

John Magill

John Magill is curator/historian at The Historic New Orleans Collection. Born in New Orleans, he was raised in California and returned to his native city to attend the University of New Orleans, where he received a master's degree in history.

Magill has written and lectured extensively on his major field of study: the urban growth of New Orleans. His articles have appeared in *New Orleans Magazine*, *Gambit Weekly*, *Preservation in Print*, *Louisiana Cultural Vistas*, and *The Historic New Orleans Collection Quarterly*. In addition, Magill has contributed to several books, including *Charting Louisiana: 500 Years of Maps*, *Classic New Orleans*, *Marie Adrien Persac: Louisiana Artist*, and most recently *Canal Street: New Orleans' Great Wide Way* with television producer Peggy Scott Laborde. He is currently working with Laborde on another book, *Christmas in New Orleans* (forthcoming, 2008).

At The Historic New Orleans Collection, he has contributed to several exhibitions, including The Collection's current display, *Surrounded by Water: New Orleans, Mississippi River, and Lake Pontchartrain*. In 2006, Magill received a first-place award from the Press Club of New Orleans, and he went on to receive the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities "Individual Achievement in the Humanities" award in 2007.