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HERTIAGE APPRAISER FOR THE WEST REGION

It has been my great privilege to work in the jewelry industry for the past 17 years. I was fortunate enough to receive my professional calling at a young age—being totally fascinated and intrigued by the mysterious beauty of jewelry.

My journey began in 1998 at the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, CA, where I received my Graduate Jeweler Gemologist diploma the following year. Upon earning my degree I moved to Indianapolis in my home state of Indiana, where I initiated my career as a bench jeweler and gemologist.

Armed with refined skills and a growing confidence, I moved to Louisville, KY a year later and opened my own business, serving merchants with piece repairs and custom pieces. After several years of service, I returned to Indianapolis and opened my second successful jewelry venture.

In 2004, I moved to San Diego, CA and continued my education in order to expand my professional development in jewelry repair, custom jewelry and jewelry appraisals.

I have enhanced my expertise in jewelry appraisal by completing professional appraisal, ethics and legal training for the American Society of Appraisers (ASA) through the University of California Irvine. I have received Registered Jeweler and Certified Gemologist Appraiser credentials with the American Gem Society (AGS).

I am extremely pleased where my career path has brought me and I get the distinct pleasure of sharing my passion for jewelry with our many valued customers *and* my fellow professionals.