

# 2022 OREGON HERITAGE CONFERENCE SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

*These sessions, times and descriptions are subject to change.  
Zoom links will be provided via email prior to the conference.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

**VIRTUAL "MORNING WALK" 8:30 AM-9:00 AM** – Choose from a list of curated podcasts and playlists and enjoy a morning walk or a cup of coffee (or both!) while listening to get your brain and body ready for the next three days.

### MEETINGS 9:00 AM-12:00 PM:

Oregon Main Street Network Meeting – This meeting is just for members of the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps.

Oregon Heritage MentorCorps Meeting – This meeting is just for Oregon Main Street Network Participants

**VIRTUAL TOURS 9:00 AM-4:30 PM** – Twice we have tried to visit Corvallis for our conference so we can see some of the great sites and work being done there but, alas, it has not worked out. So if we can't go there, we are trying to bring Corvallis to us by making available virtual tours online of some sites in Corvallis doing heritage work.

- **Willamette Grange Video Tour** - Willamette Grange #52 was chartered as part of the Oregon State Grange in 1873, and is an organization promoting agriculture, forestry, & rural residents. It is the second oldest working grange in Oregon.
- **Hull-Oakes Lumber Mill Video Tour** - A complete tour of the Hull Oaks Lumber Company in Monroe, Oregon, one of the last steam-operated sawmills in the country, from arriving timber to finished product.
- **Benton County Courthouse Video Tour Series** - Enjoy a detailed tour of the historic Benton County Courthouse through a series of four videos filmed throughout the building.

### WORKSHOP 9:00 AM-12:00 PM – CANCELLED

### WORKSHOPS 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

#### **The Heart of Leadership: Reconnecting Who You Are With What You Do**

Presented by Dawn Montgomery and Matsya Siosal, local facilitators with the Center for Courage and Renewal

At the heart of authentic leadership is the courage to be fully human, to take risks, to care deeply and to take action even in the midst of challenge and uncertainty. The individual and collective impacts of polarization, isolation, injustice and burnout threaten our country's fragile democracy and our own ability to live and work sustainably. This Courage and Renewal workshop offers participants time and space for deep reflection in community and an opportunity to reconnect and renew your sense of purpose and ability to lead from a courageous heart. Through personal reflection, readings, and small and large group discussion, you will learn a framework and skill for cultivating trustworthy space when engaging with individuals and communities, and using Parker Palmer's *5 Habits of the Heart of Democracy*, connect with the unique gifts you bring to the world. We will explore how our interconnectedness, the strength of diversity, the ability to hold space in difficult times, and the capacity to operate with agency and foster community can support you in reconnecting the wholeness of who you are with what you do. **Registration:** This workshop will be limited to 24 conference attendees given the structure of the workshop and the material being discussed. We will send out registration instructions for this workshop to conference attendees on April 13.

#### *About the Facilitators:*

Dawn Montgomery - Dawn's 32 years in K-12 education supports her service to the professional development of leaders. Her varied work experience includes elementary and middle school teacher, middle and high school vice principal, high school principal, and district office director overseeing K-12 schools and many district programs and

initiatives. Besides serving as a Courage and Renewal facilitator, she is an executive performance coach, an equity trainer and facilitator. Previously, she directed the educational leadership licensing programs at Lewis & Clark College.

Matsya Siosal - Matsya's professional background includes 20 years in leadership roles with for-profit corporations, small and large, mission-driven consumer goods companies, and in higher education. Currently she directs the Center for Community Engagement at Lewis & Clark's Graduate School of Education and Counseling. Matsya was introduced to the work of Parker Palmer and Courage and Renewal when she joined Lewis & Clark in 2010. Participation in Courage programs have enabled Matsya to navigate the challenges that come with leadership with more clarity and resilience, as well as supported her in creating greater balance and wholeness within the personal and professional dimensions of her life. As a facilitator, Matsya finds purpose and joy in holding space for people to do that very counter-cultural act of slowing down, practicing radical self-care, and tuning in to their own innate wisdom.

