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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

2000, M.L.I.S. with concentrations in Archival Enterprise and General Librarianship,  
University of Texas at Austin.

1995, B.A., Anthropology and Archaeological Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

**Professional Employment History**

**June 2008 to present**

**Alan K. Simpson Institute Archivist**

**American Heritage Center (AHC), University of Wyoming**

- Develop and maintain donor relations with a wide range of individuals and organizations within the Simpson Institute's area of interest.
- Map collection development for Simpson Institute.
- Identify and develop collection leads.
- Acquire collections, including on-site appraisal and preliminary intellectual control.
- Develop oral history projects and conducts oral history interviews.
- Plan and implement outreach for the Simpson Institute.
- Respond to subject specific research and information requests.

**November 2000 through May 2008**

**Photo Archivist**

**AHC, University of Wyoming**

- Responded to research and information inquiries.
- Aided scholars in finding materials appropriate to their research.
- Provided bibliographic instructions to individuals and classes.
- Conducted tours of archival facility.
- Scheduled duplication of photographic materials for patrons and staff members.
- Negotiated agreements for use of photographic images.
- Maintained and provided basic conservation of photographic collections.
- Curated exhibits to emphasize breadth of AHC photographic collections.
- Prepared and delivered lectures on historical and preservation topics.
- Supervised student assistants and interns.

## **Research Leaves**

November 23 – December 23, 2010. Researched and began co-writing *Public Libraries* article with Kathy Marquis; researched paper for 2010 Policy History Conference, and began research for Grand Teton National Park controversy. The *Libraries and Cultural Record* journal article was canceled due to my discovery that someone had recently published about my topic.

## **Scholarship**

### **In Preparation**

*Starting a Local History Collection in Your Public Library*, book co-authored with Kathy Marquis, ALA Editions, November 2013.

“Wyoming Voices in the Grand Teton National Park Controversy,” draft to be submitted to UW School of Environment and Natural Resources magazine, Fall 2013.

### **Published Works**

Waggener, Leslie and Kathy Marquis. “Historical Collections: Is Adding One Right for Your Library” *Public Libraries*, Vol. 50, No. 2 (March/April 2011). Refereed.

Waggener, Leslie. “A Look into the Life of Thomas Twiss, First Indian Agent at Fort Laramie,” *Annals of Wyoming* (refereed journal), spring 2005. Refereed.

### **Conference Proceedings**

“Voices of the Boom and Bust in the Rural Rocky Mountain West,” Sharing Cultures 2011, Tomar, Portugal, Green Lines Institute for Sustainable Development, July 2011. Refereed.

### **Papers Presented**

“The Need is Great, There’s No Time to Lose: Energy Development Impacts in Wyoming,” 2011 Oral History Association Conference, Denver, CO, October 2011.

“Oral History of Social Activism: The Case of Sublette County,” paper presented as part of the session, “Social Justice in the Stacks: Creating a History of Activism” with Laura Uglean-Jackson and Matt Francis, Shepard Symposium for Social Justice, University of Wyoming, April 2011.

“Battling Project Plowshare in the Rocky Mountains,” 2010 Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 2010.

“‘A field he doesn’t know beans about:’ Virginia Gambrell, Francis Henshaw, and Management of Texas State Government Records, 1946-1951,” Texas State Historical Association meeting in 2008 and the Texas Library Association conference in 2009.

“Charles Belden and the Rural Wyoming Landscape” and “Resettle or Bust: Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Resettlement Administration in Wyoming,” Inter War Rural History Research Group Conference, Royal Holloway campus of the University of London, Egham, January 2007.

“Building the Gem City,” symposium titled “Railroads and Dinosaurs in the American West” held at the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, February 2006.

“Inside the Dream Factory: The Hollywood Photographs of Jean Howard,” Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association conference, San Diego, March 2005.

### **Grants Written**

Wyoming Humanities Council grant for “Wyoming’s Energy Boom, 1995-2010: An Oral History Program,” to explore the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the natural gas boom in Sublette County. Grant was approved and project conducted in 2010 - 2011.

UW School of Energy Resources grant to conduct an oral history project to look at Wyoming communities potentially affected by the Niobrara oil shale play. The project is to examine these communities in terms of socioeconomic and environmental impacts during pre-boom, boom, and post-boom phases. The grant was approved and oral history interviews begun in September 2011.

