

**ROLF DIAMANT**  
**LOEB FELLOW 1986**  
**SUPERINTENDENT**  
**MARSH-BILLINGS-ROCKEFELLER**  
**NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**  
**WOODSTOCK, VERMONT**

Rolf remembers the Loeb experience as “kind of an intellectual soup of non-stop conversation,” he says, “our class chemistry was superb and the time spent with my fellow Loeb was a highlight of my year at Harvard.”

While a fellow, Rolf participated in a studio at the Graduate School of Design with Carl Steinitz and traveled to Bermuda to work on the design of a new park built over a former landfill in the center of Hamilton. Subsequently Rolf was invited back to the island to conduct training courses on park planning and public engagement and consult on the development of an island wide park system. He is especially grateful for a course on organizational behavior taught by Robert Reich at the Kennedy School of Government, These experiences had lasting value for Rolf. “Over the years I think I’ve avoided more than a few train wrecks in my professional work thanks to the case studies we re-enacted in Reich’s class . “Access to outstanding teachers is one of Harvard’s greatest assets,” he says, “and the Loeb Fellowship, in effect, handed you the keys to the city”

It was during his Loeb Fellowship that Rolf discovered his interest in teaching. While his “day job” as superintendent of Marsh-Billings-

Rockefeller National Historical Park has him focused on issues of conservation and sustainability, he also teaches an occasional course of his own on organizational behavior and is faculty for a variety of NPS leadership programs. “Our work presents us with a surprising number of teachable moments; the trick is to seize them, make sense of them and then share them.”

Rolf is finding himself increasing involved in Loeb alumni activities.

“Last year was busy – (thanks in large part to my friend Peter Stein) with the alumni trip to Vermont and Symposium on Climate Change.” The symposium, in Rolf’s view, is representative of the maturation and breadth of the Loeb “network” and he is pleased to be part of it. The active participation of many fellows in addressing climate change is especially compelling for him. “In many ways the value of the Loeb Fellowship is constantly renewed,” Rolf says, “it is an incredibly important time for us all to work together.”



*“I think the Loeb experience brings out the best in us – we learn, we share, and if we are lucky – we figure out how to better align our professional lives with our values and our dreams.”*