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### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### Independent Oral Historian, Sacramento, CA 2017-present

Professional oral historian providing oral history services to individuals, organizations, and universities. Functions include conducting oral history interviews; project development; project design consulting; archival research; transcript editing; book design and layout; manuscript development and editing; archival processing; and consulting on various aspects of oral history.

#### Kentucky Historical Society (KHS), Frankfort, KY 2015-2017

##### *Oral History Administrator*

Sole professional oral historian with responsibility for advancing the work of the Kentucky Oral History Commission (KOHC) and providing outreach and technical assistance for individuals and organizations across Kentucky. Functions included managing the KOHC grant program; conducting workshops for KOHC grantees and KHS patrons on oral history methodology, project design, fieldwork, and digital audio technology; KOHC engagement and relations; KOHC collections management, including analog to digital audio conversion, and collection inventory, cataloging, and preservation (including digital preservation).

#### Stanford Historical Society (SHS), Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA 2012-2015

##### *Oral Historian*

Sole professional oral historian with responsibility for oral history interviews of prominent Stanford faculty, administrators, and others Stanford community members. Functions included conducting workshops and educating volunteers on oral history methodology; providing support and mentorship during their interviews; volunteer recruitment; integrating and promoting best practices; SHS Board engagement and relations; developing project designs and managing project implementation; managing independent study opportunities for students via Feminist Studies; archival and topical research for SHS projects; copy editing; promoting and advising on oral history projects for the broader Stanford community; and volunteer recognition.

#### University of Nevada Oral History Program (UNOHP), Reno, NV 2006-2012

##### *Coordinator, 2009-2012*

Primary oral historian with responsibility for the program's operations. Functions included conducting an oral history project documenting Reno's cultural history, including narrator recruitment, managing project budget, and designing project scope; hiring and training students and other employees; managing the production of various program publications including research volumes for a large oral history project on women's athletics; writing successful grant applications and managing grants including recruiting staff, maintaining accounts, and writing reports; program budget planning and management; copy editing; maintaining program website; organizing book signing events; and writing press releases.

##### *Research Associate, 2006-2008*

Staff supporting the research efforts of the program. Functions included interviewing for a multi-year project on the history of women's athletics at UNR; renovating the program's website and building additional sections for use in K-12 curriculums; formatting the program's various publications; and developing a public relations plan for upcoming program publications.

Committee to Aid Abused Women, (CAAW), Reno, NV 2003-2006

*Community Outreach Manager, 2005-2006; Community Relations and Development Assistant, 2003-2004*

Functions included community and youth outreach and engagement regarding domestic violence; volunteer training and management; event planning; grant reporting; producing quarterly newsletters and other agency literature; budget management; donor relations; direct client services including staffing crisis line and in-person case management during office hours

University of Nevada Oral History Program, Reno, NV 2002-2005

*Student Worker*

Functions included editing research volumes; transcribing interviews; copy editing; formatting program publications; archival research; and general clerical duties

## **EDUCATION**

2010 Columbia University, New York, NY, M.A. in Oral History, Thesis: *I Began Marching: Reclaiming Narrative with the Voices of Women Organizing Project*

2005 University of Nevada, Reno, NV, B.A. with High Distinction in Sociology and English Literature

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*We Were All Athletes: Women's Athletics and Title IX at the University of Nevada*. UNOHP, 2011. Co-editor

*A Candle in the Night: Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, 1967-2007*. UNOHP, 2007. Assistant Editor

### **Articles**

"Leading in the Time of Corona." *The Oral History Review*, vol. 47, no. 2, 2020, pp. 260-268.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *Chinese Comfort Women: Testimonies from Imperial Japan's Sex Slaves*, by Peipei Qiu with Su Zhiliang and Chen Lifei. *Oral History Review*, vol. 47, no. 1, 2020, pp. 186-187.

Review of *Violence against Women in Kentucky: A History of U.S. and State Legislative Reform*, by Carol E. Jordan. *Oral History Review*, vol. 42, no. 1, 2015.

Review of *Keeping Faith with the Party: Communist Believers Return from the Gulag*, by Nanci Adler. *Oral History Review*, vol. 40, no. 2, 2013.

Review of *Sisterhood of War: Minnesota Women in Vietnam*, by Kim Heikkila. *Oral History Review*, vol. 39, no. 2, 2012.

