

GIO ROBSON

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"My excuse for crossing continents, centuries, and disciplines is that the world extends across continents, centuries, and disciplines" - Marvin Harris

Professional Experience

prairieHOUSE Performance Inc. President. 2003-Present

LEED Canada for Homes Provider, ERS New Homes and R-2000 Service Organization, green building and home performance consultants providing residential energy modeling and testing, indoor air quality, energy design, HVAC commissioning, energy evaluation, and program delivery/management services. Through prairieHOUSE Performance Inc, provided internal Quality Assurance, technical, training, and administrative support to JL Hockman Consulting, Inc. in the delivery of over 20,000 Energuide for Houses, ecoEnergy, PSNHP (ERS NH), LIEEP and HIP evaluations for Manitoba Hydro.

Certified Energy Advisor. November 2003 – Present.

Worked in the field performing approximately 1000 existing home evaluations, 250 new home evaluations, new home MURB evaluations, existing home MURB evaluations, and LEED Canada for Homes Green Rater evaluation services.

R2000 Plan evaluator, inspector, airtightness tester. 2006 - Present

Completed approximately 100 R-2000 file submissions complete with advanced room by room heating and ventilation commissioning.

prairieHOUSE Restoration and Development. April 1997 – 2005

Property development, designer, builder, renovator for individual clients, with a focus and specialization on energy efficiency and green building.

Consultant/Facilitator. 2001 – 2008.

Providing contract services and training in cross-cultural communication and cultural adaptation. Clients include International Institute for Sustainable Development, Canada World Youth.

Canada World Youth, 1996 - 2006.

Key regional resource person supporting international youth exchange programs.

Community Access Program, University of Winnipeg. 1990 - 1993.

Community Access Worker and Assistant Manager

Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Olavarria, Argentina. 1993 - 1997.

Analysis/restoration of artifacts in collections, building history/material use and technique research, archaeological fieldwork throughout Argentina.

Canadian Parks Service, Archaeology. May 1991 - October 1992.
Collections Management Assistant and Assistant Archaeologist.

Specialized Training

- HRAI Residential Mechanical Ventilation Installers Certification
- R2000 Plan Evaluator, Testing, Ventilation and Heating Commissioning Certification
- R2000 Builder Workshop, March 2007, R2000 Builder Certification
- MURB (Existing and New Homes) Trainer workshops, NrCan
- Infrared Thermography for Building Science Workshop, Snell Group, November 2007

Formal Education

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and International Development Studies (1992) from The University of Winnipeg.

- Orville Moore Scholarship in 1990, Academic Proficiency Scholarship in 1991

Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional del Centro, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1992-1996).

Volunteer Activities:

- Delivery Subcommittee member, Natural Resources Canada Next Generation EnerGuide Rating System
- Chair, Next Generation ERS Steamlining Working Group, NRCan.
- Habitat for Humanity, Integrated Project Team 2009 – 2011
- Winnipeg Housing and Renewal Corp Equilibrium Project
- 6 year term on the Board of Directors, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), 3 Years as President, 1 year as Vice-President
- Previous member of other MCIC Committees, including the Overseas Projects Committee, distributing \$750,000 in grants to Manitoba NGOs.
- Wolseley Building Communities Advisory Committee
- Keep Wolseley Green Omands Creek Working Group

Additional Interests:

Italian and Spanish language and literature
Bandoneón and Tango
Cinema
Mycology
Kayaking, Canoeing, Hiking