

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR
RICHARD GROSS

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

La Salle Expedition II

Member of the La Salle Expedition II Team. The team researched, planned and conducted the eight month, authentic reenactment of La Salle's 1681-1682 voyage of discovery from Montreal, Canada, down the Mississippi River, to the Gulf of Mexico

Post-Expedition II Experience.

34 years of studies in the history of Robert Cavelier Sieur de La Salle. Participate in studies and voyages re-enacting La Salle's reconnaissance operations from Montreal to the Gulf of Mexico, with particular focus on La Salle's work on behalf of France to claim the Mississippi River watershed for King Louis XIV.

Historical French-North America Research Studies.

Research studies focusing on La Salle and the activities of the French in North America, with special focus on the loss of Le Griffon and Fort Crevecoeur.

Research on Claude Bernou and Primary Source Documentation.

Research studies into primary source materials on La Salle, his reconnaissance operations, and *Le Griffon*, placing special emphasis on La Salle's letters; official account of LaSalle's operations, 1678-1680 by Claude Bernou's (La Salle's agent); and original source journals and letters of participants in La Salle's journeys.

EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University, B.A.

Roosevelt University, M.A. Teacher Leadership

Northern Illinois University, Teaching Certification

State of Illinois Certifications (Various)

Post Graduate Studies