The Oregon Multicultural Archives: Documenting Diverse Communities through Digital Stewardship and Archival Education

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Panel “Documenting Diverse Communities”
Women’s Archives: What Does the Future Hold?
Society of American Archivists Pre-Conference
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
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The OMA: Establishment and Mission

The OMA’s mission is to assist in preserving the histories and sharing the stories that document Oregon's African American, Asian American, Latino/a, and Native American communities.
Women of the OMA

Annabelle Jaramillo Papers (1967–2001)

The Urban League of Portland Records (1945–2008). Urban League of Portland staff (Left to right:) Dorthy Berry; Gertrude Rae; Myrtle Carr; Delores Casanosas

The Jean Moule Papers (1984–2011)
OMA Collections
Assisting Communities Document Themselves through Digital Stewardship and Education

Oregon Chinese Disinterment Documents

The Oregon Chinese Disinterment Documents digital collection provides access to documents pertaining to the 1940-1949 disinterment of hundreds of Chinese immigrants' remains from cemeteries throughout Oregon.
Oregon Chinese Disinterment Documents
Disinterment in Oregon

Baker City, OR Chinese Cemetery Photos by: By Tom Banse

Map of Oregon Cemeteries:
Gravesites of Chinese Laborers
Oregon Chinese Disinterment Documents
Collection Contents
Oregon Chinese Disinterment Documents
A Collaborative Effort

Digitization

Temporary Custody and Preservation

Digital Stewardship and Accessibility

Custodians of the Original, Physical Documents
Oregon Chinese Disinterment Documents
The Online Exhibit

Map of Cemeteries

The disinterments took place at 17 cities and 23 cemeteries:

Northwest Oregon:
- Albany, Astoria, Corvallis
- Riverview Cemetery, Albany
- Greenwood Cemetery, Astoria
- Oceanview Cemetery, Astoria
- Riverview (Lewis and Clark) Cemetery, Astoria
- Crystal Lake Cemetery, Corvallis, OR

Northwest Oregon: Portland and Salem
- Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland
- Riverview Cemetery, Portland
- I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Salem
- Private Property near Keizer School House, Salem

Southeast Oregon:
- Mountain View Cemetery, Ashland
- Ashland Cemetery, Ashland
- I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Coos Bay
- Sunset Cemetery, Coos Bay
- Lindelof Cemetery, Eureka Falls
- I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Lakeview
- Sunset Park, Lakeview

Eastern Oregon:
- Chinese Cemetery, Baker City
- Canyon City Chinese Cemetery, Canyon City
- I.O.O.F. Cemetery, The Dalles
- John Day Chinese Cemetery, John Day
- I.O.O.F. Cemetery, La Grande
- Evergreen Cemetery, Ontario
OTAI was a week long Institute held in August 2012 designed as an affordable, accessible, in-depth archives training for Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribes.
Site Visits to Oregon’s 9 Tribes: July-September, 2011

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, July 7
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, July 20
The Klamath Tribes, July 25-26
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, July 11-12
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, August 9

Curriculum Development: Fall 2011-Spring 2012
- Formulate a List of Topics
- Brainstorm Sessions/Schedules
- Identify Trainers and Partners

Institute Planning: Spring-Summer 2012
- Lodging & Meals
- Curriculum Materials
- Special Events & Field Trips

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians, September 16
Coquille Indian Tribe, September 15
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, September 8
The Oregon Tribal Archives Institute  
Sunday August 19th – Friday August 24th  2012  

Sessions at the OSU Valley Library

Siletz Tribal Community Archives

Grand Ronde Community Archives and Closing Dinner

George Wasson, Closing Dinner Speaker

Benton County Historical Society
OTAI Project Website
http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/oma/ta/i/index.html

The Oregon Tribal Archives Institute (TAI) is the culmination of a two year grant project developed by the Oregon Multicultural Archives dedicated to assisting Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes with their archives and records management needs. TAI took place in August of 2012 with the goals to provide Oregon's tribal archivists and records managers with professional development and networking opportunities through a week long training.

TAI Information
- Project Overview
- Year 1 - The Site Visits and Curriculum Development
- Year 2 - The Institute
- Publications and Presentations about TAI
- Oregon Tribal Archives Network
- Acknowledgements
- Contact Information
The OMA
http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/oma/index.html

OMA Blog:
http://wpmu.library.oregonstate.edu/oregon-multicultural-archives/