## Internship Reflection

The Library's Archives and Special Collections offered me new skills I never would have thought to gain. For one, I learned how to process old newspapers, maps, photo negatives, and glass plate negatives. I also learned how to create a finding aid. Exploring other inventory and using that to gain more knowledge. Creating my own inventory of unprocessed materials. Assembling and disassembling a display class case. Displaying my own project in said display case, and creating an artist statement for said project. In the end, I found myself with more self-respect for archivists, and I didn't even think I did that much.

I am lucky to have been able to work with such a supportive, educated, and passionate group of people. Creating the display was no doubt my favorite project. I am sad that it was only the last 3 weeks of my internship, but I feel accomplished that I have something in "Cal Poly's Library" to show off. I also feel that this particular display is very personal to me, and I'm thankful that Carly allowed "full creativity", so that in the end I had a chance to do something that I was already talented in. I never would have thought to choose my internship at Cal Poly Humboldt Library Archives and Special Collections, but I am so thankful that I did. I have acquired new skills that I will carry with me, and a newfound respect for the care and beauty of historical artifacts.