



## **BIOS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Eric Reed - July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010**

Eric Reed is a professional historian. He joined the History Department at Western Kentucky University after earning his Ph.D. from Syracuse University. Much of his research explores modern urban history and development. Eric, his wife, and their two children continue to rehabilitate their century-old home in the College Hill Historic District.

### **Emily Perkins-Sharp - July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011**

Emily Perkins Sharp grew up in Bowling Green, graduated from Bowling Green High School and Western Kentucky University with a degree in government and business. She attained a Kentucky real estate broker's license with a GRI designation in the early 1980's. She is a co-owner of several historic properties in Bowling Green and Warren County, and is involved with the Landmark Association.

### **Donna Porter-Wolbe - Appointed January 9, 2009 - June 30, 2011**

Donna Porter Wolbe returned to her hometown of Bowling Green 5 years ago after living in Dallas, Texas for over 30 years. After attending Western Kentucky University and the Dallas Art Institute, Donna pursued a career in both interior design and residential real estate. She used her training to design and restore many historic properties in the Highland Park and Preston Hollow neighborhoods. More recently, Donna has focused on the revitalization of Bowling Green's Delafield community, including the 100-year old Little Rock Church. She is a member of Landmark Association and Preservation Kentucky.

### **Shawn Sinclair - May, 2009 – June 30, 2011**

Shawn, a former Northern California school teacher, and his wife, Juliana, moved to Bowling green in May of 2004. They purchased a home on College Street that was eight apartments and together they have taken on the task of restoring it back to a single family home. Shawn has a practical background growing up in a construction family where he helped to build his childhood home. When not working on the house project Shawn and his wife work at the web software development company they own which services clients all over the country ([Peyton Designs LLC](#))

**Dr. Rick Voakes** - July 1, 2009 — June 30, 2006 Appt and Re-appt by Mayor Sandy Jones. (1.5 terms)  
July 1, 2009 — June 30, 2012 - Appointed by Mayor Elaine Walker. (1 term)

Dr. Rick Voakes comes back to our Board after a short absence. Dr Voakes sat on the first Historic Preservation Board in its beginning years in 1991. He helped to write the original set of Guidelines. He lives in a 120-year-old restored home in the College Hill Historic District, and he works in a 120-year-old restored home on Chestnut Street that he uses for his medical office. He worked on the Landmark Association Board of Directors for about 20 years, and did hands-on teaching and shared much information about how to restore old homes.

**George Morris** - July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

George Morris comes to this Board with a background of Air Force service after achieving the rank of Sergeant. He graduated in 1984 from WKU with a BA in Public Relations with a Business minor. Mr. Morris has been a resident inspector for a city wide utility project in Gautier, Mississippi; owned and operated BG Antique Mall on Park Row; and has served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Landmark Association. He has been an antique dealer for approximately 20 years, as well as the owner/operator for Morris Remodeling specializing in historic home restoration and consulting. Mr. Morris has been the proud recipient of an Operation P.R.I.D.E. award for his home located at 1149 State Street and the recipient of the Jean Thomason Award for outstanding historic home restoration for his home at 1149 State Street.

**Todd Shomo** - January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010

Todd is Vice President and a Senior Strategy Consultant with Leadership Strategies Group, a management consulting firm headquartered in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He has worked in the federal government, financial services and education sectors. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics and an M.B.A. from Western Kentucky University, and is the president of the WKU MBA Alumni Association. Todd lives in and is restoring a turn of the century house located in Downtown Bowling Green.