### **Make Your Collection Data Work for You: A Pragmatic Approach to Cataloging**

Presented by Rachael Christine Woody, Rachael Cristine Consulting LLC

The Pacific Northwest is home to a wide array of cultural heritage organizations with varying budget sizes to accomplish the Sisyphean task of digital collections management. The challenges collection workers face is not insignificant and it can be difficult to know where to start with digital collections management. Our world and our collections are increasingly digital and the ability to deliver collections online is now an undeniable necessity—thanks to a global pandemic. Whether you're a large and well-funded museum, or a volunteer-run organization at a modest shop, having a solid process in place is key to successfully cataloging your collections. There's no one-size fits all solution. The catalogs we use can vary, or you may not have a traditional catalog in place. This workshop will meet you where you are and offer pragmatic approaches for successfully describing collections. Specifically, this workshop will cover: what catalog fields to use (even if you don't have a catalog), where to find the right tags to use so your collections can play well with others, how to tackle cleaning up old or inconsistent data, and how to select the most effective tags. We'll also review Collections Management System (CMS) options, the differences and similarities of a CMS versus a Digital Asset Management System (DAMS), and "hacks" we can use to catalog and publish collections online when we don't have access to traditional museum software. **Registration:** No special registration needed for this workshop, all conference attendees are welcome and the link will provided prior to the conference along with the links to all of the conference sessions.

*About the presenter:* Rachael Woody is the owner of Rachael Cristine Consulting LLC, a firm that provides services to museums, archives, and cultural heritage organizations. She specializes in collections management systems, digitization technology, digital collections management, and digital usership. Previously Woody was at the National Museum of Asian Art of the Smithsonian Institution and the Oregon Wine History Archive at Linfield College, where she successfully launched multiple digital projects that included advanced digitization technology, collaborative portals, and the migration of collection information into collections management systems. She received her Master of Science in Library and Information Science with a concentration in Archives Management from Simmons University, and has 15 years of experience in the museum and archives field.

### **SHPOlooza**

SHPOlooza is an event aimed at cultural resource professionals that interact with the Oregon SHPO's Review & Compliance and Survey & Inventory programs. This year's event will focus on looking at context when making a determination of eligibility, how eligibility determinations impact effects determinations, reporting standards, and a workshop about SHPO's guidelines (field, reporting, built-environment, linear, and submission). This event is split into two half days. **Registration:** If you would like to attend SHPOlooza, conference registration is not required for this workshop (but it is encouraged because the rest of the conference sessions are awesome) but you must register specifically for this workshop [here](#).

- Day 1: Announcements, evaluating with context, eligibility vs. effect, guidelines workshop
- Day 2: Submission updates and reminders, reporting standards, guidelines workshop continued

## NETWORKING FUN! 5:15-6:30 PM

### THURSDAY, APRIL 28

**8:00 – 8:30 AM MORNING MEET-UP** – Log on early and join a break out room over your morning beverage for some informal networking.

#### 8:30 – 9:45 AM PLENARY SPEAKER

##### **Vu Le, *Rethinking Nonprofit Structure and Getting Serious about Board Diversity***

Vu Le is the author of the Nonprofit AF blog which uses humor and insight to explore topics related to nonprofit management, culture, fundraising, diversity, community engagement, and more. He is the former Executive Director of RVC, a Seattle nonprofit that promotes social justice by developing leaders of color, strengthening organizations led by communities of color, and fostering collaboration between diverse communities.

#### 10:15 – 11:30 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

##### **Know Your Community: The Power of Data**

Does data matter? You bet – from writing winning grant proposals to helping you understand the communities you serve better. In this session you will learn about different types of data, where to find it and available resources, as well as demographic and economic trends. You will walk away empowered with the knowledge you need to find data about your community to begin incorporating in your planning efforts and ensuring you are reaching all members of your community.

