

Arizona Historical Society

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Hours

The library and archives at the Arizona History Museum (Tucson) and Arizona Heritage Center (Tempe) are open Tuesday–Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Arizona MST) by appointment only. The AHS library catalog can be accessed online at <https://arizonahistoricalociety.org/research/library-archives/>.

** Due to COVID-19, you are encouraged to visit the AHS Library and Archives page to note the changes to in-person procedures and access to materials.**AHS’s archival collection in Flagstaff is housed at the Cline Library on the Northern Arizona University campus.

AHS research fellows are responsible for booking their own flights and lodging, as well as finding options for meals. Fellows will need to pay these costs initially, but will be paid the amount of their fellowship award after their visit.

We encourage you to contact Dr. Lora Key, coordinator of the AHS research fellowship program, as your plans develop. She may be reached at 520-617-1169 or by email, lkey@azhs.gov. For inquiries regarding archival holdings please contact ahsreference@azhs.gov

A list of archival repositories in the state can be found at the end of this document.

Location, Directions, and Parking

The Arizona History Museum is located at 949 E. 2nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85719. Parking is located one block west in the University of Arizona Main Gate Parking Garage—use the E. 2nd Street entrance and follow the signs that say “Arizona Historical Society parking.” Parking is free, but please take a parking ticket. The front desk will validate.

The Arizona Heritage Center is located at 1300 N. College Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281 and has a dedicated parking lot. Parking is free.

Accommodations

If you intend to stay in Tucson, the Tucson Marriot University Park Hotel is located just across the street from AHS. There are also several Airbnb options available in the area that are within walking distance. Downtown Tucson is only a few miles away and the SunLink Streetcar provides reliable service to the area. <https://www.sunlinkstreetcar.com/>

The Arizona Heritage Center is located near Arizona State University and downtown Tempe with many hotel and Airbnb options.

Flights and Ground Transportation

We have fellows fly into both Tucson and Phoenix. Phoenix tends to have more flight options and might be slightly less expensive than Tucson. There are shuttles from Phoenix to Tucson (and vice versa) available (Groome and Tucson Shuttle). Car rentals and taxi/car services operate out of both Phoenix and Tucson. Tucson airport is much smaller and less busy than Phoenix, if that is a consideration. Tucson International Airport is approximately eight (8) miles from AHS's building.

Many fellows choose to rent and keep a car for the duration of their stay so that they can visit other area archives when our library is not open. Of course, that will depend on your specific research needs, schedule, and budget. There are hotel and restaurant options located within easy walking distance (a block or two) to our Tucson building. At our Tempe location, there are fewer hotels or restaurant options within walking distance, so transportation would likely be needed for most fellows. (In terms of walking, please consider, too, the hot temperatures during the summer, especially in the Phoenix area.)

Public Presentation

We encourage our fellows to take part in AHS's virtual program series. Our virtual programs highlight the relevance and importance of Arizona history. This is also a great opportunity for scholars to practice for future conference presentations, job talks, or classes. Presentations will be virtual and usually scheduled for one hour. Fellows should prepare to speak for 35–40 minutes, which will allow time for Q&A. We strongly encourage fellows to schedule a virtual program with AHS, but it is not a requirement.

For your presentation, we would like for you to give a brief overview of your topic, how you came to it, and how it fits in the wider literature. You should focus on the specific AHS collections you used and how they contributed to your overall project. The topic, however, is at your discretion. The fellowship program coordinator will help you schedule your presentation and answer any questions you may have.

Extensions

Extensions beyond the calendar year of the award will be granted only in extenuating circumstances—including COVID-19 precautions and changes in local conditions.

Selected Archives and Repositories in Arizona (other than AHS)

Statewide – Digital Finding Aids

Arizona Archives Online, <http://azarchivesonline.org/xtf/search>

Tucson

Arizona State Museum Library and Archives (on the University of Arizona campus)

<https://statemuseum.arizona.edu/visit/collections/library-and-archives>

University of Arizona Special Collections

<https://new.library.arizona.edu/departments/special-collections>

Phoenix/Tempe

Arizona State Library, Archives, & Public Records (Phoenix)

<https://azlibrary.gov/>

Arizona State University Library (including the Hayden Library and the Chicano Research Center) Tempe

<https://lib.asu.edu/>

Arizona Jewish Historical Society

<https://www.azjhs.org/>

Burton Barr Central Library

<https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/locations/burton-barr>

Flagstaff

Northern Arizona University – Cline Library

<https://nau.edu/special-collections/>