

UA-8: Wright State University Public History Program Collection

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Summary/Abstract: In 1974 the Public History Program was developed as a new graduate program in the History Department at Wright State University. The collection documents the growth and development of the program. It includes written histories of the program, administrative files, curriculum, classes, symposiums, capstone projects, exhibitions and alumni files.

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Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ua8.pdf>.

Related Material: Public History Newsletter, http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/public_history_news/

Processing Information: The collection was collected primarily by Dawne Dewey, Director of Public History 2008-2015. The collection was rehoused and a full finding aid written in February, 2016 by Samantha Green.

Processed by: Samantha Green

Arrangement:

Arranged into 7 series:

- Series I: Administrative Files
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Historical Note: The Public History program at Wright State University began in 1974 as “Plan C” in the History Department Graduate Program. The program was designed for graduate students who are primarily interested in careers in archival administration or museum management. It provides students with both theoretical and practical training in these areas, combining a traditional American History curriculum with courses taught by Public History professionals working in the field. The program has grown to be one of the oldest public history programs in the country, and graduates of the program have gone on to make contributions to the field in thousands of institutions around the globe.

Scope and Content: The materials in this collection range from 1972 to 2015. The materials include program development files, program requirements, course development, Directors correspondence and subject files, files on adjunct faculty instructors, information and samples regarding internships, capstone projects and exhibits, program newsletters and publicity, alumni files, and oral histories regarding the early development of the program.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names:

Wright State University. Department of History – Graduate work.
 Wright State University. Special Collections and Archives

Places: Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Public History
 Schools of archival administration
 Schools of museum studies

Material Types:

VHS™
 Compact disks
 Video recordings
 DVDs
 Newsletters

Collection Inventory

Series I: Administrative Files			
Subseries I: History			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Plan C Proposal	1972-1974
	2	Wright State University 40 th Public History Reception	Nov. 16, 2007
	3	Charles B. Berry Article	undated
	4	Public History Program History	undated
Subseries II: Public History Program Examples			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	5	Public History Program Reports from other Universities	c.1980s
	6	Portland State University Public History Program	1987
	7	New York University Public History Newsletter	1998-2002
	8	Cooperstown Graduate Program	2000
	9	CWCS Newsletter	2002
	10	Youngstown State University M.A. in American Studies	2003
	11	Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Internship Program	2004
	12	California State University PH.D. Public Historical Studies	undated
	13	Arizona State University Public History	undated
Subseries III: Student Files			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	14	Student list	2010-2011

	15	Student Applicants and Enrollment	2012
	16	Public History Student Status	Spring 2012
	17	Public History Enrollment	2014
Subseries IV: Adjunct Files			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	18	Adjuncts/Teachers	2007-2009
	19	Adjunct Meetings/Course Schedules	2012
	20	Virginia L. Weygandt Resignation	2013
Subseries V: Office Records			
1	21	Nancy Garner's Emails Regarding Newsletter	1998
	22	(Public) History Financial records	2005
	23	Department of History Awards Ceremonies	2005-2013
	24	Public History/Archives Position Changes	2007
	25	Public History Correspondence	2007
	26	Public History Certificate Awards	2007
	27	Dialogue with the Director Notes	2008-2015
	28	Community Engagement Report	2011-2012
	29	Conferences	2012
	30	University of Dayton Roesch Library Internship Grant	2013
	31	Public History website	2013
	32	Internships & Capstone Project Lists	2013
	33	CoLA Funding; AY 14-15	2014
	34	Public History Promotional Material	undated
	35	Best Practices Drafts, NCPH	undated
	36	Sample Internship/Project Proposal	undated
	37	Dayton Aviation Heritage Brochure	undated
	38	Wright State University Handbook (used as a Template?)	undated
Series II: Program Curriculum			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	1	Public History Advisory Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes	2000-2004
	2	Public History Curriculum Changes	2001
	3	Public History Curriculum	2001-2008
	4	Course Modification request HST 720	2003-2007
	5	Certification of Museum Studies & Archive Administration & Records Management	c.2005
	6	Public History Program Status	2006
	7	Public History Program Course Notes	2007
	8	Course Schedule	2007-2008
	9	Course Catalog	2008
	10	Public History Course Offerings	2009-2012
	11	Fall Public History Course Schedule	2012
	12	Fall Incoming Class notes/Class Schedules	2013
	13	Fall History/Public History Course Schedule	2013