### **Book Reviews**

*Annals of Wyoming*

- *Windows to the Past: Early Settlers in Jackson Hole* by Bonnie Kreps, Jackson: Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum, 2006 (Summer/Fall 2007).
- *A View from Center Street: Tom Carrigen’s Casper* by Mark Junge, Casper: The McMurry Foundation, 2003 (Summer 2005).
- *High and Dry: The Texas-New Mexico Struggle for the Pecos River* by G. Emlen Hall, Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2002 (Fall 2003).

### **Service**

#### **Committees**

- SAA Anniversary Task Force at-large member, 2009 to 2011.
- Laramie Plains Museum Board of Directors, 2009 to 2012.

- Coordinator for the Malcolm Wallop Fund for Conversations on Democracy, 2010 to 2013.
- SAA/ALA/AAM Committee, 2007 to 2009; SAA Co-Chair, 2008 to 2009.
- Archives Month Coordinator, Board of the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, June 2006 to November 2007 (non-voting board member position).
- Chair of AHC Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2011 to present.
- Chair of AHC Faculty Use Committee, 2009 to 2010.
- University Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2008 to 2011.
- Member-at-Large, University of Wyoming Faculty Senate Executive Committee, April 2003 to May 2005.
- Senator, University of Wyoming Faculty Senate, September 2001 to May 2005.

## **Workshops and Presentations**

### *Photographic workshops*

Society of American Archivists Continuing Education workshops presented

- “Archivist’s Guide to Balancing Legal Issues in Photographic Collections,” one-day workshop presented with Heather Briston at the Brooklyn Historical Society in July 2011, California Museum of Photograph in May 2010 and at the SAA Annual Meeting in August 2010 and with Aprille McKay, JD at the Fort Worth Public Library in November 2009 and at Penn State University in May 2009.
- “Legal Aspects of Photography Rights,” one-day workshop presented with Joel Hecker, Esq. at the New York State Archives in October 2008, the Society of California Archivists’ annual meeting in May 2008, and the New Mexico Records Center in November 2007.
- “Preservation of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Visual Materials,” two-day workshop presented with John Waggener at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, March 2009 and Princeton University, March 2008. Also presented the same workshop with Tawnya Mosier, Film/Audio-Visual Archivist at the University of Utah to the joint meeting of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, Council of State Archivists, and Society of American Archivists, Washington, D.C., August 2006.

### *Other photographic workshops presented*

- “Archival Care of Still Photograph Collections,” full-day workshop presented with Paul Eisloeffel, Curator of Visual and Audio Collections for the Nebraska State Historical Society to the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists’ Spring Meeting, June 2006, Pueblo, Colorado.
- “Dating of and Caring for Historic Photographs,” half-day workshop presented to joint meeting of the Society of California Archivists, Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists and Northwest Archivists, Las Vegas, April 2005.

- “Dating of and Caring for Historic Photographs,” one- to two-hour workshops presented to the Albany County Genealogical Society, March 2005; Albany County Historical Society, November 2004; Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board conference (Casper), August 2003; and the Laramie County Genealogical Society (Cheyenne), April 2002.

*Other presentations*

- Presenter in session “Advocacy All Around Us: Engaging Controversies, Collaborations, and Collectors in Archives,” Society of American Archivists annual meeting, San Diego, August 2012.
- Presenter in session “I’ve Got These Historical Materials: Now What?,” Public Library Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, March 2012.
- “Building Communities with Building History: Historic Preservation, Museums, and Archives,” panel discussion with Sarah Gadd, University of Wyoming Art Museum, and Kara Hahn, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, for the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums annual meeting, Sheridan, May 2008.
- “Access to Repositories: Learning How to Access Records and Public Information to Deeper Civic Participation,” presentation with Carol Bryant at the Cheyenne Partnership Conference sponsored by the Colorado Partnership for Educational Renewal and the Wyoming School-University Partnership, October 2006.
- “Native American Research Resources at the American Heritage Center,” presentation at the Western Americana Curators session, Western History Association conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, October 2005.
- “Jewish History Resources at the AHC,” presented to *Celebrate 350: Jewish Life in America*, AHC, September 2005.
- “Archivists Get the Lesson Out: Teaching Teachers About Primary Sources,” presentation (with Carol Bowers, Carol Bryant and Patty Smith), Society of American Archivists annual meeting, New Orleans, August 2005.
- “Preservation through Promotion: Charles Belden’s Photography Documents Life on the Historic Pitchfork Ranch,” presentation to the Laramie Lyceum, AHC, April 2005.
- “Effective Teaching with Photographs,” presentation to Natrona County’s American History Cowboy Coalition, AHC, April 2005.
- Wyoming History Day workshops to Pinedale and Big Piney junior high students, January 2005.
- Session chair of “Crafting a New Approach to Scrapbooking,” Society of American Archivist annual meeting, Boston, August 2004.

