

ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER



Linda A. Whitaker, MA, CA is a certified archivist and librarian and served as Director of the Library and Archives Division for the Arizona Historical Society at Papago Park before retiring in 2017. She has a longtime interest and track record in processing large, complex collections; appraising backlogs; providing access and reference; developing web content; community outreach; creating graduate-level internships; grant writing; and promoting and developing professional standards.

She has authored numerous articles and contributed to two books that are relevant to service on the AHS Board. "Reworking Collections Management Practices for How We Must Live Now: An Archival Case Study." In *Active Collections*. Elizabeth Wood, Rainey Tisdale, Trevor Jones, editors. Routledge 2018 is significant for her longtime concern with collection management practices.

Ms. Whitaker was Chief Archivist at the Arizona Historical Foundation in the Hayden Library on the ASU campus responsible for 6,000 linear feet of collections. She processed the Personal and Political Papers of Senator Barry Goldwater and the Stephen Shadegg Collection; was one of the first contributors to the Arizona Memory Project; and facilitated access to 200 previously "hidden" collections. She helped secure \$529,000 from the Arizona State Legislature for the processing and preservation the Goldwater papers; successfully submitted a \$260,000 grant from the Marley Foundation to fund three digital Centennial Legacy Projects; and co-authored grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the American Library Association, and the Wilson Foundation for other library-archives initiatives.

Ms. Whitaker has served in various local, regional and national leadership positions. She has developed regional workshops and panels on political papers, repository partnerships, and issues on Borderland collecting. She is past Chair of the Society of American Archivists Congressional Papers Roundtable; has served on the Appraisal and Acquisitions Steering Committee and the Archives Management Roundtable. She served on a national task force to develop standards for archival re-appraisal and de-accessioning. She is a founding member of the Arizona Archives Summit, a federally funded, statewide initiative to promote collaborative collecting, now in its tenth year.



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