	14	Spring Public History Course Schedule	2014
	15	Public History Curriculum (Quarters)	undated
	16	Public History Course Descriptions	undated
Series III: Class			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	17	Museum Volunteer Booklets HST 713	1989
	18	Student Reading Materials	c.1989
	19	Introduction to Museums and Historical Organizations HST 712	1991
	20	Internship Proposal Forms	1998-2000
	21	HST 727 Introduction to Public/Applied History	Fall 1999
	22	HST 716 Introduction to Historic Preservation	2002
	23	HST 720 Public History Project Guidelines	c.2002?
	24	Archives Track Syllabi	2006
	25	HST 485/685 Material Life in America Since 1876	Spring Quarter 2007
	26	URS 676 Fundraising and Grant Writing	2007
	27	Exhibits Class Discussion	2007
	28	Decorative Arts	2008
	29	HST 4300 Introduction to Public History	2008
	30	HST 486/686 Family & Gender in American History	2008
	31	HST 715 Internship Guidelines	c.2009
	32	Field Study Trip to Cleveland	2010
	33	Public history Projects & Internship Opportunities	2010
	34	Historical Methods Correspondence	2012
	35	Exhibit Design Technologies	Fall 2013
	36	HST 7900 Capstone Project Guidelines	2015
	37	HST 7810 Internship Prospectus	2015
	38	HST 725 Introduction to Public History	undated
	39	HST 487-687 Introduction to Public History	undated
	40	Museum Studies 1	undated
	41	Public History Mentoring Program	undated
Series IV: Public History Graduate Symposium			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	1	Public History Symposium	2002
	2	Public History Symposium	2012
	3	Public History Symposium	2013
	4	Public History Symposium 40 th Celebration Program and Speeches	2014
	5	Public History Symposium 40 th Celebration Proposals, Correspondence and Meeting notes	2014
	6	Public History Symposium 40 th Celebration Budgetary Material	2014
	7	Public History Symposium Program Materials and Meeting Notes	March 2014

	8	Public History Symposium Correspondence and Budget Materials	March 2014
	9	Public History Symposium	2015
	10	Public History Symposium	2016
Series V: Capstone Projects			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	11	Dayton Curriculum Packet	2002
	12	Oral History Project Proposal	2005
	13	Howell Cemetery Capstone	2011
	14	Franklin Historical Society Project Grant Proposal	2012
	15	The White Wedding Exhibit	2015
	16	Hearth Cooking at Historic London Town & Gardens	undated
	17	Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center Field Trip Model	undated
Series VI: Exhibits			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	18	Bright Ideas Exhibit	1995
	19	Crossing at the Rubicon Exhibit	2000
	20	Making Change Exhibit	2001
	21	Take the Mystery Out of History	2002
	22	Dayton, Ohio Exhibit	2003
	23	Curious Collections Exhibit Articles	2004
	24	Evolution of Everyday Things Exhibit	2005
	25	At Play Exhibit	2006
	26	John Wesley: Through the Eyes of Enoch Wood	2006
	27	James M. Cox Exhibit	2007
	28	Tasty Traditions Exhibit	2007
	29	Wright Brother's Day	2007
	30	Creative Genius Exhibit	2008
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Exhibits from the Shirley Collection	2008
	2	Before it was Art	2010
	3	Impact of World War II	2013
	4	More than a Mascot Exhibit	2015
	5	William P. Mayfield: Life Through the Lens	Undated
	6	Historically Significant Investigation	Undated
	7	Of Ducks & Dragons	Undated
	8	St. Joseph's Orphanage by Leigh Duncan	undated
Series VII: Newsletters and Alumni Files			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	9	Alumni Newsletter Correspondence	2012
	10	History Newsletter	1979-2006
	11	Public History Semester Newsletters	Spring 2008-Fall 2015
	12	Alumni List	1981-2013

	13	Dated Alumni Lists	1997-2013
	14	Public History Alumni Newsletter	1995-1999
	15	Alumni Correspondence	1995-2012
	16	Molly L. Carsten at Museum of Transportation	1996
	17	Alumni reception of SAA Meeting in Chicago	Aug. 1997
	18	Midwest Archive Conference Membership Directory	2002
	19	Alumni Brochures and Articles	2003-2006
	20	Alumni Awards and Ceremonies	2005-2009
	21	Wright State University History Department Alumni Survey Results	2007
	22	Alumni Photographs	undated

Series VIII: Recordings

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	1	Whole News cast with exhibit piece	2005
	2	Exhibit piece recorded/teacher giving lesson on Wright brothers with computers	2005
	3	2012 Public History Graduate Symposium	2012
	4	2013 Public History Graduate Symposium	2013
	5	2014 Public History Graduate Symposium	March 2014
	6	2014 Public History Graduate Symposium	Oct. 2014
	7	2014 Public History Graduate Symposium	March 2014

Series IX: Oral History Plan-C Program Project

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6	1	Becker Interview	1979
	2	Overview	undated
	3	Nolan Interview	1979
	4	Laurence P. Richmond. Radio Technician at Wright Field	1978
	5	Foltz Interview	1979
	6	Hiland Interview	1979
	7	Suton Interview	1979
	8	Lawson Interview	1979
	9	Lewis Interview	1979