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**Series 1: Professional Papers, 1989-2013**

This series contains material related to Professor Oberdeck's appointment and professional activities at the University of Illinois, including research proposals, promotion documents, and professional correspondence. This series is arranged chronologically, following Oberdeck's CV.

**Box 1:**

1. Kathryn Oberdeck CV, c.a. 2005
2. Syllabi – Yale University, c.a. 1989
3. Oberdeck's University of Illinois Faculty Position Acceptance Letter, 1993
4. Research Funding and Proposals: "Popular Attitudes to Cultural Hierarchy in America, 1880-1920" and "Making a Working-Class Self in the Popular Sphere: Alexander Irvine's Early Twentieth Century Literacy Adventures" 1993-1997
5. Research Funding Application and Proposal: "Precocious Mannekins: Wax Works and American Public Culture From the Revolutoin to World War I" 1995-1996
6. Oberdeck's Third Year Review Teaching Statement, c.a. 1996
7. Oberdeck Activity Reports, 1996-1998
8. Annual Review and Teaching Observations, 1996-2000, 2007
9. Research Funding Application and Proposal: Research About Kohler, Wisconsin, 1997-2008
10. Oberdeck Promotion Dossier Draft, 1999
11. Oberdeck Publication Award Submission, 2000
12. American Historical Association Panel Proposal, 2002
13. Davis Letter, 2005
14. Oberdeck's Evaluation of María Montoya's Scholarship, 2005
15. Labour Crossings: World Work and History Conference, 2008
16. University of KwaZulu Natal Research Affiliation, 2009, 2011
17. Letter to the Board of Trustees, 2010
18. Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research: Compliance Advisory Committee and Project Team Reports, 2010
19. Research Funding Application and Proposal: "Urban Blight, Domestic Hygiene, and Transnational Politics of Sanitation in Chicago, Illinois, and Durban, South Africa, 1910s-1960s," 2012-2013

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**Series 2: History Department Papers, 1996-2019**

This series contains material concerning Professor Oberdeck's activities within the University of Illinois History Department. It includes department programming proposals, correspondence, and event documentation; graduate studies and teacher's assistant training; and department planning papers. This series is organized by three central thematic areas: the Center For Historical Interpretation, Department of Graduate Studies, and History Department Administration. Items thereunder are arranged chronologically.

**Box 1:**

Center For Historical Interpretation

20. Center for Historical Interpretation: Unit Proposals, 2008-2013
21. Center for Historical Interpretation: Themes and Proposals, 2008-2014
22. World Histories From Below: Provosts Initiative on Teaching Advancement Proposal, c.a. 2010
23. WHFB (World Histories From Below) Syllabus Diversity Workshop Activity, c.a. 2010-2013
24. Center for Historical Interpretation Committee Meeting Agendas, 2012
25. Center for Historical Interpretation: Global Histories from Below Faculty Correspondence, 2012
26. World Histories From Below Teacher Training Workshop Drafts: Proposals and Agendas, 2012-2014
27. World Histories From Below: Old World Encounters Part 1, 2013
28. World Histories From Below – Grassroots Histories: Nature, Capital, Commons, and Richard Pithouse Guest Lecture Announcement, 2013-2014

Department of Graduate Studies

29. Planning TA Orientation, Fall 2000
30. Graduate Studies Correspondence: Financial Aid, 2003
31. Department of History: Drafts for Codes and Procedures, 2006
32. Graduate Student Teacher Education: Workshop Papers and Handbooks, 2010-2013
33. Teacher's Assistant (TA) Workshop, 2013
34. Proposal for Graduate Program Reform: Time to ABD and Preliminary Exams, n.d.

History Department Administration

35. Year 2000: General Education "Year 2000" Breakfast Correspondence and Participants, 1996
36. General Education Board Members, 2002
37. Graduate Studies Committee: Agendas, Correspondence, and Reports, 2002-2006
38. Draft Report of the Future Committee of the Department of History, 2003
39. Humanities Retreat, 2003, 2017
40. Underrepresented Minority Graduate Student Recruitment, 2005
41. History Department Programming, 2006-2010
42. Department of History Civic Engagement Committee, 2009
43. Preliminary Recommendations: Support for the Humanities at Illinois, 2014
44. Humanities Without Walls – The Classroom and the Future of the Historical Record Public History Workshops and Planning, c.a. 2018-2019

**Series 3: Campus Faculty Association Papers, 2010-2019**

This series contains rosters, agendas, meeting minutes, and other documentation relating to the Campus Faculty Association union, for which Professor Oberdeck served as president from 2011-2012. This series is arranged chronologically.

