

TOHA NEWS

October 2013

Dear TOHA Friends:

See below for news concerning

- ★ newly-elected TOHA officers
 - ★ two TOHA meetings coming up in 2014—save the dates!
 - ★ nominations for the TOHA Barnes Award for Excellence in Community Oral History and for the Baylor Community Oral History Grant
 - ★ the forthcoming issue of *Sound Historian*
 - ★ the Oral History Association 2014 Call for Papers
 - ★ the TOHA Facebook page
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OFFICERS ELECTED: Your TOHA Board of Directors met by conference call on Wednesday, October 23, and elected new officers to serve the organization over the next year. Serving in the office of president is Dr. Perky Beisel, of Nacogdoches, and as vice president, Dr. Eric Gruver, of Commerce. Below is contact information for your new board of directors. Please share with them your ideas for a better TOHA:

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MEETINGS 2014

TOHA JOINT SESSION WITH TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

March 8, 2014, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Join us for the twenty-ninth TOHA joint session with the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. The 2014 session is titled "Education as Community Service: Voices of Black Women Community Leaders." Lynn Burlbaw will chair the session and comment on papers presented by Linda J. Black—"Informal Education and Female Leadership: A Historical Study of the Life of Christia Daniels Adair"—and Anita McGee—"The Truth is Powerful and It Prevails: The Life History of Rev. Bettie Kennedy." Early registration for TSHA opens December 1. For a full program schedule, registration, and hotel reservation information, visit <https://tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting/>.

TOHA THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 5, 2014, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

Save the date for our third annual conference, hosted in 2014 by Stephen F. Austin State University's Department of History, with support from the East Texas Historical Association. SFASU and ETHA always treat TOHA with outstanding hospitality.

Join us to hear papers and panels highlighting some of the best and most interesting oral history projects underway in Texas and surrounding states. Program chair Eric Gruver looks forward to receiving responses to the Call for Papers soon. Help us spread the word about the conference and share the Call for Papers. See the [attached flyer](#) that you can print and post and share.

The conference will also feature presentations of two TOHA awards: During the opening session of the conference, the Hendrickson Award for Best Journal Article will be presented to a surprise recipient whose article in the forthcoming *Sound Historian*, Volume 15, is judged the best. During a luncheon for all registered attendees Lois E. Myers will receive the Charlton Lifetime Achievement Award. Watch for conference news and updates in your e-mail box throughout the early months of 2014, and check out the web page at <http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=95955> for additional information as it becomes available.

GRANTS & AWARDS AVAILABLE

TOHA'S BARNES COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARD COMMITTEE SEEKS NOMINATIONS

TOHA offers a special award to community groups that are conducting, or have recently conducted, successful oral history projects. Called the Mary Faye Barnes Award for Excellence in Community History Projects, the award is designed to bring recognition to oral history projects exemplifying distinguished preservation of community history. The award is named for longtime community historian and twice TOHA president, Mary Faye Willms-Barnes, of Lockhart, Texas.

For the purposes of this award, community history is broadly defined to include the history of a village, town, or urban neighborhood, but also to include the history of a business, school, hospital, social organization, religious organization, or other public or private institution.

Project developers and leaders may submit their projects to TOHA for consideration and nominations may be accepted from community members. Both TOHA members and local historical associations are encouraged to submit nominations, although nominees are not required to be members of TOHA. To nominate a project, go to the TOHA website community awards page at

<http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=29362> and locate the Community History Award Nomination Form. Fill it out and return it with the required attachments to TOHA headquarters by February 1.

The award itself consists of a certificate in a presentation folder and recognition on TOHA's website. Whenever possible, the award will be presented in the community setting by a TOHA member living in the region of the award winner.

If you or anyone you know is involved in an oral history project that meets the criteria of this award, please let us hear from you. Committee members are Perky Beisel, Jaclyn Jeffrey, and Lynn Burlbaw.

BAYLOR INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HISTORY WELCOMES SUBMISSIONS FOR ITS COMMUNITY ORAL HISTORY GRANT

In 2014, BUIOH will make available a grant up to \$2,500 to support a nonprofit group conducting oral history research at the community level in the state. Baylor University will partner with recipients in their efforts and provide training, equipment, consultation, and processing of the field interviews, which will be made available online as well as co-deposited at Baylor University and a local public archive. The community members who carry out the oral history project will also develop and arrange public programming to highlight the accomplishments of their endeavors. The deadline for grant applications is January 17, 2014. For additional details on this initiative including information on our past recipients please visit www.baylor.edu/oralhistory.

SOUND HISTORIAN, VOLUME 15, COMING SOON

You may not recognize the *Sound Historian* when it arrives in the mail next January. Editor Dan Utley has developed a whole new look for Volume 15. Book Review Editor Nancy Berlage has eight to nine book reviews for this issue. TOHA appreciates the Texas State University's Center for the Study of the Southwest, which has furnished the journal a formatting editor, Ms. Lauren Neal. Make sure your membership is current. To receive Volume 15, you must have paid your dues for 2013 or beyond.

This issue may be our thickest ever, with seven articles, covering oral history scholarship on veterans, education, politics, desegregation, cowboys, and . . . a beer-drinking goat!

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION CALL FOR PAPERS

The Oral History Association will gather in Madison, Wisconsin, October 8-12, 2014, for its next annual meeting. The theme is "Oral History in Motion: Movements, Transformations, and the Power of Story." The attached Call for Papers provides additional information and inspiration for you and your colleagues to submit a paper and panel presentation for 2014. Proposal deadline is January 20, 2014. You may also access the Call for Papers at <http://www.oralhistory.org/2014-call-for-papers/>.

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TOHA board member Steven Sielaff has volunteered to keep us all in touch through the TOHA Facebook page. To keep updated, share your news, and network through TOHA, visit www.facebook.com/TexasOralHistoryAssociation.

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