ARCHIVAL GRANTS

Q: It is rare for a foundation in Los Angeles (or anywhere else) to fund Archival Grants. What is the purpose of the Haynes Foundation’s Archival Grants program and what do the results look like?

Archival Grants have been part of the Foundation’s research program for three decades. The program began with a focus on the preservation and cataloging of certain early Southern California manuscripts and photographs.

Early successes led to the program’s modest expansion. Currently, the Trustees have expressed a preference for archives that: are of significant value to the social science community; are closed and their creator is defunct; and lack alternative sources of funding. The Foundation expects that the materials preserved by Archival grants will be shared with the public and will be available to scholars for future social science research.

The Archival Grant program is allocated about 10% of the research budget. Individual Archival Grants are typically smaller than Major Research Grants. Also, the Haynes Foundation encourages recipients to obtain project funding from multiple sources.

A review of the Foundation’s archival grant-making illustrates the diversity of the institutions and archival projects. Some of those institutions are: 1) Public Universities (UCs and CSUs); 2) Private Schools (University of Southern California, Loyola Marymount University, Occidental College, Whittier College, Pomona College, Claremont Consortium); 3) Historical Societies (Chinese Historical Society, Los Angeles City Historical Society, Historical Society of Southern California, Go For Broke National Education Center); and 4) Libraries and Museums (The Huntington Library, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles Natural History Museum, Southwest Museum, Chinese American Museum, Japanese American Museum, The Gamble House).

More details can be found at the Haynes Foundation website at www.haynesfoundation.org.

ARCHIVAL GRANT RECIPIENTS
(a partial list)

University of California
Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Riverside

California State University
Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge

Private Schools
Asusa Pacific University
Claremont McKenna College
Claremont University Consorteum
Loyola Marymount University
Occidental College
Pomona College
University of Southern California
Whittier College

Historical Societies
Chinese Historical Society
Historical Society of Southern California
Go For Broke National Education Center

Libraries and Museums
Chinese American Museum
The Gamble House
The Huntington Library
Japanese American National Museum
Los Angeles Public Library
Los Angeles Natural History Museum
Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research
Southwest Museum

Centers
Center for Study of Political Graphics
Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens
Theodore Payne Foundation