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**Series 3: Campus Faculty Association, 2010-2019**

**Box 1:**

45. Mission Statement and Platform, c.a. 2010-2011
46. Rosters, c.a. 2010-2011
47. Union Affiliates, c.a. 2010-2011
48. Agendas and Meeting Minutes, 2011-2019
49. Correspondence, 2011
50. The Monitor: Newsletter of the Campus Faculty Association, 2011
51. U of I Campus Labor Coalition Meeting Agenda and Notes, 2011
52. Events, c.a. 2011
53. Graduate Employees' Organization Strike Solidarity, 2018

**Series 4: Campus Senate, 2009-2018**

This series contains resolutions, agendas, and other documentation concerning Campus Senate committees on which Professor Oberdeck served, including the Academic Senate Committee, the Senate Executive Committee, and the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (chair, c.a. 2016-2018). This series is arranged chronologically.

**Box 1:**

54. Academic Senate: Resolutions and Statement on Admissions Review Commission, 2009
55. Senate Executive Committee: Correspondence, Resolutions, and Statements on Furloughs, 2010
56. Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion: Correspondence, Meetings, Resolutions, and External Diversity Review, 2011-2013, 2016-2018
57. Academic Senate Resolution Regarding the University's Non-Reappointment of James Kilgore, c.a. 2014
58. Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee: General Education Cultural Studies Requirement, 2016
59. Senate Executive Committee: Agendas and Minutes, 2016-2017

**Series 5: 5th & Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign Papers, 2011-2019**

The 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign is a grassroots organization affiliated with the Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC). The 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill organization raised awareness and advocated for the residents of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Hill Street in Champaign, where the company Ameren previously maintained a manufactured gas plant which produced carcinogenic waste byproducts that have contributed to health issues within the community. The 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign has worked to ensure that this toxic site is cleaned, and to protect the rights and health of the community (source: [healthcareconsumers.org](http://healthcareconsumers.org)). Kathryn Oberdeck became affiliated with this movement as early as 2015, and designed history courses in collaboration with the 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill organization (see HIST 200D and HIST 381 folders in Series 7) to involve students with local history and activism. This series contains items pertinent to the 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign, including their agendas, reports, oral histories, and correspondence; see the indicated folders in series 7 for Oberdeck's class materials that are affiliated with the organization. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Box 1:**

60. 5<sup>th</sup> and Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign – Ameren Manufactured Gas Plant Activism Materials, 2011-2013, 2016
61. City of Champaign Reports to City Council and Plan Commission, 2011-2014
62. Correspondence: Director, 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign, 2011-2016, 2019

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**Series 5: 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign, 2011-2019**

**Box 1:**

63. 5<sup>th</sup> and Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign Strategy Meeting Agendas, 2011-2019
64. "A Path Forward: An Oral History of Champaign's North End" Interview Transcripts, 2013
65. City of Champaign: City Council Meeting Agenda and Copy of Council Bill No. 2015-090, 2014-2015
66. 5<sup>th</sup> and Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign "Cover Sheet" Materials, 2014-2015

**Series 6: Public History and Education, 2012-2020**

This series contains materials concerning Professor Oberdeck's work in public history and education in the Champaign-Urbana community. This includes the Odyssey Project, a program offered through the University of Illinois's Humanities Research Institute which provides free humanities courses for college credit to adults in low-income households. Oberdeck taught history courses for this program. Additionally, this series contains pamphlets Oberdeck created to accompany her alternate campus tours that highlighted less commonly known facts about the University of Illinois, and documentation of other public history activities in the community. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Box 1:**

