

# **Casting a Wider Net: Documenting the World of NASA Contractors**

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Using Connecticut aerospace contractors as its case study, this talk examines the role of engineering firms in designing and building rockets, environmental systems, and space suits during the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. It discusses the reason why the Connecticut's contribution to the Space Age is little known and poorly documented. Finally it considers ways of improving documentation and public access by combining the creation of audio recordings with radio programming, podcasts, museum talks, and other forms of public outreach.