

End of Year Report for Public History, 2007-2008



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Public History Courses:

Hist. 199 Public History Internship Class Fall 2007:

Interns: 12

Sites:

- 1) African American History of Santa Clara Valley Project, Sourisseau Academy & Hist. Dept. SJSU
 - a. Supervisor: Prof. Iris Jerke
 - b. Number of Interns: 5
 - c. Outcomes:
 - i. Research black pioneers and events of Blacks in selected newspapers, census records and other sources
 - ii. Research black pioneers in Santa Clara County Historical and Geneological Society records held at Santa Clara Public Library
 - iii. Conduct demographic study of local cemeteries, and researched The Pacific Appeal (19th century black newspaper)
 - iv. Research San Jose Mercury News for African American info.

- 2) The Santa Clara Valley Barn Project (Project of The Cherries to Chips Project: Agricultural History of Santa Clara Valley), Sourisseau Academy & Hist. Dept., SJSU
 - a. Supervisor: Dr. Margo McBane, Ph.D.
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes:
 - i. Powerpoint/Slideshow on Barns to be posted on Sourisseau Academy & History Department public history project websites

- 3) Santa Cruz Surf History Project: The Early Years 1930s-1950s (Project of The Community Heritage Partner in Collaboration with the Santa Cruz Natural History Museum, Santa Cruz Surf Museum, Santa Cruz Public Library, and the McPherson Museum of Art and History, The Santa Cruz Surfing Club, and The Sourisseau Academy)
 - a. Supervisor: Dr. Margo McBane, Ph.D.
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes

- i. Conducted pre-interviews with 8 of the 11 remaining 1936 founding members, wrote history overview to establish historical context for the interviews
- 4) Garden City Cultural Landscape Project, Hist. Dept SJSU
 - a. Supervisor: Dr. Margo McBane, Ph.D.
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes
 - i. Conducted research and presented paper at California Landscape Conference in Spring 2008 Fresno
- 5) Special Collections, SJSU Library
 - a. Supervisor: Danelle Moon, Director
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes:
 - i. Archivist assist, helped maintain the collections and distribute information to patrons.
- 6) Stanford Library
 - a. Supervisor: Margaret Kimball
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes
- 7) Burdick Project, Hist. Dept., SJSU
 - a. Supervisor: Dr. Jonathan Roth, Ph.D.
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes:
 - i. Provided staff work
- 8) California Division of the Woman's Land Army of America Project, Sourisseau Academy, SJSU
 - a. Supervisor: Dr. Margo McBane, Ph.D.
 - b. Number of Interns: 1
 - c. Outcomes:
 - i. Conducted research on the Lodi, Chico, Vacaville, and Sacramento Camps of the WLAA
 - ii. Scanned 200 WLAA photos for the Sourisseau

Hist. 197 Introduction to Public History Class Spring 2008

Number of Students: 13

Local History Project Topics: Public History online powerpoint/slideshows listed on History Department website and Sourisseau Academy website. Students have given their written permission, in order to comply with privacy issues.

History of Technology Industry in Santa Clara Valley

(powerpoint-completed)
 History of Early Flight in Santa Clara Valley: John Joseph Montgomery
 (powerpoint-completed)
 History of Santa Clara Valley GLBT Community
 (powerpoint-completed)
 History of the Inter-Urban Transportation System of Santa Clara Valley
 (powerpoint-completed)
 History of Mexican Workers of Santa Clara Valley, 1930s to 1990s: A Case Study of Fernando Chavez
 (Taking Hist. 199, working this summer creating web online exhibit for Hist. Dept. and Sourisseau Academy)
 History Castro Family in Santa Clara Valley: A Family Case Study
 (Taking Hist. 199, working this summer creating web online exhibit for Hist. Dept. and Sourisseau Academy)
 History of Pico Family in Santa Clara Valley: A Family Case Study
 (Taking Hist. 199, working this summer creating web online exhibit for Hist. Dept. and Sourisseau Academy)
 History of a National Register House in Los Gatos
 (Taking Hist. 199, working this summer creating web online exhibit for Hist. Dept. and Sourisseau Academy)
 History of Japanese & Filipinos of San Jose Japantown, before World War II and after
 (Taking Hist. 199, working this summer creating web online exhibit for Hist. Dept. and Sourisseau Academy)
 History of 1950s Mexican American Activism & 1960s-1970s Chicano Movement in Santa Clara Valley
 (Taking Hist. 199, working this summer creating web online exhibit for Hist. Dept. and Sourisseau Academy)
 History of Nairobi Village in East Paso Alto
 (powerpoint-completed)
 History of San Jose African Methodist Episcopal Church
 (power point-completed)

Public History Projects with History Department & Sourisseau Academy:

African American History of Santa Clara Valley Project Description & Update (Coordinated by Prof. Iris Jerke, contact Prof. Jerke & Charlene Duval, Sourisseau Academy, for more info)

1. Exhibit for Black History Month (Feb. to May) on 5th Floor cases of SJSU/MLK, Jr. Library, funded by Edith Smith Trust
2. Smaller exhibit for Black History Month at Black Community Center
3. Oral history collecting of Black community members.
4. Genealogy reconstruction project with local families on their histories
5. Coordinating research and work with the Garden City Women's Club
6. Multi-cultural exhibit at San Jose City Hall

7. Collections donated from John and Annie McCall and Philip Ellington families. Scanned photos made of Ellington collections that was not donated. The McCall collection finding aid is in final draft form and the photos are in EmbARK at Sourisseau Academy.

Cherries to Chips Project (coordinated by Dr. Margo McBane, Ph.D.)

Agricultural History of Santa Clara Valley Component:

1. Student intern worked on her barn history research project, and converted it into a powerpoint/slide show.

Mexicans of Santa Clara Valley Component:

1. Applied under Sourisseau Academy and Hist. Dept. Nov. 2007, Jonathan Roth PI. Received \$7,500 January 2008 to conduct 4 oral history digital video interviews of Mexican farmworkers from 1930s, translate & transcribe, and scan personal photos, placing all components onto DVD.
2. March to September, 2008: Working with 2 current history students Peggy Wallace & Rogelio Lopez, and past 3 students (Brea Romero, Rick Romero and Joseph Rivera)
3. Conducted 2 interviews with Mexican workers who worked in Santa Clara Valley fields 1930s. One continued to work in fields until 1960s, other used GI Bill money to train as barber. Opened 2 barber shops and 2 restaurants.
4. June to interview 2 more interviewees June 16-20, and group interview with Mexican citrus workers transplanted from Santa Paul to Santa Clara Valley in 1940s, transcribe and scan personal photos of all 5. Convert to CD by end of August.
5. Working with Paul McNamara in University Advancement on additional Mexican American history grant money