*Presenter: Henry Fields, Oregon Employment Department*

##### **Responsible Stewardship through Proactive Collecting**

Most the of the time collections organizations passively collect. There are good reasons to get active – get resources that represent under-told history, capture events and stories as history is happening, and to better engage the community. Hear about examples from Oregon, then plan ways to incorporate collecting into your regular work.

*Presenter: Kelly Cannon-Miller, Deschutes County Historical Society; Debra Moon, Talent Historical Society*

##### **The Power of Creative Mitigation**

Creative mitigation is a process that can yield positive results for the community, often turning the loss of a historic resource into an enduring product that shares the story of people and places. Join us to learn about creative mitigation, how community members can get involved, and the importance of bringing everyone to the table. The panel discussion will include case studies from architectural and archeological resources, from federal agencies, Tribal government, and city government.

*Presenters: Libby Provost, Historical Research Associates, Inc.; Tama Tochiyama, Bonneville Power Administration; Kimberli Fitzgerald, City of Salem; Tracy Schwartz, USACE; Briece Edwards, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde*

**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM LUNCH BREAK** (don't forget to join a lunchtime network session or the Corvallis Museum Virtual Tour 12:00pm-12:30pm!)

**12:00 PM-12:30 PM LUNCHTIME NETWORKING** – Here is your chance to get to know your colleagues from around the state! Choose a break-out room topic of interest. When you arrive, the host will welcome you and prompt introductions and conversation. You can even jump rooms if you want.

- **Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project** – Learn more about the [Excellence Award](#) winning project. Explore how you might help the documentation and promotion of Chinese history in Oregon progress. Host: Chelsea Rose, Southern Oregon University
- **Ask a Mentor** – Join some of the cadre of the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps for an ask-me-anything conversation. You can ask burning questions on topic related to collections care, disaster preparedness and general nonprofit management. Hosts: Dave Hageman, Michael Panhorst

- **African American Historic Sites** – The University of Oregon and Oregon Black Pioneers have partnered up with Oregon Heritage to develop a statewide multiple property nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for sites related to African American history. Learn how you might be able to support this work or use this tool to document and nominate properties in your area. Hosts: Ann Craig, Liz Carter, Chris Ruiz, University of Oregon; Kim Moreland, Morland Resources
- **Executive Directors Meet-Up** – Commiserate with, learn from, and feel connected with your executive director colleagues from around the state. You just might build a long-term cohort! Host: Darin Rutledge, Klamath Falls Downtown Association
- **Hot Topics in Historic Preservation** – Interested in connecting with others working on preservation of historic properties? This is the lunch chat for you! Host: Katelyn Ven Genderen, Restore Oregon
- **Dig in to Digitization** – Here is an opportunity to share challenges and solutions in digitization and online access to historic resources. Host: Ross Fuqua, State Library of Oregon & [NW Digital Heritage](#)
- **Historic Cemeteries Highlights** – Join with members of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries to discuss cemetery needs and resources. Hosts: Charlotte Lehan and Lisa Sears
- **Genealogy Gathering** – Connect with folks who are working on genealogy and developing genealogy resources. This is one the country's most popular past-times! Host: Kim Thurman, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
- **Fundraising Donor Guide** – Really, fundraising networking over lunch? Maybe it is your broccoli for the day, but the tips in this guide are worth their weight in chocolate! Host: Sheri Stuart, Oregon Main Street Network Coordinator, Oregon Heritage
- **Making Magic in All-Volunteer Organizations** – Connect with other organizations doing it with no paid staff. Share challenges and approaches with your colleagues. Host: Robert Becker, Keizer Heritage Foundation
- **Compliance Connection** – Working in the world of preservation, design review, state and federal review requirements? Gather here to discuss challenges and share creative ideas to advance preservation through compliance. Host: Tama Tochiara, Bonneville Power Administration
- **Exploring Tribal Engagement with the Legislative Commission on Indian Services** – If you are working to coordinate and consult with tribes, or just better understand issues they are working on, meet-up here. The Executive Director of LCIS will answer questions and kick around ideas with you. Host: Patrick Flanagan, LCIS