67. Odyssey Project: Struggles for Freedom in the United States, 1965-2010, Course Syllabus and Notes, 2012
68. Odyssey Project Publicity, n.d.
69. Mapping Places Telling Stories: Map of Hidden Histories of Campus and Community, 2016
70. Public History Network Meeting Minutes, 2018-2019
71. Questions for LGBTQ+ History Harvest Stakeholders Meeting, 2020

**Series 7: Teaching Materials and Course Syllabi, 1993-2020**

This series contains Professor Oberdeck's course syllabi and lecture notes from courses she taught at the University of Illinois. Course numbers had changed during her time teaching at the University, meaning some classes of the same title have different course numbers (see HIST 152 and HIST 172, both called "US History Since 1877"). This series is organized by course number; thereunder, individual courses are arranged with course syllabi first, then alphabetical order following.

**Box 1:**

- GLC 201: Critical Frameworks for Inequality and Cultural Understanding
72. Course Syllabus and Notes, Fall 2016
- HIST 152/153: US History Since 1877
73. Course Syllabi, 1999-2003
  74. Lecture Notes, Spring 2003
- HIST 172: US History Since 1877
75. Course Syllabi, 2005-2017
  76. Course Notes, c.a. 2009-2017
  77. Final Exam Materials, Fall 2009, 2017-2018
  78. Plagiarism Notification, Fall 2009 **RESTRICTED ACCESS**
- HIST 200D: Intro to Historical Interpretation: Making History Local (See Series 5 for 5<sup>th</sup> and Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign Materials)
79. Course Syllabus and Notes, Spring 2015
- HIST 273: Illinois History
80. Course Syllabi, 2011-2019

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**Box 1:**

- 81. Lecture Notes, Spring 2019
- HIST 292: Honors Colloquium in Historiography and Methodology
  - 82. Course Syllabus, Spring 1996
  - 83. Course Notes, Spring 1996, 1999
- HIST 298: Performance and Urban Social Change (HH Section)
  - 84. Course Syllabi, Spring 1997, Fall 2003
  - 85. Course Assignments and Notes, Spring 1997
- HIST 358: History Harvest – Collaborative Public Digital History, Urban Transformation in Champaign Urbana
  - 86. Course Syllabus and Notes, Fall 2019
- HIST 371: American Intellectual and Cultural History to 1865
  - 87. Course Syllabi, 1993-1998
  - 88. Course Notes, Fall 1996, 1998
- HIST 372: American Intellectual and Cultural History Since 1859
  - 89. Course Syllabi, Spring 1994-Spring 2004
  - 90. Course Assignments, 1997-2004
  - 91. Lecture Notes, c.a. 1994-2004
  - 92. Lecture Outlines, 1996-2004

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**Box 2:**

- HIST 381: Urban History (See Series 5 for 5<sup>th</sup> and Hill Neighborhood Rights Campaign Materials)
  - 1. Course Syllabi, c.a. 2003, Spring 2014
  - 2. 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Class Projects and Papers, Spring 2014
  - 3. 5<sup>th</sup> & Hill Group Project, Spring 2014
  - 4. Course Notes, Spring 2014
- HIST 453B: Research Seminar in American Cultural and Intellectual History
  - 5. Course Syllabus, Fall n.d.
- HIST 479/RLST 478: 19<sup>th</sup> Century US Intellectual and Cultural History
  - 6. Course Syllabus and Lecture Outlines, Fall 2011
  - 7. Course Assignments, c.a. 2001
- HIST 481/RLST 479: US Cultural and Intellectual History From 1859
  - 8. Course Syllabi, 2006-2014
  - 9. Course Assignments, c.a. 2006-2014
  - 10. Lecture Notes, c.a. 2006-2014
  - 11. Lecture Outlines, Fall 2006 - Spring 2014
  - 12. Progressive Arts Lecture Notes, c.a. 2006-2014
- HIST 487: Problems in American Cultural and Intellectual History
  - 13. Course Syllabi, 1994-2002
  - 14. Course Assignments and Notes, c.a. 1994
- HIST 490: History and Social Theory
  - 15. Course Syllabi, 1998-2004
  - 16. Course Assignments and Notes, Summer 2000-2003
- HIST 492: Historiography and Methodology
  - 17. Course Syllabi, 2005-2015
  - 18. Course Assignments, c.a. 2010
- HIST 498: Research and Writing Seminar
  - 19. Capstone Course Syllabi, Spring 2012

