

Baylor University Institute for Oral History
E-WORKSHOP: Getting Started With Oral History
Faculty



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Our E-Workshop moderator is **DR. STEPHEN SLOAN**, director of the Institute for Oral History and an associate professor in the Department of History. Stephen specializes in oral history, post-1945 U.S. history, environmental history, and community history. Stephen has led scores of academic and community-based oral history research projects on a wide range of topics, from World War II to the Hurricane Katrina. His work has been funded at the local, state, and national level. He has published several pieces in the *Oral History Review* and is a co-editor of *Listening on the Edge: Oral History in the Aftermath of Crisis* from Oxford Press which explores the use of oral history to document catastrophe. Stephen is an active member of the Oral History Association, currently the immediate past president, and has shared his research abroad at conferences in Liverpool, Prague, Guadalajara, Naples, Istanbul, Buenos Aires, and Barcelona. He also teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in oral history methodology. For the E-Workshop, Stephen will lead sessions on defining oral history and interviewing techniques. Email: stephen_sloan@baylor.edu.

STEVEN SIELAFF, a graduate of Baylor's Museum Studies master's program, became a lecturer on the Baylor faculty and senior editor and collections manager for BUIOH on June 1, 2014. He previously served BUIOH as a graduate assistant from 2011-2013, working on various web-based and multimedia projects and conducting an oral history series on both the Dr Pepper Museum and Mayborn Museum Complex in Waco. He then served as University Researcher from 2013-2014, helping research and chronicle the past twenty-five years of Baylor University history. Steven oversees the digitization of BUIOH's analog collection, manages news feeds for our website and social media, and spearheads the migration of transcripts and audio files to our searchable online database, ContentDM. He recently aided in the beta testing phase of the University of Kentucky's Oral History Metadata Synchronizer (OHMS) online software, a version of which is now installed at Baylor. Steven is currently president on Texas Oral History Association's Board of Directors and is Technical Advisor/Editor for the H-Oralhist listserv. For the workshop, Steven will provide technical support for all participants ensuring a quality experience, and in addition, will lead the session concerning best practices for both the equipment used in oral history and the preservation of interview materials. E-mail: steven_sielaff@baylor.edu.

MICHELLE HOLLAND worked at BUIOH for five years while earning her BA and MA degrees in American Studies at Baylor, and she returned as a staff member in 2009. As an editor, Michelle concentrates on final-editing transcripts and updating BUIOH's online archive. From 2010-2013 she produced Living Stories, a public radio program highlighting the Institute's oral history collection, and in 2014 she took her first turn as an editor for H-Oralhist. For the e-workshop, Michelle will lead discussion of topics in processing oral histories, including creating finding aids and transcribing. E-mail: michelle_holland@baylor.edu

LOIS E. MYERS, Baylor senior lecturer and BUIOH associate director, joined our staff in 1986 and has participated in all aspects of the institute's work, including a year as interim director. Holder of BA (English, history) and MA (American Studies) degrees from Baylor, Lois has taught oral history workshops on the local, state, and national level and is the creator and manager of the Institute's Workshop on the Web. She has served as secretary-treasurer of the Texas Oral History Association since 1987. Lois is co-author of the oral history and photography documentary book, *Rock Beneath the Sand: The Country Church in Texas* (Texas A&M University Press, 2003) and co-editor of the *Handbook of Oral History* (AltaMira Press, 2006) and *Tattooed on My Soul: Texas Veterans Remember World War II* (Texas A&M University Press, 2015, forthcoming). During session one of the workshop, Lois will guide you in developing a working project plan for getting started in oral history, and during the second session, she will cover some of the major ethical and legal considerations of oral history research. E-mail: lois_myers@baylor.edu.

When you register for the Baylor online workshop, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from **BECKY SHULDA**, our very capable administrative associate. Becky is your contact for questions about your registration and payment. In addition to her administrative work for the Institute, Becky is the originator and interviewer for "Cotton: The Fiber that Built Birome," an oral history project on documenting the history of Birome, Texas, and its residents. E-mail: becky_shulda@baylor.edu.