**12:00 PM-12:30 PM VIRTUAL TOUR: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CORVALLIS MUSEUM** – Join museum director Jessica Hougen to explore the new Corvallis Museum. The museum was intended to be our main gathering place for the conference, but you can enjoy a virtual tour. See the highlights of the new museum and then chat about the museum and the challenges of opening during a pandemic!

### **1:30 – 2:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Organization Inventories for Disaster Preparedness & Resilience**

Oregon Heritage has developed [resources](#) for communities and heritage organizations to improve community resilience through disaster planning for heritage resources. A [planning guide](#) and model [inventories](#) are available for use. This mini workshop will focus on what an organizational resilience inventory is, how it can be used, and how to develop one for your organization.

*Presenter: Kuri Gill, Oregon Heritage*

#### **The Letitia Carson Legacy Project: Celebrating the Black and Kalapuya Presence in Benton County's Soap Creek Valley**

Letitia Carson, a former slave, was one of Oregon's first Black pioneers. OSU, which owns the land she homesteaded in Benton County, created the Letitia Carson Legacy Project with Black Oregon Land Trust, Oregon Black Pioneers, and the Benton/Linn NAACP chapter. Panelists will discuss project goals: honor Carson and amplify her story; explore Kalapuya land stewardship; planned archaeology and historical interpretation; and potential future use of the land for resilient agriculture.

*Presenters: Moderator, Lauren Gwin, Associate Professor and Associate Director of OSU's Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems; Larry Landis, OSU Libraries' Courtesy Faculty and former director of OSU's Special Collections and Archives Research Center & Oregon Heritage Commission member; Zachary Stocks, Executive Director of Oregon Black Pioneers; Shantae Johnson, co-founder of the Black Oregon Land Trust; co-owner/leader of Mudbone Grown; David Lewis, Assistant Professor in OSU's School of Language, Culture and Society & enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde*

#### **A Board for the Ages: Cross Generational Engagement on Heritage Boards**

Many heritage organizations struggle with engaging younger generations. Boards tend to be homogenous in terms of age, risking organizational death unless they manage to bring in new people. Over the past five years, the Newberg Area Historical Society has addressed this issue, and has successfully built a board with members from their 20's through their 90's. This session will address strategies for recruiting younger generations, cross generational collaboration and communication, and succession planning.

*Presenters: Rachel Thomas, Newberg Area Historical Society; Britta Mansfield, Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition*

#### **SHPOOOZA**

A meeting between Archaeologists, Agencies, Tribes, and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to build relationships between the SHPO and its regular customers. *(Separate registration for this session. Register [here](#))*

### **3:15 – 4:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

#### **Magical Mystery History Clue Hunts: Bringing Historic to Life for Today's Families & Younger Generations**

In May 2020, Benton County HRC and Conundrum House released a 4-week clue hunt guiding players throughout the County, highlighting significant historical structures/buildings weekly. A multilayered story told through the voices of historical characters, coupled with engaging puzzles, tied the locations together. We'll share the process of creating the game; challenges and victories of bringing history to life for today's generations; and tools we used to deliver the game safely locally, and virtually internationally.

*Presenters: Adrienne Fritze, Kim Holmes and Mark van der Pol, Conundrum House; Inga Williams, Jay Sexton, and Nancy Taniguchi, Benton County Historic Resources Commission*

#### **The Power of Advocacy**

There are several statewide entities that advocate for interests that intersect with heritage preservation work. Learn about the advocacy work of these organizations such as Nonprofit Association of Oregon, Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon, Oregon Museums Association, and Restore Oregon. Representatives from these organizations will relay how they determine their advocacy priorities, how to engage with them, and also tips and tricks on advocating locally.