- “Cone on the Range: Services and Resources at the American Heritage Center,” presentation (with Ginny Kilander) to the Wyoming Library Association conference (Sheridan), October 2003. I also presented this talk to the Laramie Civic League in November 2006.
- “Making Good Library Displays Even Better,” presentation (with staff from the Wyoming State Archives) to the Wyoming Library Association conference (Casper), September 2002.

## **Other Service**

### *Event organizing*

- As AHC Coordinator for the Malcolm Wallop Fund for Conversations on Democracy
  - Co-organized with UW College of Arts and Sciences a set of events titled “Social Media and the 2012 Election” held at UW. November 2012.
  - Co-organized with UW College of Arts and Sciences a student panel event held at UW titled "Emerging Democracies and Their Struggle Against Authoritarian Rule." The panel, which consisted of four international students, discussed current events related to emerging democracies in Egypt, Bahrain, Iraq, and Libya. Dr. Pete Simpson, a professor in the UW Department of Political Science, moderated the panel. April 2011.
  - Organized the event titled “Riding Fence: Wyoming Governors on Wyoming and National Issues” featuring outgoing governor Dave Freudenthal, former governors Jim Geringer and Mike Sullivan and then governor-elect Matt Mead. Geoff O’Gara of Wyoming PBS moderated the panel discussion. The event held at Sheridan College and televised on WY PBS. November 2010.
- Facilitated panel discussions at UW and Pinedale relating to “Wyoming’s Energy Boom, 1995-2010: An Oral History Program.” Former Wyoming State Historian Dr. David Kathka moderated both panels. The panels featured Sublette County residents and UW experts speaking about the social, economic and environmental issues raised by energy development near Pinedale and Big Piney, and also placed this latest boom within the context of the boom-and-bust mineral commodity cycle characteristic of Wyoming’s economy. April and May 2011.
- Co-organized with UW Academic Affairs the “Freedom of Expression Symposium,” a panel discussion moderated by Provost Myron Allen. Expert panelists explored issues surrounding the role of speakers invited to universities and colleges, including who can and should speak on campus, what the university's responsibilities to its public are and whether speakers contribute to the education of students. September 2010.

- Organized a panel discussion at UW to examine “cowboy ethics” and Jim Owen’s Code of the West. Panelists were founder of the Denver-based Center for Cowboy Ethics and Leadership, Jim Owen; Wyoming author Sam Western, author of the book *Pushed Off the Mountain, Sold Down the River: Wyoming’s Search for Its Soul*; and Professor David Wrobel, chair of the Department of History at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. April 2010.
- Chaired “Archival Awareness Along the Pacific Rim” session at SAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2008.

#### *Exhibits*

- “The Hollywood Photographs of Jean Howard,” exhibit in the Owen Wister Western Writers Reading Room, 2005 to 2009.
- National Outlaw and Lawman Association, permanent exhibit in the Owen Wister Western Writers Reading Room, American Heritage Center, 2003.
- “Ruth St. Denis and the Denishawn Dancers,” exhibit to accompany Women’s History Month program, 2002.
- “Wit, Wisdom and Willfulness,” exhibit to accompany Women’s History Month program, 2001.

