

REPORT - HOF MUSEUM EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

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HOF Museum Exhibit Committee

This project came about after one of our HOF Management Committee meetings. I thought it would be important to organize a HOF Museum Exhibit Committee to discuss the process of disseminating our research across Canada and share the amazing refugee stories of courage, resiliency, and hope, and their tremendous contributions to Canada. Emily Burton, from the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, introduced me to Dan Conlin, a Curator at Pier 21. The three of us began communicating over emails on April 24, 2020 about various possibilities, including a museum exhibit. Our first Zoom meeting was on May 12, 2020. Since then, Laura Sanchini (Canadian Museum of History), Mondy Lim (HOF Media Coordinator/Website Designer) and Richard Dang (HOF Videographer) have joined the Committee. We continue to meet almost monthly to discuss Pop-Up Traveling Exhibit and Digital Exhibit. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021.

The Committee decided at this time to keep the numbers of Committee volunteers small until we have made progress in our discussions about the Traveling and Digital Exhibits. We are planning to ask for representatives from the Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian communities. Perhaps these representatives can come from the HOF Management Committee or others we have worked with while organizing/conducting the interviews. We will need the various communities' assistance when we tour the exhibits across Canada, especially in organizing various activities in the respective cities.

The HOF Museum Exhibit Committee members:

Dr. Stephanie Stobbe - Research Team, Management Committee, Chair of Museum Exhibit Committee

Dr. Emily Burton – Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Management Committee Dan Conlin - Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 (Curator)

Mondy Lim – Media Coordinator/Website Designer, Management Committee

Richard Dang – Videographer

Dr. Laura Sanchini – Canadian Museum of History, Management Committee

Additional members representing the Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian communities will be determined later.

Museum Exhibit Funding

The original funding for HOF research did not include funding for a traveling museum exhibit. Therefore, we have been trying to find separate funding for this specific project. Working with the HOF Museum Committee, I looked into the Digital Museums Canada Medium Investment Grant and submitted an initial stage grant application in summer 2020. However, as a university institution, we are not eligible.

Allan Moscovitch and I met with personnel at Carleton University (Rachel Hirsch and Kyla Reid) to discuss potential grants in October 2020. With the assistance of Rachel Hirsch, Institutional Research Facilitator, we discussed various grants that this project might be eligible for.

In November 2020 we submitted a grant application to the Blair Foundation. In December, we applied to the *Carleton University Future Funder* to become part of the university's crowdfunding. We were successful in raising an additional \$11,100 for the project.

In January 2021, Allan and I have submitted an application for a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage through their *Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives (CSMARI) Program Projects*. Our grant application highlights how our project supports community, multiculturalism, and anti-racism initiatives through the experiences of refugees and the positive contributions they have made to Canada. The proposal is for the preparation of six Pop-Up Exhibit (3 English and 3 French panels with QR codes to connect to the Digital Exhibit) and a Digital Exhibit located on the HOF website (links to longer and more detailed stories and information that are interactive). Our goal is to take the exhibit to 10 cities in Canada where we conducted interviews: Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa/Gatineau, Toronto, Kitchener, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver. In addition, we hope to have panel discussions, a viewing of the HOF documentary film, workshops, and other community events.

In April 2021, we hope to submit an application for an SSHRC Connections Grant (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) which is due on May 1, 2021.

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