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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

As part of the Smithsonian Institution's celebration of its Sesquicentennial in 1996, a 150th Birthday Party was held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., over the course of two days in August. At the Smithsonian Institution Archives tent, staff of the Institutional History Division and volunteers conducted interviews with 39 Smithsonian current and former staff members and visitors. Staff interviewees discussed their reminiscences of the Institution and their careers. Visitor interviewees discussed their reminiscences of earlier visits to the Smithsonian. Over 300 visitors to the Smithsonian Archives tent also participated in completing "Smithsonian Memories" sheets, writing about their fondest memories about visiting the Smithsonian.

Interviewees included: Luis Abad; John S. Anderson; Jason Bezis; Carolyn Jean Blitz; Carol Carpenter; Elizabeth Coggins; Eugene Day; Craig Deering; Sherrone Dunham; Kathleen Fargey; Davis Florick; Nancy Frank; Wilfred Genung-Keats; Mark Gruenberg; Wendy Heine; Catrina Hill; Francine Henderson; Mildred Henninger; Alejandre Jimenez; B. J. Kreider; Valerie Lambert; Scott Marquiss; Terry Mennefield; Heather Mitchell; Geary S. Mizuno; Richard Montoya; Fred Moosburgger; Mary Novak; Mark C. Paulett; Alexis Radokay; Christopher Robis; Richard Sacett; Lisa-Anne Samuels; Ruth Schallert, Jane Scholl; Nicole Sobotka; Krista Strider; John Vetter; Pauline Vetter; Ellis L. Yochelson; Beatrice Youngblood. In conjunction with the individual interview sessions held at the Smithsonian Institution Archives tent, 11 informal, group interview sessions were conducted with Smithsonian staff at the Narrative Stage tent.

Staff interviewees discussed their careers, daily work, and job experiences. Topics for discussion were "The Art of Scientific Illustration," "Smithsonian's America: Looking Back at an Exhibit," "Genealogy, Family History, and Preservation," "What is Repatriation?," "Looking Back at the History of Flight," "Rainforests and Elephants: Doing Fieldwork and Exhibits," "Building a National Zoo," "Keeping the Nation's Treasure House Secure," "Keeping Track of the Nation's Attic: Talking with Registrars," "Taking

Care of the National Collections," and "Office of Smithsonian Archives: An Overview." Interviewees included Luis Abad; John S. Anderson; Gary Aronson; Jason Bezis; Carolyn Jean Blitz; Nigel Briggs; Lonnie G. Bunch; Carol Carpenter; Emanuel Chase; Elizabeth Coggins; William Cox; Myron Curtis; Eugene Day; Craig Deering; Sherrone Dunham; Jennifer Fairman; Kathleen Fargey; Davis Florick; Shelley Foote; Nancy Frank; Wilfred Genung-Keats; Frank M. Greenwell; Mark Gruenberg; Wendy Heine; Catrina Hill; Francine Henderson; Mildred Henninger; Pamela M. Henson; Lauri Hinksman Swan; Elaine R. S. Hodges; Michael Horsley; Ellen Roney Hughes; Alejandro Jimenez; Claudia Brush Kidell; B. J. Kreider; Valerie Lambert; Steve D. Lubar; Scott Marquiss; Terry Mennefield; Beth Miller; Heather Mitchell; Geary S. Mizuno; Richard Montoya; Fred Moosburgger; Karen Mudar; Mary Novak; Mark C. Paulett; Catherine Perge; Louis R. Purnell; Alexis Radokay; Doug Robinson; Christopher Robis; Mark Rothenberg; Richard Sacett; Lisa-Anne Samuels; Ruth Schallert; Jane Scholl; Wendy Ann Shay; Ikuko Shoybayshi-Turner; Nicole Sobotka; James Steed; Krista Strider; Paul Harold Theerman; William Turner; John Vetter; Pauline Vetter; Ellis L. Yochelson; Amanda Young; and Beatrice Youngblood.

Interviewers included Laurie Aceto; Martin Collins; Dan Davies; Rosa Fernandez; Terrica M. Gibson; Barbara Hart; Edie Hedlin; Chandra Heilman; Pamela Henson; Tom Lawrence; Jennifer Page; Catherine Perge; Kathleen Robinson; and Martha Rosen.