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**Series 7: Teaching Materials and Course Syllabi, 1993-2020**

**Box 2:**

- HIST 572: Problems in American Cultural and Intellectual History
  - 20. Course Syllabi, 2006-2010
- HIST 591: History and Social Theory
  - 21. Course Syllabi, 2007-2017
  - 22. Lecture Notes, 2008-2020
- HIST 593: Approaches to History
  - 23. Course Syllabus, Fall 2010
- Other: Proposed Courses and Special Syllabi
  - 24. History Proseminar – Graduate Studies, Fall 2005
  - 25. Practicum: Illinois Distributed Museum Learning Agreement, 2018
  - 26. Prospective Syllabi, n.d.

**Series 8: Published Works, 1991-2009**

This series contains copies of Professor Oberdeck's published works. This series is arranged chronologically, and divided between printed articles and excerpts that are kept in acid-free folders, and bound publications.

**Box 2:**

Printed Articles and Excerpts of Publications

- 27. "Not Pink Teas': The Seattle Working-Class Women's Movement, 1905-1918," 1991
- 28. "Contested Cultures of American Refinement: Theatrical Manager Sylvester Poli, His Audiences, and the Vaudeville Industry, 1890-1920," 1996
- 29. Contributions to *Imagining the Twentieth Century*, edited by Charles C. Stewart and Peter Fritzsche, 1997
- 30. Kathryn Oberdeck Book Reviews, 1998-2007
- 31. "Class, Place, and Gender: Contested Industrial and Domestic Space in Kohler, Wisconsin, 1920-1960," 1999
- 32. "Class, Social": Contribution to *Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century*, 2001
- 33. "Elite vs. Popular Cultures": Contribution to *The Encyclopedia of American Intellectual and Cultural History*, 2001

Bound Oberdeck Publications

*Labor History*, Spring 1991, Vol 32 No. 2. Contains Oberdeck's "Not Pink Teas': The Seattle Working-Class Women's Movement, 1905-1918"

*American Quarterly*, June 1995, Vol 47 No. 2. Contains Oberdeck's "Religion, Culture, and the Politics of Class: Alexander Irvine's Mission to Turn-of-the-Century New Haven"

*Radical History Review*, Fall 1996, Vol. 66. Contains Oberdeck's "Contested Cultures of American Refinement: Theatrical Manager Sylvester Poli, His Audiences, and the Vaudeville Industry, 1890-1920"

*Labor Histories: Class, Politics, and the Working Class Experience*, 1998. Contains Oberdeck's "Popular Narrative and Working-Class Identity: Alexander Irvine's Early Twentieth-Century Literary Adventures"

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**Box 2:**

*The Evangelist and the Impresario: Religion, Entertainment, and Cultural Politics in America, 1884-1914*, 1999

*Reviews in American History*, December 1999, Vol. 27 No. 4. Contains Oberdeck's "Class-Ic Cinema"

*Journal of Urban History*, May 2000, Vol. 26 No. 4. Contains Oberdeck's "From Model Town to Edge City: Piety, Paternalism, and the Politics of Urban Planning in the United States" (2 copies)

*Gender & History*, April 2001, Vol. 13 No. 1. Contains Oberdeck's "Class, Place, and Gender: Contested Industrial and Domestic Space in Kohler, Wisconsin, 1920-1960" (2 copies)

*American Literary History*, Summer 2007, Vol. 19 No. 2. Contains Oberdeck's "A Response to Shelley Streeby"

*Journal of Women's History*, Fall 2009, Vol. 21 No. 3. Contains Oberdeck's "Hewers of Words and Drawers of Water"

**Processing Notes:** This collection did not have any established order upon acquisition, and many papers were not in folders, in damaged folders, or in folders with non-specific labelling. Weeded items include course evaluation forms, copies of syllabi from University of Illinois courses not taught by Oberdeck, copies of individual student assignments, receipts, and duplicates. Folder titles added by archivist are indicated by brackets [ ]. Processed April 2024-December 2024 by Chloe Attrell under the supervision of Susanne Belovari and Joanne Kaczmarek.