

# Building a Local Oral History Project

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# Origins



# New Jersey Council for the Humanities: Incubation Grant

- Applied: April 2023
- Grant period: Aug 2023 to July 2024
- \$15,000
- Grant \$ — student interns, equipment, P.D.
- Matching \$ -- release time



# First Year (and a half)

- 12+ interviews
- Making contacts
- Learning oral history practices (workshop, UC Berkeley Lib seminar)
- One campus story-telling event in Spring 2025
- Next round of grant applications

# Audio Excerpts

- Kenneth Wessler
- Bill Sweeting
- Gilda Reyes
- Harvey Rubinstein

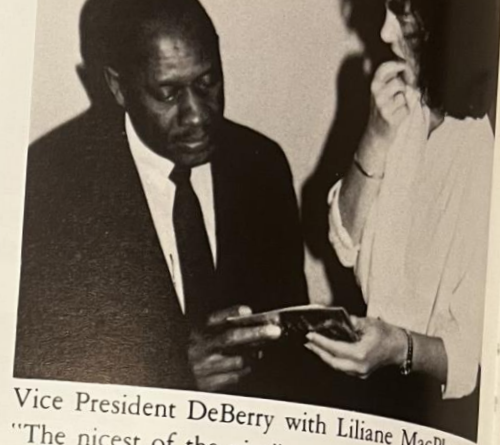
# Kenneth Wessler



# Harvey Rubinstein



## BASIC SKILLS FACULTY



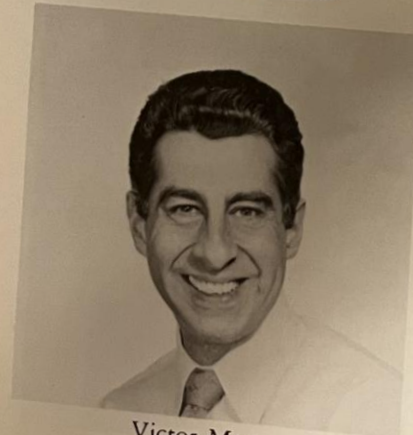
Vice President DeBerry with Liliane MacPherson  
"The nicest of the nice"



Mojdeh Tabatabaie



Joan Rafter



Victor Mastro



Harvey Rubinstein



Theodore Lai

# Upcoming Funding

NEH

Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges

3-year, \$150,000 grant

(Thanks to Stine, Nydia and everyone else in college admin!)



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Hudson County History Partnership

1-year grant

State and County Funding

Hudson County Office of Cultural &  
Heritage Affairs/Tourism Development

\$9,748.42



# The Future

- Curriculum development
- History exhibit at HCCC Library
- Identify more narrators to represent the community
  - Leads or contacts are always welcome