

John & Jake Emery Family Research Grant

The John & Jake Emery Family Research Grant supports scholars who wish to pursue research and study centered on the Research Services Inc. Collection (MSS.1791) at History Colorado in Denver, Colorado. The Research Services, Inc. collection is significant because of the firm's place as the first public opinion research company in Colorado, and one of the largest of its era in the Intermountain West. This collection illustrates the growth and importance of public opinion research in the postwar era, particularly in the areas of political polling and consumer markets. Additionally, this collection reveals the close relationship between Research Services, Inc. and the Denver Post, under managing editor Palmer Hoyt. At the file level, the Research Services, Inc. collection reveals public perceptions of housing, suburban growth, and urban development, shopping centers, education, banking, food products, health care, leisure, communication, and political races in the Denver Metro (Front Range) area, Colorado, and Wyoming. This grant intends to support serious scholarly work that makes use of the RSI Collection and adds to scholarship in a field related to the collection's content. Application materials should explain the research project's focus, methodology, engagement with existing scholarship, and the intended product. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to consult History Colorado's curatorial liaison for this grant prior to submitting their application. During their one-month residency, the grant recipient will create one post for social media about their research and give a lunch talk about their research in progress. In the 18 months following the residency, the funded scholar will deliver a paper at a conference, present a virtual program for the Curatorial Services and Collections Access department, and submit a report on their research, along with delivering copies of their work products to History Colorado. This generous grant from the Jake Emery Research & Education Support Fund includes funding for both the research period of four (4) weeks as well as subsequent travel and registration costs associated with presenting work at a conference. For recipients who reside more than 50 miles from History Colorado, the grant is \$10,000, and for those who reside within 60 miles, \$5,000.

All application materials must be submitted in the order below in one PDF file. Please include the following materials:

- Project abstract (maximum length: 150 words)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Project description, indicated the scope of your research and the existing scholarship with which you engage (maximum length: 1000 words)
- Summary of the parts of the RSI Collection you plan to consult during your residency and how they are pertinent to you project (maximum length: 500 words)
- List of other archival collections in the Front Range you may consult during your residency
- List of potential conference(s) at which you would present your finished work

The RSI Collection (MSS.1571) finding aid and collection guide are here:

https://5008.sydneyplus.com/HistoryColorado_ArgusNet_Final/Portal/Portal.aspx?component=AAFW&record=836ddf5a-c21f-4f1f-9350-5a41b59487ff

Applications are due by **April 14, 2023**.

Email your application and/or address questions to Dr. Rachael A. Storm, rachael.storm@state.co.us