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History of the Smithsonian Associates
Oral History Interviews, 2013

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <i>osiaref@si.edu</i>
Title:	History of the Smithsonian Associates Oral History Interviews
Dates:	2013
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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 9634, History of the Smithsonian Associates Oral History Interviews

Use Restriction

Restricted. Contact reference staff for details.

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, 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. There are 32 original audio files for this session. In total, this collection is comprised of 32 original digital audio .wav files and 32 reference digital audio .mp3 files. There are no transcripts.

Researchers must check with Smithsonian Archives to determine if there are any restrictions on individual interviews.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Adult education
- Museums -- Educational aspects

Types of Materials:

- Compact discs
- 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

Box 1

List of Interviews

- Interview 1: 10 July 2013
- Interview 2: 22 July 2013
- Interview 3: 7 August 2013
- Interview 4: 7 August 2013
- Interview 5: 8 August 2013
- Interview 6: 8 August 2013
- Interview 7: 9 August 2013
- Interview 8: 14 August 2013
- Interview 9: 14 August 2013
- Interview 10: 16 August 2013
- Interview 11: 16 August 2013
- Interview 12: 19 August 2013
- Interview 13: 21 August 2013
- Interview 14: 29 August 2013
- Interview 15: 30 August 2013
- Interview 16: 30 August 2013
- Interview 17: 5 September 2013
- Interview 18: 5 September 2013
- Interview 19: 6 September 2013
- Interview 20: 6 September 2013
- Interview 21: 13 September 2013
- Interview 22: 26 September 2013

Audio Recordings of Interviews

- Interview 1: 10 July 2013
- Interview 2: 22 July 2013

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