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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: History of the Smithsonian Associates Oral History Interviews
Dates: 2013
Quantity: 0.5 cu. ft. (1 document box)

Administrative Information

Prefered 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


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.

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**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.

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**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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Interview 4: 7 August 2013
Interview 5: 8 August 2013
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