

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING

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A conversation with Jo Scott-Coe, author of “Unheard Witness: The Life and Death of Kathy Leissner Whitman,” published by UT Press.

Nearly 60% of mass shootings are preceded by domestic violence. Jo Scott-Coe, professor of English at Riverside City College, discusses the archival research process and path to publishing for her new

book about the life of Kathy Leissner Whitman, who was murdered by her husband, Charles Whitman in 1966, the night before he committed his shooting rampage from the tower at the University of Texas at Austin. Informed by hundreds of personal letters and family documents, this book foregrounds Kathy’s experience of domestic abuse, resistance, and survival. Unheard Witness provides a rare glimpse of how one woman sought to change her short life with a coercive, controlling, and violent partner. Until now, official historical accounts have ignored her perspective.



UNHEARD WITNESS

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF
KATHY LEISSNER WHITMAN

JO SCOTT-COE

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