The collection consists of fifty interview sessions, totalling approximately 38 hours and 15 minutes of recordings.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics -- History
- Archival materials -- Conservation and restoration
- Cultural property -- Repatriation
- Genealogy
- Interviews
- Museum archives
- Museum curators
- Museum exhibits
- Museum registrars
- Museum techniques
- Museum visitors
- Museums -- Collection management
- Museums -- Employees
- Museums -- Security measures
- Oral history
- Scientific illustrators
- Taxidermists
- Volunteers

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes

Names:

- Abad, Luis
- Aceto, Laurie, interviewer

Anderson, John S., 1928-
Aronson, Gary
Bezis, Jason
Blitz, Carolyn Jean
Briggs, Nigel
Bunch, Lonnie G.
Carpenter, Carol
Chase, Emanuel
Coggins, Elizabeth
Collins, Martin, interviewer
Cox, William
Curtis, Myron
Davies, Dan, interviewer
Day, Eugene
Deering, Craig
Dunham, Sherrone
Fairman, Jennifer
Fargey, Kathleen
Fernandez, Rosa, interviewer
Florick, Davis
Foote, Shelley
Frank, Nancy
Genung-Keats, Wilfred
Gibson, Terrica M., interviewer
Greenwell, Frank M.
Gruenberg, Mark
Hart, Barbara, interviewer
Hedlin, Edie, interviewer
Heilman, Chandra, interviewer
Heine, Wendy
Henderson, Francine
Henninger, Mildred
Henson, Pamela M., interviewer
Hill, Catrina
Hinksman Swan, Lauri
Hodges, Elaine R. S., 1937-2006
Horsley, Michael
Hughes, Ellen Roney
Jimenez, Alejandro
Kidwell, Claudia Brush
Kreider, B. J.
Lambert, Valerie
Lawrence, Tom, interviewer
Lubar, Steven D.
Marquiss, Scott
Mennefield, Terry
Miller, Beth
Mitchell, Heather
Mizuno, Geary S.
Montoya, Richard
Moosburgger, Fred
Mudar, Karen
National Zoological Park (U.S.)
Novak, Mary

Page, Jennifer, interviewer
Paulett, Mark C.
Perge, Catherine
Purnell, Louis R.
Radokay, Alexis
Robinson, Doug
Robinson, Kathleen, interviewer
Robis, Christopher
Rosen, Martha, interviewer
Rothenberg, Mark
Sacett, Richard
Samuels, Lisa-Anne
Schallert, Ruth
Scholl, Jane
Shay, Wendy Ann, 1955-
Shoybayshi-Turner, Ikuko
Smithsonian Institution. Archives
Sobotka, Nicole
Steed, James
Strider, Krista
Theerman, Paul Harold, 1952-
Turner, William
Vetter, John
Vetter, Pauline
Yochelson, Ellis L. (Ellis Leon), 1928-2006
Young, Amanda
Youngblood, Beatrice

Container Listing

Interviews

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| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-001: August 10, 1996 |
| Interviews | Interview of Ellis Yochelson, staff, by Martha Rosen |
| Interviews | Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes |
| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-002: August 10, 1996 |
| Interviews | Interview of Francine Henderson, visitor, by Martha Rosen |
| Interviews | Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes |
| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-003: August 10, 1996 |
| Interviews | Interview of Pauline and John Vetter, visitors, by Laurie Aceto |
| Interviews | Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes |
| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-004: August 10, 1996 |
| Interviews | Interview of John S. Anderson, visitor, by Chandra Heilman |
| Interviews | Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes |
| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-005: August 10, 1996 |
| Interviews | Interview of Scott Marquiss, staff, by Martha Rosen |
| Interviews | Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes |
| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-006: August 10, 1996 |
| Interviews | interview of Mary Novak, visitor, by Chandra Heilman |
| Interviews | Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes |
| Interviews | Interview - SIB/SA96-007: August 10, 1996 |

Interviews Interview of Carolyn Jean Blitz, visitor, by Martha Rosen

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-008: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Ruth F. Schallert, staff, by Martha Rosen

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-009: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Valerie Lambert, visitor, by Chandra Heilman

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-010: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Elizabeth Coggins, visitor, by Chandra Heilman

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-011: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Mildred Henninger, staff, by Dan Davies

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-012: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Carol L. Carpenter, visitor, by Barbara Hart

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-013: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Mark C. Paulett, visitor, Barbara Hart

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-014: August 10, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Geary S. Mizuno, visitor, by Dan Davies

Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-015: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Richard Sackett, visitor, by Barbara Hart
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-016: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Nancy Frank, visitor, by Barbara Hart
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-017: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of B. J. Kreider, visitor, by Rosa Fernandez
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-018: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Wilfred "Skip" Genung-Keats, visitor (benefactor), by Dan Davies
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-019: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Krista Strider, staff, by Catherine Perge
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-020: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Beatrice Youngblood, visitor, by Rosa Fernandez
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-021: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Nicole Sobotka, staff, by Rosa Fernandez

Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-022: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Fred Moosburger, visitor, by Catherine Perge
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-023: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Jason Bezis, visitor, by Rosa Fernandez
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-024: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Kathleen Fargey, staff, by Catherine Perge
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-025: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Richard Montoya, visitor, by Catherine Perge
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-026: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Craig Deering, visitor, by Catherine Perge
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-027: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Catrina Hill, staff, by Rosa Fernandez
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-028: August 10, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Gwendolyn "Wendy" Heine, visitor, by Rosa Fernandez
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-029: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Lisa-Anne Samuels, staff/visitor, by Kathleen Robinson

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-030: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Davis Florick, visitor, by Martin Collins

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-031: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Eugene Day, visitor, by Jennifer Page

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-032: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Luis Abad and Alexis Radokay, visitors, by Jennifer Page

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-033: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Terry Mennefield, staff, by Jennifer Page

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-034: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Scherrone Dunhamn, staff, by Edie Hedlin

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews **Interview - SIB/SA96-035: August 11, 1996**

Interviews Interview of Jane Scholl, staff, by Edie Hedlin

Interviews Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes

Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-036: August 11, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Christopher Robis, visitor, by Jennifer Nichols
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-037: August 11, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Mark Jonathan Gruenberg, visitor by Jennifer Nichols
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-038: August 11, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Alejandro Jimenez, staff, by Jennifer Nichols
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Interviews	Interview - SIB/SA96-039: August 11, 1996
Interviews	Interview of Heather Mitchell, visitor, by Jennifer Nichols
Interviews	Recording of Interview: 1 audio cassette, 30 minutes
Presentations	Presentation - SIB/SA96-0040, August 10, 1996
Presentations	"The Art of Scientific Illustration," interview of Elaine Hodges and Jennifer Fairman, staff/former staff, moderated by Pam Henson
Presentations	Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
Presentations	Presentation - SIB/SA96-0041: August 10, 1996
Presentations	"Smithsonian's America: Looking Back at an Exhibit," interview of Lonnie Bunch, Steve Lubar, Ellen Roney Hughes, Shelly Foote, Ikuko Shoybayshi-Turner, Nigel Briggs, Claudia Kidwell, and Mandy Young, staff/former staff, moderated by Catherine Perge
Presentations	Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
Presentations	Presentation - SIB/SA96-0042: August 10, 1996

- Presentations "Genealogy, Family History, and Preservation," interview of Michael Horseley, Wendy Shay, James Steed, and Paul Theerman, staff/former staff, moderated by Kathleen Robinson
- Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
- Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0043: August 10, 1996**
- Presentations "What is Repatriation?," interview of Gary Aronsen, Beth Miller, and Karen Mudar, staff/former staff, moderated by Tom Lawrence
- Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
- Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0044: August 10, 1996**
- Presentations "Looking Back at the History of Flight," interview of Louis R. Purnell, staff, moderated by Terrica M. Gibson
- Presentations Recording of Presentation - 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
- Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0045: August 11, 1996**
- Presentations "Rainforests and Elephants: Doing Fieldwork and Exhibits," interview of Frank Greenwell, former staff, moderated by Pam Henson
- Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
- Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0046: August 11, 1996**
- Presentations "Building a National Zoo," interview of William Turner, staff, moderated by Jennifer Page
- Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
- Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0047: August 11, 1996**
- Presentations "Keeping the Nation's Treasure House Secure," interview of Emanuel Chase and Myron Curtis, staff, moderated by Tom Lawrence
- Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes
- Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0048: August 11, 1996**

Presentations "Keeping Track of the Nation's Attic: Talking with Registrars," interviews of Doug Robinson and Catherine Perge, staff, moderated by Tom Lawrence

Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes

Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0049: August 11, 1996**

Presentations "Taking Care of the National Collections," interview of Lauri Hinksman (now Swann) staff, moderated by Edie Hedlin

Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes

Presentations **Presentation - SIB/SA96-0050: August 11, 1996**

Presentations "Office of Smithsonian Archives: An Overview," interview of Marc Rothenberg, Pamela M. Henson and William E. Cox, staff, moderated by Edie Hedlin

Presentations Recording of Presentation: 1 audio cassette, 45 minutes