

Delta Narratives, Project Team

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Humanities Scholars

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Archivists

Michael Wurtz is an archivist at the Holt Atherton Special Collections, University of the Pacific. He has specialized in regional urban history and is currently completing work on the first mental hospital in California that was located in Stockton.

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Leigh Johnsen is the archivist at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum. He has worked previously at the University of the Pacific and is knowledgeable about the Holt Atherton Special Collections.

Mentor Institution Representatives

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