## **Resources and Toolkits**

Co-author and Task force chair, *Remote Interviewing Resources*, Oral History Association, 2020. <https://www.oralhistory.org/remote-interviewing-resources/>

Co-author and Task force convener, *Independent Practitioners' Toolkit for Oral Historians*, Oral History Association, 2021. [https://www.oralhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Independent Practitioners Toolkit for Oral Historians 2020-2021.pdf](https://www.oralhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Independent-Practitioners-Toolkit-for-Oral-Historians-2020-2021.pdf)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Oral History Association**

Past President, 2020-2021

President, 2019-2020

Vice President, 2018-2019

First Vice President, 2018

Council, 2015-2018

Council liaison: Education Committee, Institutional Home Search Committee, and Membership Taskforce

Committee Taskforce, Chair, 2017-2018

Education Committee, 2010-2015

Program Committee, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2015-2016, and 2018-2019

### **Southwestern Oral History Association**

Scholarship Committee member, 2011-2013

### **Conference Presentations**

Facilitator, Oral History Association annual meeting, Freelancers Unite! Networking & Solidarity Session for Independent Practitioners, Freelancers, Small Business Owners, and Temporary Staff, Virtual Meeting. October 2021

Participant, Oral History Association annual meeting, How Do We Sustain Our Work? Tips, Tricks, and Tough Conversations with the Independent Practitioner Task Force, Virtual Meeting. October 2021

Chair and participant, Oral History Association annual meeting, OHA Remote Interviewing Resources Town Hall Meeting, Virtual Meeting. October 2020

Plenary speaker, Oral History Association annual meeting, Potholes in the Path: Navigating the Mishaps in Oral History plenary, Salt Lake City, Utah. October 2019

Chair and participant, Oral History Association annual meeting, Making Space for Oral History: A Town Hall Meeting on Current Threats to Capacity and How Practitioners Build and Maintain It, Salt Lake City, Utah. October 2019

Chair, Oral History Association annual meeting, New Kids on the Block: A Roundtable on Launching Oral History Programs at Universities, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. October 2018

Presenter, Oral History Association annual meeting, Oral History Day in Kentucky mini-workshop, Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 2017

*Editing Policy for Oral Histories at the Stanford Historical Society*, Society of American Archivists annual meeting, *Between You and Me: Policy and Procedure in Navigating Sensitive Information in Oral Histories* session, Portland, Oregon. July 2017

Chair and participant, Oral History Association annual meeting, *Oral History in Kentucky: Past, Present, and Future* roundtable, Long Beach, California. October 2016

Chair, Oral History Association annual meeting, *Community (home)work: Connecting Students with Communities through Oral History* session, Long Beach, California. October 2016

Chair, Oral History Association annual meeting, *Beyond the Interview: Oral History Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* roundtable, Tampa, Florida. October 2015

Chair and participant, Oral History Association annual meeting, *Blanks, Blips or ? – How to Handle Deletions in Oral History Audio Files* roundtable, Tampa, Florida. October 2015

Moderator, Oral History Association annual meeting, Oral History and Archives interest group, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. October 2013

*Oral History and Institutional Archives: Considerations for Oral History Collections Deposited in Archives Independent of their Program or Project*, Oral History Association annual meeting, *Digital Access of Oral History Collections* session, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. October 2013

Participant, Oral History Association annual meeting, *The Transformational Power of Oral History to Invigorate Public Education* roundtable, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. October 2013

*Voices of Women Organizing Project and Documenting Change Through Storytelling*, Oral History Association annual meeting, *An Activist's Story* session, Cleveland, Ohio. October 2012

Chair and Commentator, Oral History Association annual meeting, *Sight and Sound: Considerations in Using the Recorded Interview as the Primary Source* session, Cleveland, Ohio. October 2012

## **SKILLS**

Microsoft Office Suite programs; Adobe Creative Suite programs, including Audition and InDesign; Audacity; Final Cut Pro; extensive experience with recording equipment, audio production, and audio editing

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2004-2006 UNR Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, *Performer, The Vagina Monologues*  
Raised funds for various organizations supporting women through community productions

2002-2003 Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS), *Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate*  
Accompanied rape victims to hospitals to support them through the forensic exams and documentation of injuries; informed them of the resources available to them

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Nevada Woman of Achievement, Nevada Women's Fund, 2001