

Peggy Spitzer Christoff

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCIES

Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning (2010)

Lecturer

- Developing and will deliver two semester-long courses on “Asian American History: The Roles of Women” for Johns Hopkins University and Towson University this fall.

Council on Competitiveness (2010)

Grant Writer

- Developed a funding proposal on high-performance computing (HPC) for the Council’s senior vice president that she used to: 1) attract the attention of officials in South African government and business circles and 2) initiate a series of cooperative projects.

East-West Center (2009)

Asian Studies Specialist

- Within a three-month period, conducted extensive research for the “Asia Matters for America” project on how each U.S. state developed connections to the Asian world.
- Wrote a series of fact sheets for each state describing historical activities of missionaries, artistic impresarios, educators, politicians, business persons, tourists, students, military persons, Asian Americans, and so on.

America Abroad Media (2008 – 2009)

Development Associate for Foundation Support

- Within a six-month period, wrote four proposals that resulted in awards of 550k.
- Assembled nine annual reports to foundations for multi-year grants totaling 2.3 million dollars.
- Created a system for conducting long-term pipeline research on over 150 foundations.

Federal Research Division, Library of Congress (2002-2008)

Area Studies Specialist

- Researched and wrote a 90-page baseline study for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) on China's technology sector that became one of OSD's most requested country study; and was used by the Library of Congress's Asian Division to develop recommendations for the Library's strategy on science and technology information and digital resources.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2006-2007)

Project Manager

- Developed and implemented a year-long China debate series on Capitol Hill that regularly attracted senior staffers from 50 congressional offices, 15 policy analysts from federal agencies, and a dozen potential funders.

Library of Congress, Kluge Center for Scholars (2000-2005)

Program Consultant

- Designed and implemented a peer review process and timeline for the first million dollar Kluge Prizes for lifetime achievement, including: 1) organizing 500 nominations from top scholars around the world; 2) compiling comprehensive dossiers on two dozen candidates; 3) commissioning 80 confidential peer reviews; and 4) coordinating the final review panels.
- Coordinated the Rockefeller Foundation's post-doctoral fellowship competition in Islamic Studies, which led to the selection of 12 resident scholars with area expertise in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.
- Conducted extensive biographical and bibliographical research on 2,500 pre-eminent scholars in the humanities and social sciences that led to the selection of scholars for the Center's endowed chairs, including a Chinese and Indian historian, four theologians, an American musical composer, a president and first lady, and a military historian.

National Archives and Records Administration (1992-2000)

Independent Scholar

- Wrote a widely received and widely distributed book, *Tracking the Yellow Peril: The INS and Chinese Immigrants in the Midwest* (Picton Press, 2001), which became a standard reference tool for political and social historians.
- Analyzed over 8,000 case files to provide accurate information about the INS and Chinese immigrants to promote community development projects in Chicago's Chinatown.

- Conducted five years of research and 100-plus oral interviews focusing on prominent Chinese women in Chicago, which led to four published biographies and inspired 1) the ethnic Chinese community to establish the first Chinese American museum in Chinatown and 2) the city of Chicago to name two public parks to honor two of the immigrant Chinese women.
- Developed a novel methodology for the Women's History Project in Chicago, which was published in the *Journal of Women's History*. (Using this methodology, in 2008, wrote an unpublished biographical essay of a 90-year old Chinese woman who emigrated to the U.S. in the 1990s).

Boston University (1984-1987)
University of Cincinnati (1988-1992)
Roosevelt University (2000)

Adjunct Instructor

- Instructed and trained over 500 students in three separate courses – international communication, Chinese foreign policy, and organizational development.
- Organized seminars to introduce undergraduate and graduate students to the work of practitioners, including journalists and bureau chiefs, military officers, diplomats and ambassadors, lawyers, and company presidents.
- Facilitated and evaluated cross-cultural training programs for the senior executive service in Procter and Gamble, Monsanto Chemical Company, and American President Lines.

EDUCATION

American University (1978/1984)
M.A. and Ph.D., International Relations

University of Minnesota (1976)
B.A. International Relations

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