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LINDA WHITAKER, President

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Linda A. Whitaker, MA, CA is a certified archivist and librarian and served as Director of the Library and Archives Division for Arizona Historical Society 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 the book, "Reworking Collections Management Practices for How We Must Live Now: An Archival Case Study."

Linda 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 was one of the first contributors to the Arizona Memory Project and facilitated access to 200 previously "hidden" collections. Linda has co-authored grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the American Library Association, and the Wilson Foundation for other library-archives initiatives.

In addition, Linda 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 a founding member of the Arizona Archives Summit, a federally funded, statewide initiative to promote collaborative collecting, now in its tenth year.