*Presenters: Moderator George Kramer; Caitlin Armi, Oregon Museums Association; JS May, Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon; Nicole Possert, Restore Oregon; Phillip Kennedy-Wong, Nonprofit Association of Oregon*

#### **From Project Partnership to Organizational Relationship**

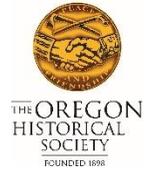
Project-specific partnerships can grow into larger and more meaningful relationships. As a large organization, Oregon Historical Society (OHS) has available a variety of tools with which to foster partnerships that benefit organizations and the public at large. Our partnership with The Immigrant Story, founded in 2017 by Sankar Ramen, includes exhibits, public programs, archived oral histories, shared networks, and media outreach, including podcasts. This panel shares how we began to work together and what we have learned.

*Presenters: Eliza Canty-Jones, Oregon Historical Society; Helen B Louise, Oregon Historical Society; Shawna Gandy, Oregon Historical Society; Sankar Raman, The Immigrant Story*

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**5:00 – 6:00 PM OREGON HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARDS** – Grab a celebratory snack and beverage (and maybe some tissues) and enjoy the show as we recognize important heritage work from across the state with videos of the award winning projects and people. Events will also include a performance by Mic Crenshaw, an artist with the [Oregon Folklife Network](#). *The 2022 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards are sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society.*



## FRIDAY, APRIL 29

**8:00 – 8:30 AM MORNING MEET-UP** – Log on early and join a break out room over your morning beverage for some informal networking.

### 8:30 – 9:45 AM PLENARY SPEAKER

#### **Willie Richardson, *Reflections on Heritage Preservation Work in Oregon***

Willie Richardson has been doing history in Oregon for decades, she has presented for and collaborated with a variety of organizations around the state and was one of the founders of Oregon Black Pioneers. Ms. Richardson will share her personal perspective on heritage work in Oregon. She will reflect on changes over time and the value of collecting and sharing the broad stories of Oregon's history.

### 10:15 – 11:30 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### **Centering Tribal Knowledge through Community Collaboration: Corvallis' Champinefu Lecture Series**

Come learn about what successful collaboration with a Tribe has looked like in Corvallis. 2021 brought the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Champinefu Lecture Series, named after the local Kalapuya peoples name for the Corvallis area. This has been a partnership between Marys Peak Group and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde with additional co-sponsorship by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Spring Creek Project, , and The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. This series was created in 2016 to share information about the indigenous Kalapuya people with the Corvallis community. In the first three years of in person talks at the Majestic Theater there were over 2700 attendees. With the onset of the pandemic, a virtual format was adopted and increased reach including views after live events through publicly available recordings hosted in 2021 by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

*Presenters: David Harrelson, Cultural Resources Department Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Dave Eckert, Marys Peak Group, Marys Peak Alliance and Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Water Action Team*

#### **Unused Upper Floors – Possibilities, Barriers, and Ways Forward**

Many of Oregon's historic downtowns have unused or underutilized space in their upper stories. Meanwhile, housing shortages have made it difficult for residents to find affordable accommodations and for employers to attract and retain workers. Many communities also need lodging, co-office space, and other facilities, and existing buildings can provide a cost-effective solution.

Oregon Heritage, the Oregon Main Street Program, and the UO's Institute for Policy Research & Engagement are investigating barriers to upper-story revitalization and reuse and identifying recommendations — including new tools, resources, and policies — for downtown associations, city staff, state agencies, property owners, and other stakeholders. In this hands-on session, participants will breakout to workshop recommendations and help the team assess strategies and best practices for a forthcoming how-to guide.

