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J. Homer Thiel is a historical archaeologist and project director with Desert Archaeology, Inc., in Tucson. He received his A.B. in 1986, from the University of Michigan, and his M.A. in 1992, from Arizona State University. He has more than 30 years of archaeological research experience, specializing in historic archaeology, family history research, bioarchaeology, and artifact studies. He has worked at numerous prehistoric and historic sites in New Mexico and throughout Arizona. Mr. Thiel has conducted more than 40 archaeological surveys in southern Arizona, including

work at the Calabazas and Guevavi Missions, Fort Lowell in Tucson, Indian Health Service projects on the Tohono O'odham Nation, and at mining and milling sites along the San Pedro River. He has also led excavations at a variety of Spanish, Mexican, and American period sites in central and southern Arizona, including 14 historic blocks in downtown Tucson. His archaeological work at Mission Gardens has led to an involvement with the current volunteers at Mission Gardens, who are in the process of replicating and expanding the original garden.

For many years, Mr. Thiel has played an important role in bringing anthropology/history to the public. Since the mid-1990s, he has worked to encourage the re-creation of a portion of the Spanish-era presidio in downtown Tucson, both through excavations at the site and by serving on the City of Tucson committee responsible for delineating the details of the re-creation. Practically single-handedly, he conceived of the layout for the re-created northeast corner of the presidio, and he wrote most of the informational materials (posters, guidebooks, etc.) used at the presidio to explain the Spanish and Territorial history of Tucson to the visiting public. He also spends one Sunday a month participating in the public history interpretations of life in the presidio. In recent years, he has served as an indispensable

member of the Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation, the non-profit organization that manages the re-created presidio. He has been the editor of its newsletter, *El Presidio Real*, since 2000, and was elected president of the organization in 2015, a position he still holds.

Mr. Thiel has published a history of all individuals who lived in the Tucson Presidio prior to 1856. Using Spanish and English language documents, he has identified several thousand people and compiled detailed family histories. Many Tucsonans today find this history extremely useful in tracing their own histories and, in so doing, discovering the uniqueness of Tucson's past.

Mr. Thiel has worked extensively with volunteer archaeologists and has taught archaeological field schools for Arizona State University and the University of Arizona. His projects often involve tours for members of the public. He has given dozens of public talks on a wide range of topics; his talks are both educational and entertaining and always attract large audiences. He has curated three exhibits at the Arizona Historical Society, as well as an exhibit for the U.S. Federal Courthouse in downtown Tucson. The results of Mr. Thiel's many projects have been published as technical reports, newsletter articles, especially in *Archaeology Southwest Magazine*, and in the journals, *Historical Archaeology* and *Industrial Archaeology*.



Dr. David E. Doyel has devoted much of his personal and professional life to improving the quality, breadth, and accessibility of archaeology in the Southwest. His contributions include research and publication, teaching, cultural resources management, archaeological preservation, museum administration, and leadership in

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Dr. Doyel has a long association with the Arizona Archaeological Society (AAS) dating back to his first lecture to the avocational group

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