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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The Smithsonian Associates interviewees include Michael E. Alin, Robert H. Angle, Brigitte Blachere, Carol A. Bogash, Joseph M. Carper, Michael W. Cassidy, Prudence Clendening, Neill Heath, James M. Hobbins, Amy Kotkin, Richard Kurin, Thomas E. Lovejoy, Mara Mayor, David T. Parry, Steve Pike, Ann Post, Crystal Fleary Pruitt, Dennis Smoot, William A. Stewart, Katharine F. Stewart, Abby Whiteneck, Edmund Worthy, and Abby Yochelson.

Introduction

The Smithsonian Institution Archives (SIA) began its Oral History Program in 1973. The purpose of the program is to supplement the written documentation of the Archives' record and manuscript collections with an Oral History Collection, focusing on the history of the Institution, research by its scholars, and contributions of its staff. Program staff conduct interviews with current and retired Smithsonian staff and others who have made significant contributions to the Institution. There are also reminiscences and interviews recorded by researchers or students on topics related to the history of the Smithsonian or the holdings of the Smithsonian Institution Archives.

The Smithsonian Resident Associates was founded in 1965 to provide its local members a wide range of educational and cultural activities, including classes in the arts, sciences, humanities, and crafts, as

well as tours and opportunities for domestic travel. The program was expanded in 1970 with creation of the National Associates along with publication of *Smithsonian* magazine. From 2005 to 2013, Barbara Tuceling served as director of The Smithsonian Associates (TSA). As she retired in 2013, Tuceling conducted a series of oral history interviews with a wide range of TSA staff members and Smithsonian administrators to document the history of TSA.

Descriptive Entry

These interviews discuss their careers at TSA, new programs, relationship to the rest of the Smithsonian Institution, notable programs, significant challenges, reminiscences of colleagues, and interaction with the public and staff.

The Smithsonian Associates Oral History Interviews collection is comprised of 22 interview sessions, totaling approximately 19.1 hours of recordings and no transcripts.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Adult education
- Interviews
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Oral history
- Tours

Types of Materials:

- Compact discs
- Electronic records
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Alin, Michael E.
- Angle, Robert H.
- Blachere, Brigitte
- Bogash, Carol A.
- Carper, Joseph M.
- Cassidy, Michael W.
- Clendening, Prudence
- Heath, Neill
- Hobbins, James M.
- Kotkin, Amy
- Kurin, Richard, 1950-
- Lovejoy, Thomas E.
- Mayor, Mara
- Parry, David T.
- Pike, Steve
- Post, Ann
- Pruitt, Crystal Fleary

Smithsonian Associates
Smithsonian Associates. Resident Associate Program
Smithsonian National Associates Program
Smoot, Dennis
Stewart, Katharine F.
Stewart, William A.
Tuceling, Barbara
Whiteneck, Abby
Worthy, Edmund
Yochelson, Abby

Preferred Titles:

Smithsonian Magazine

Container Listing

Interviews

Interviews **Interview 1: July 10, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Thomas E. Lovejoy, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:12:16 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files

Interviews **Interview 2: July 22, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Robert H. Angle, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:02:43 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files

Interviews **Interview 3: August 7, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Michael E. Alin, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:28:45 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files

Interviews **Interview 4: August 7, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Edmund Worthy, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:50:06 hour

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files

Interviews **Interview 5: August 8, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Carol A. Bogash, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:37:41 hour

- Note:
- Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file

- Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file

Interviews **Interview 6: August 8, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Abby Yochelson, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:30:41 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file

Interviews **Interview 7: August 9, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Prudence Clendening, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:57:05 hour

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files

Interviews **Interview 8: August 14, 2013**

Interviews Interview of James M. Hobbins, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:37:53 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file

Interviews **Interview 9: August 14, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Joseph M. Carper, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:21:54 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file

Interviews **Interview 10: August 16, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Crystal Fleary Pruitt, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:31:07 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file

Interviews **Interview 11: August 16, 2013**

- Interviews Interview of Michael W. Cassidy, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:05:26 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file
- Interviews **Interview 12: August 19, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Mara Mayor, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:27:11 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 3 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 3 digital audio .mp3 files
- Interviews **Interview 13: August 21, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of David T. Parry, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:21:17 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 4 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 4 digital audio .mp3 files
- Interviews **Interview 14: August 29, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Steve Pike, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:33:45 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files
- Interviews **Interview 15: August 20, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Neill Heath, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:27:43 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file
- Interviews **Interview 16: August 30, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Katharine F. and William A. Stewart, no transcript available.

- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:39:57 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file
- Interviews **Interview 17: September 5, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Brigitte Blachere, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:19:16 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 2 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 2 digital audio .mp3 files
- Interviews **Interview 18: September 5, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Richard Kurin, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:35:95 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 3 digital audio .wav files
 - Reference Copies: 3 digital audio .mp3 files
- Interviews **Interview 19: September 6, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Abby Whiteneck, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 00:52:40 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file
- Interviews **Interview 20: September 6, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Amy Kotkin, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:05:13 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file
- Interviews **Interview 21: September 13, 2013**
- Interviews Interview of Dennis Smoot, no transcript available.
- Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:22:31 hours
Note:
 - Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file

- Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file

Interviews **Interview 22: September 26, 2013**

Interviews Interview of Ann Post, no transcript available.

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 01:09:08 hours

- Note:
- Original Masters: 1 digital audio .wav file
 - Reference Copies: 1 digital audio .mp3 file