#### **Extension/Outreach**

- “Wyoming’s Energy Boom, 1995-2010: An Oral History Program,” presentation to the Laramie Rotary Club, spring 2011.
- Judged photo contest “Between the Fences” for the Meeteetse Museum, 2007.
- Public workshop on preservation of family heirlooms, Sheridan County Historical Society and Museum (part of Archives Month celebration through SRMA), November 2007.
- “Preserving Family Treasures” public workshop at the Albany County Public Library (co-taught with John Waggener and Rick Walters), 2007.
- “Rocky Mountain Memories,” a public presentation on the preservation of family heirlooms sponsored by the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, Albany Co. Library, and the AHC, October 2006 and October 2007.
- “American Heritage Center Photographic Collections,” presented to the AHC Board of Advisors, Centennial Complex restaurant, October 2005.
- “Preserving and Organizing Family Records,” workshop sponsored by the Uinta County Museum (Evanston), with Ginny Kilander and Bill Hopkins, October 2003.

#### *Speakers Bureau*

- “The Western Photography of Charles Belden,” presentations to the Fort Caspar Museum, May 2009; BLM Office (Cheyenne), July 2007; AHC Board of Advisors, June 2007; Laramie Kiwanis Club, August 2006; Eppson Center for

Seniors (Laramie), January 2005; Newcastle Lion's Club, May 2004; Wyoming State Museum (Cheyenne), February 2003; Belden Museum (Meeteetse), August 2003 and July 2005; Star Valley Historical Society (Afton), May 2002; and the Park County Historical Society (Cody), May 2002.

- "In the Right Place: Crow Indian Photographer Richard Throssel," presentations to the Rocky Mountain College Elderhostel, August 2003; Bureau of Land Management (Cheyenne), November 2003; and the Albany County Historical Society (Laramie), November 2001.

## **Professional Development**

### **Professional Associations**

Society of American Archivists

Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists

Oral History Association

Academy of Certified Archivists

### **Conferences attended**

- Society of American Archivists annual meeting, San Diego 2012, Chicago 2011, Washington, D.C. 2010, Austin 2009, San Francisco 2008, Washington, D.C. 2006, New Orleans 2005, Boston 2004.
- American Library Association mid-winter meeting, January 2009.
- Western History Association conference, Salt Lake City 2008, Scottsdale 2005 and Fort Worth, 2003.
- "Western Round-Up" (joint meeting of the Society of California Archivists, Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists and Northwest Archivists), 2005.
- Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists meeting, Pueblo 2006 and Laramie 2004.
- Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association conference, San Diego 2005.
- Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board conference, Casper 2003.
- Wyoming Library Association, Cheyenne 2007, Gillette 2006, Rock Springs 2004, Sheridan 2003, and Casper 2002.

### **Continuing Education**

*One- to multi-day workshops attended*

#### **2013**

- A Beginner's Guide to Metadata (webinar), SAA Continuing Education Workshop.
- Electronic Records: The Next Step (webinar), SAA Continuing Education Workshop.



**2012**

- Basic Electronic Records, SAA Continuing Education Workshop, St. Simons, GA
- Advocacy, Archives, and Archivists, SAA Continuing Education Workshop, AHC.
- Arrangement and Description of Electronic Records, Part I, SAA Continuing Education Workshop, AHC.

**2010**

- Catching Stories Oral History Institute presented by The Ohio Humanities Council and Rural Life Center, Kenyon, Ohio.

**2009**

- Donor relations workshop presented by Herb Hartsook, Director of the South Carolina Political Collections, University of South Carolina, AHC.
- Advanced Appraisal workshop presented by Mark Greene, AHC.

**2008**

- Grant Proposal Writing, SAA Continuing Education workshop, Loveland, CO.

**2006**

- New York Times Knowledge Network workshop, presented by the New York Times and Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Wyoming, Laramie.

**2005**

- Quicksilver Photography Seminar, presented by the Cheyenne Frontiers Days Old West Museum, Cheyenne.
- “PowerPoint Questions and Answers,” presented by University of Wyoming Information Technology, Laramie.
- “Effective Classroom Discussions,” presented by the Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Wyoming, Laramie.

**2004**

- “Administration of Photographic Collections,” pre-conference workshop offered by the Society of American Archivists, Boston.
- “Making Effective Class Presentations Using Technology,” Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Wyoming, Laramie.
- “Introduction to Digitization and Scanning,” sponsored by the Collaborative Digital Project, Cheyenne.
- “Designing and Implementing Effective Volunteer Programs,” workshop conducted by the Snowy Range Nonprofit Institute and sponsored by the University of Wyoming Outreach School, Laramie.