*Presenters: Alli Langley, Ashley Balsom, Thea Chroman, Tram Ahn Hoang, Jordan Totty, Aniko Drlik-Muehleck*

#### **Board Governance and Financial Controls**

Understanding the roles, responsibilities, and legal duties of a nonprofit board is critical to its success in carrying out its important mission. This session will provide an overview of board governance while also honing in on the financial responsibilities of the board. With the influx of COVID-19 recovery funds combined with remote meetings, finances

may see hard to keep track of and manage but it is more important than ever to put some systems and processes in place to manage your nonprofit's finances. Learn about financial controls that small nonprofit organizations can put in place in order to be compliant but also to be more effective.

*Presenter: Assistant Attorney General Susan Bower, Charitable Activities Section of the Oregon Department of Justice*

**11:45 AM – 12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK** (be sure to join a network moment at 12:00)

**12:00-12:30 LUNCHTIME NETWORKING** – Here is your chance to get to know your colleagues from around the state! Today the break-out topics are related to the [Oregon Heritage Plan](#) goals. When you arrive, the host will welcome you and prompt introductions and conversation. You can even jump rooms if you want.

- **Increase Access** – Chelsea Rose, Kerry Savage, Mary McRobinson (Oregon Heritage Commission), Sarah Baylinson (Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries)
- **Include More Voices** - Kim Moreland & Laura Ferguson (Oregon Heritage Commission)
- **Pursue Best Practices** – Anne Levant Prahll (Oregon Heritage Commission), Sarah Silbernagel (Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries), Janice Crane (Oregon Museums Association)
- **Promote the Value of Heritage** – Rosemary Johnson (Oregon Heritage Commission), Aili Schreiner (Oregon Cultural Trust), Kerry Tymchuk (Oregon Historical Society), Inga Williams (Benton County)

**1:00 – 1:45 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**#StandUpFG: Latinx Youth Activism in the Willamette Valley**

This session explores the making of #StandUpFG: Latinx Youth Activism in the Willamette Valley, a digital museum exhibition curated by Israel Pastrana for Five Oaks Museum. The exhibition uses narrative, contemporary artworks, testimonio, and other forms of creative expression to tell the story of #StandUpFG, its connection to the past, and how Latinx youth activism continues to shape our collective futures.

*Presenter: Israel Pastrana, Portland Community College and Five Oaks Museum*

**Vanport Archaeological Memory Project**

We will present a method to explore the relationship of the physical infrastructure to the social dynamics of the Vanport population, paying special attention to cultural norms. The Vanport Theater was an anchor that served the 40,000 residents of Vanport and drew non-residents to the community. The effort will cover steps to record the physical remains of the theater as an archaeological resource and a report providing the social and community context for the theater site.

*Presenters: David Ellis, Vanport Placemaking Project*

**Oregon Heritage Fellow: Students Researching Heritage**

Each year, Oregon Heritage highlights outstanding research done by students at Oregon universities through the Oregon Heritage Fellowship program. This year Oregon Heritage has one Fellow, Hannah Mellor from the University of Oregon's Masters of Historic Preservation Program. Hannah Mellor's project focuses on analyzing the current and historic demolition rates in the city of Portland, Oregon with a particular focus on the Albina District. This work is part of a larger project that the University of Oregon Historic Preservation program is working on.

*Presenter: Hannah Mellor, University of Oregon*

**2:15 – 3:00 PM NETWORKING SESSIONS** - These are more networking sessions to expand collaboration and coordination statewide.

**BIPOC People Doing Heritage Work**

Join this session if are doing heritage work and identify as BIPOC. Here you can meet your colleagues and build your network for working in Oregon.

*Host: Milo Reed, Multnomah Public Library and Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries*

**USA 250<sup>th</sup>**

Join this session if you are interested in the effort to recognize this major US anniversary. Learn what others are planning and see how you might coordinate.

*Host: Leah Murray, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House*

**Heritage Tourism**

Join this session if you are interested in connecting with heritage tourism efforts.

*Host: Michelle Woodard, Travel Oregon & Oregon Heritage Commission*