

Ruth Kodish- Eskind

Objective

Museum professional pursuing work in local history, cultural resources, and community arts. Thrives in collections, libraries and museums. Motivated to conduct research and to organize creative and thought-provoking public programs.

Experience

November 2024 – Present

Oral Historian *Washington State Jewish Historical Society*

Responsible for the vision and development of the Oral History Program, from conducting oral histories to writing curation plans, program policies and procedures. Meets with external advisory committee and other stakeholders to ensure ethical and professional standards are met. Supports oral history related event-planning and outreach. Develops training materials and conducts trainings for volunteers. Intakes materials and interfaces with the archive.

July 2024 – November 2024

Exhibition Researcher *Jefferson County Historical Society*

Conducting historical research for new exhibitions focused on the theme of “Home”. Researching in historical archives for materials to support upcoming exhibits, compiling information in digestible reports with rigorous citations. Collecting contributions from the local community on the theme of creative homes and alternative living. Conducting interviews with narrators of local prestige for new exhibitions and long-term collections.

January 2023 – June 2024

Diversity in Local History Intern *Jefferson County Historical Society*

Uplifting stories which have been historically excluded from the JCHS collection, I recorded over twelve oral history interviews and researched biographical sketches for over thirty historic residents of the county. Trained to navigate museum collections and other archives and repositories, and practiced at presenting research at conferences, in public programs and digitally.

July 2018 - March 2020

Events Coordinator *115 Legion Community Arts Center*

Supported community members’ use of this arts and events hub, managed communication, scheduling and special needs. Organized music performances, art classes and discussions. Responsible for networking and promotion, I brought diverse groups together such as A.A., ceramics classes and reading groups.

Education

Sept 2008 - June 2022

B.A. History

The Evergreen State
College

Skills

- Archival Research
- Oral History Collection
- Project Management
- Public Programs
- Community Engagement

Interests

Work that connects the public with the places where we live and deepens our understanding of local history.

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