

SARAH K. LOOSE

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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

M.A., Oral History, February 2012. Courses in: oral history method and theory, narrative analysis, oral history fieldwork, archiving, audio editing, production, and exhibit design. Thesis: "Groundswell: Oral History as a Method for Movement Building and Social Change."

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A., History, May 2001. Graduated *Cum Laude* with honors in the history major. Participated in the Teacher Preparation program. Recipient of the 2001 *Heinrich von Staden Award* for "challenging the intellectual conscience of the college." Awarded numerous fellowships for research and study abroad.

ORAL HISTORY & PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Director, Amamantar y Migrar (Breastfeeding & Migration)

Bilingual, multimedia oral history project exploring the connections between migration and motherhood, and specifically the impacts of migration and immigration policy and enforcement on infant-feeding practices. Recipient of the Radcliffe Institute's Schlesinger Library Oral History Grant. *2014–Present*

Founder & Co-Coordinator, Groundswell: Oral History for Social Change

Groundswell is a national network of over 600 oral historians, artists, cultural workers, and community organizers who use oral history and narrative for social change. Groundswell's mission is to build the creativity and power of social justice movements by providing mutual support, training, and resources in the practice of grassroots oral history. *2011–Present*

Director, Rural Organizing Voices Oral History Project

Designing and implementing all aspects of this community-based oral history project to tell the story of the Rural Organizing Project's over twenty year history of grassroots, progressive organizing in rural Oregon. Conducting and editing oral history interviews. Training volunteer interviewers. Overseeing design of and curating all content for project's "Rural Organizing Voices" website. Preparing project materials for inclusion in collection at the University of Oregon archives. *2011–Present*

Co-Producer & Co-Director, Welcoming Communities

A 20-minute documentary showcasing the Rural Organizing Project's work with rural Latino immigrants. With Kai Tillman and Patricia Vázquez. *2013*

Founder & Producer, Oregon History from Below

Created and facilitated this Oregon Humanities-supported "traveling public history workshop" for the Rural Organizing Project that engages rural and small town Oregonians in an exploration of social movement history in their own communities based on original archival research. *2012–2013*

Producer, *La Historia: A Transnational Story of Salvadoran Community Organizing*

La Historia is a community-based oral history project exploring the role of historical memory in the transnational organizing of a Virginia-based Salvadoran immigrant Hometown Association, Comité con Santa Marta. Conducted over a dozen interviews (comprising over 30 hours of archival quality audio) with Comité members and supporters. Created edited audio pieces and an audio slideshow. Project materials have been deposited in Santa Marta's community archive and are being used in the development of a historical memory exhibit. *2010–2011*

Co-Editor, *The Making of a Popular Educator: The Journey of Beverly A. Brown*

Edited and prepared the transcript of a 7-hour oral history interview with Beverly A. Brown for publication in this book, which has been used as a text in several undergraduate courses. Also authored the book's afterword and prepared a timeline for the appendix. *Independently published in 2010.*

Project Coordinator, Asociación de Desarrollo Económico y Social, Cabañas, El Salvador

Facilitated the collective documentation and analysis of a repatriated, rural refugee community's history in popular education through a participatory oral history research process (*sistematización*). Primary author of a collectively written Spanish-language book describing and contextualizing the community's history of popular education within the history of the country's civil war and its aftermath. *2001–2003*

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Coordinator, Oregon Coalition to Stop Wage Theft, Northwest Workers' Justice Project, Portland, OR

Overall coordination of legislative and community-based campaign to end wage theft in Oregon, involving faith, labor, immigrant and community groups. *2012*

Field Organizer, Rural Organizing Project, Scappoose, OR

ROP is a grassroots, membership-based non-profit that exists to advance human dignity and democracy in all of Oregon's thirty-six counties. Responsibilities as a field organizer included forming and supporting volunteer-run member groups in rural and small-town Oregon, and program development in the areas of immigrant and queer rights, economic justice and civic engagement. *2008–2010*

Executive Director & Program Director, Jefferson Center for Education and Research, Portland, OR

The Jefferson Center is a participatory research and popular education non-profit modeled after the Highlander Center in Tennessee. It is dedicated to educating, organizing and empowering culturally diverse, rural working people in the Pacific Northwest to become active participants and leaders in movements for economic, social and environmental justice. Executive Director responsibilities included strategic planning; program planning, monitoring and evaluation; communications and public relations; fundraising and financial management; personnel management; and direct fieldwork (coordinating multicultural, multilingual community-based education & organizing efforts with low-income immigrant and contingent natural resource workers). Program Director, *2003–2004*; Executive Director, *2005–2007*

SELECTED TEACHING, VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board President, Northwest Workers' Justice Project, Portland, OR

Board Member (NEED Fund) *2009–2013*; President, *2014–Present*

Founder & Co-Coordinator, Groundswell Oregon Collective, Portland, OR *2013–Present*

Co-Founder & Board Member, Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, Portland, OR *2006–2014*

Oral History Trainings

- Guest Teacher, Oral History Class, Willamette University, Salem, OR *2015*
- Guest Teacher, Community-Based Research Class, Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA *2014*
- Guest Teacher, Sociology Class, Portland State University, Portland, OR *2012*
- Trainer, Deportation Repair Project, Immigrant Law Group, Portland, OR *2012*

PUBLICATIONS

- "History from Below: Connecting Rural Oregon to its Social Movement History," *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 115, no. 2 (2014).
- "El Comité con Santa Marta: Memoria histórica, testimonio y organización transnacional." Libro colectivo sobre migraciones en América Central, Red Jesuita con Migrantes Centroamérica (forthcoming).