**2003**

- “Strategies for Grant Seeking,” held by the UW Foundation and UW Research Office (one-half day), Laramie.

- “Metadata for Information Professionals,” State Archives Department, Minnesota Historical Society, NHPRC grant “Educating Archivists and Their Constituencies,” Cheyenne.
- “XML for Information Management,” State Archives Department, Minnesota Historical Society, NHPRC grant “Educating Archivists and Their Constituencies,” Cheyenne.
- “Copyright Issues Online,” sponsored by UW Outreach Credit Programs and the Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning (one-half day), Laramie.

## **2002**

- “Introduction to Scanning,” Colorado Digitization Project workshop, Laramie.
- “Copyright: The Archivist and the Law,” SAA Continuing Education workshop, Poughkeepsie, NY.

## **2001**

- Preserving Photographs in a Digital World,” six-day workshop conducted by the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film and the Image Permanence Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY.

### *Semester-long classes*

- “Photographing the American West,” UW American Studies Department, spring 2005 (audit).
- “History of Books and Reading,” UW Department of History, spring 2002 (audit).
- “History of Wyoming,” UW Department of History, fall 2001 (audit).

## **Instructional Support**

### **Supervision of internships**

- 100-hour practicum for University of Denver MLIS graduate student Amanda Stow, June - August 2007.
- UW Art Department internship of graduate student Elizabeth Tadehara, fall 2006.

### **Guest lectures**

- Presentation to Patty Kessler’s Wyoming History class about “Wyoming’s Energy Boom, 1995-2010: An Oal History Program,” Laramie County Community College, Laramie campus, June 2011.

- Presented a talk with Dick Kean about the AHC's primary sources on the Black 14 incident and how those materials can be used in the secondary social studies classroom to Carol Bryant's Social Studies Methods II, fall 2009.
- Introduced and facilitated use of AHC's Black 14 primary sources to UW Political Science Professor Teena Gabrielson and her class, American Political Thought, fall 2008.
- Charles Belden presentation and bibliographic instruction to Patty Kessler's LCCC Wyoming History class, fall 2007.
- Talk pertaining to depictions of women in the American West for Women & the American West, HIST4990-01, fall 2007.
- "Interpretation of Photographs," presentation to *Archival Methods* (HIST 4990-03), spring 2007.
- Introduction to Public History class practicum with UW student Rachel Miller, fall 2006.
- "The Photograph as a Medium of Memory," presentations to *Introduction to Public History*, UW History Department, fall semesters, 2001-2007.
- "Photographic Resources at the American Heritage Center," presentations to "Agriculture: Rooted in Diversity," College of Agriculture offering, spring semesters, 2003-2007.
- "Historic Photographic Processes," presentations to *Archives I*, UW Department of History offering, fall semesters 2001-2004.

### **Student/Teacher workshops**

- Organized a student-interactive panel discussion using the Wyoming Equality Network teleconferencing system about the Black 14 incident with speakers Mel Hamilton, Kathy Karpan, Jerry Parkinson, and Kevin McKinney. Participating schools were Afton Swift Creek HS, Casper CSF, Dubois Elementary School, Riverton HS, Wheatland HS, and Douglas HS., September 2010.
- Assisted with NEH Suffrage Grant workshop by choosing materials related to the topic, including a previously undiscovered economic suffrage collection (Wilma Soss Papers). Helped teachers in a 2-hour session in working with those materials in order to bring the materials into their classrooms, fall 2009.
- Co-organized with Dick Kean a 2½ day workshop for Wyoming secondary teachers on the topic of the Second Red Scare and blacklisting. Workshop consisted of a 1976 documentary film (Hollywood on Trial) that provided context for the topic, work with primary sources, talks by three UW scholars on the Hollywood Ten topic, a talk by Rick Ewig on a local connection to the Second Red Scare, the UW Textbook Controversy of 1947-1948 and a discussion about how to use the Hollywood Ten materials in lesson plans, fall 2009.

## **Awards**

- Wyoming State Historical Society's Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award for "Wyoming's Energy Boom, 1995-2010: An Oral History Program," a project that explored the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the natural gas boom in Sublette County. The award is made "to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding contribution to the history of Wyoming in the field of photography or oral history, which may span many years," 2011.