mexico. http://www.srifoundation.org/staff.html#ls

Martha Graham, Ph.D.
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Martha Graham has a Ph.D. and M.A. in Anthropology (Archaeology) and a B.A. in Anthropology/Classical Studies from the University of New Mexico. She also is trained in mediation and conflict resolution and is certified by the New Mexico Mediation Association (2011). Dr. Graham has more than 25 years of experience consulting with indigenous peoples and other descent communities on culturally sensitive issues. She has worked at the national level to provide technical assistance and guidance on cultural resource issues. Over the course of her career, she has conducted research throughout the Greater Southwest. Her research includes a Mescalero Apache cultural landscape study, traditional cultural property studies on the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation, traditional runoff irrigation farming practices on the Zuni Indian Reservation and Ramah Navajo Chapter lands, and ethnoarchaeological research on space use and settlement organization among the Rarámuri (Tarahumara). Before joining the SRI Foundation, Dr. Graham worked for an environmental services company as a consultant working with Indian tribes on Section 106 and NEPA. Prior to this, Dr. Graham was with the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., first with the National NAGPRA Program and then the Archeology Program. She participated in the development of regulations and public guidance documents pertaining to cultural resource laws. While in the NPS National NAGPRA Program, Dr. Graham served as the liaison for both the NAGPRA Review Committee and the Preservation Technology and Training Board. She provided administrative support to the NAGPRA Review Committee and coordinated with Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and federal agencies to bring disputes before the committee. Prior to working with NPS, Dr. Graham was the Director of Cultural Resources at the American Museum of Natural History, which houses one of the most extensive collections of Native American material in the world. At AMNH, she developed and directed the museum's NAGPRA compliance activities. She also consulted with every federally recognized Indian tribe in the United States, and she worked

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