

TOHA NEWS

Summer 2014

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2015 TOHA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

Fourth Annual Conference

April 25, 2015

Texas A&M University–Commerce
Commerce, Texas

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Texas Oral History Association (TOHA), founded in 1983, promotes the use and good practices of oral history research through a variety of programs and publications, including the journal *Sound Historian*. Comprised of individuals representing diverse interests and disciplines, the professional organization will host its fourth annual conference on April 25, 2015, on the campus of Texas A&M University–Commerce in Commerce.

Scholars, educators, students, history enthusiasts, folklorists, family historians, and others are encouraged to submit proposals for papers or sessions to be considered for the program. Topics should include clear evidence of oral history research or provide new insights on the methodology.

Both complete session and individual paper proposals are welcome. Individual presentations must not exceed twenty minutes, and the session format will include opening remarks by a chair, followed by three papers, or by two papers and concluding remarks from a commentator.

Proposals should include the names, affiliations, and contact information of participants, the titles of sessions and papers, and a brief description of the topics to be covered. Please submit your proposals via email by January 5, 2015.

Direct all submittals and inquiries to:

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2014 TOHA AWARDS

TEXAS HISTORY DAY

On May 3, in Austin, TOHA judges presented awards to five documentary entries created by junior and senior high school students and nominated for the TOHA award because their research included oral history content. Judging for TOHA were Lynn Burlbaw, Heather Caldwell, Peter Myers, and Steven Sielaff. The theme for the annual contest was “Rights and Responsibilities in History.”

Division/Prize	Student Name	Documentary Title	Student's School/City
Senior/First Place	Zakary Piwetz	Defending Democracy: Government Responsibility v. Human Rights	Rockport-Fulton High School, Rockport
Junior/First Place	Korbin San Miguel	The Impact of the Great Depression towards Rights and Responsibilities	St. Matthew Catholic School, San Antonio
Junior/Second Place	Tanner Haney	Roberto Clemente: More than a Baseball Player	Atlas Academy, Waco
Senior/Honorable Mention	Jovonne Ledet	From Cradle to Conflict: Rights to a Childhood	Ross S. Sterling High School, Baytown
Junior/Honorable Mention	Progga Hassan	The Dowry Revolution: A Social Responsibility That Became a Social Right	Wiggs Middle School, El Paso

CHARLTON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On April 5, in Nacogdoches, during the luncheon at its annual conference, TOHA presented its Charlton Lifetime Achievement Award to Lois E. Myers, longtime TOHA secretary-treasurer. View Lois's comments on how oral history can keep you young and make you rich and famous at www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=863386.

HENDRICKSON BEST ARTICLE AWARD

Also during the conference on April 5, TOHA announced the winner of the Ken Hendrickson Best Article Award. The winning essayist for Volume 15 of *Sound Historian* was Kendra DeHart, for "Jury Hung, Clay Henry Not: Scandal and Judicial Intrigue in Lajitas, Texas."

BARNES COMMUNITY ORAL HISTORY AWARD

At its April 5 meeting in Nacogdoches, the TOHA board of directors voted unanimously to present the TOHA Barnes Community Oral History Award to the African American Library at the Gregory School in Houston. This summer board member Michael Botson will present the award certificate to Adrienne A. Cain, oral history librarian at the African American Library at the Gregory School. The African American Library at the Gregory School's oral history collection includes oral history recordings that highlight the activities, faculty, and structure of the historic black school as well as a glimpse of the everyday lives of African Americans in Houston's Fourth Ward and include alumni, former teachers, former and current residents of Fourth Ward, and prominent African American politicians, business owners and community activists who have had a profound impact or recollection of African American life in Houston. Through these interviews, the viewers will receive a firsthand experience of African American life in Houston and in the Fourth Ward community. View the award narrative and links to the Gregory School collection at <http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=865214>.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAYLOR INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HISTORY (BUIOH) EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR CHARLTON RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL

Individual scholars with training and experience in oral history research who are conducting oral history interviews are encouraged to apply for support of up to \$3,000 for the academic year 2014–2015. With this grant, BUIOH seeks to partner with one scholar who is using oral history to address new questions and offer fresh perspectives on a subject area in which the research method has not yet been extensively applied. Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural research on local, national, or international subjects is welcome. The extended deadline for applying for

the 2014-2015 grant is July 4. For details on the grant, application, and previous grant recipients, see <http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=81949>.

SIELAFF BECOMES BUIOH SENIOR EDITOR & COLLECTIONS MANAGER

BUIOH announced the retirement of longtime TOHA member Elinor Mazé as Senior Editor on May 31 and the hiring of TOHA vice president Steven Sielaff as Senior Editor & Collection Manager on June 1. For more on Elinor's accomplishments in the field of oral history and on Steven's qualifications for the new position, visit "In the News" at www.baylor.edu/oralhistory.

BAYLOR ONLINE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION OPEN

BUIOH's eleventh online oral history workshop for new oral historians will be held August 13 & 20, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Titled "Getting Started with Oral History," the interactive learning experience provides six hours of instruction on two consecutive Wednesdays and access to a host of useful resources. Cost: \$75.00. *Deadline for registration is Wednesday, July 30.*

Learn more at <http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=64470>.

INTERVIEWER SOUGHT IN LAMPASAS

Mr. Phil Hoyt of Tulsa is seeking an oral historian to interview his father, a retired rice farmer living in Lampasas who was (according to Mr. Hoyt) instrumental in the development of the rice agriculture industry on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Hoyt would prefer that the interview end up in a university archive, but he is willing to entertain the possibility of engaging an independent oral historian. If interested, please contact Mr. Hoyt directly at (918)245-7409 (H) or (918) 596-9830 (O).

TOHA MEMBER OFFERS TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

TOHA board member Cynthia Beeman is offering transcribing services for oral history recordings. For information, contact Cynthia at cynthiabbeeman@gmail.com or (512) 517-5855.

TOHA MEMBER OFFERS PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEW SERVICES

TOHA member and freelance oral historian Dr. Tacey Rosolowski offers consulting and interviewing services for oral history projects, including project development, refinement, and management, as well as interview development, interview services, and interviewer training. For more information, contact Tacey at trosolow@historycapture.com or (832) 566-2180. Visit her web site at <http://historycapture.com>.

KEN HENDRICKSON UPDATE

TOHA Lifetime Award winner and former journal editor Kenneth E. Hendrickson Jr. is living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and writing the biography of former US congressman Graham Purcell. You may contact Ken at his cell phone, (940) 867-1600 or write him at 4044 Painted Pony Circle, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

OHA 2014 MEETING OCTOBER 8-12, IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

The Oral History Association has announced availability of program highlights for its 48th annual meeting, to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on October 8-12. The annual theme is "Oral History in Motion: Movements, Transformations, and the Power of Story." In addition to practical preconference workshops and more than eighty informative program sessions, the meeting will include an oral history performance, film screening, and mixed-media production, and an intriguing luncheon speaker and interesting plenary session, as well as a welcoming presidential reception. Find out more and look for registration coming soon at www.oralhistory.org.

SOUND HISTORIAN INVITES REVIEWERS & ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Book Review Editor Nancy K. Berlage would like to hear from TOHA folks who will commit to reading and reviewing books on oral history topics for the journal. Contact Dr. Berlage at nkb11@txstate.edu.

Editor Dan K. Utley invites your manuscript submissions for future issues of the journal. Article submissions are welcomed from students as well as veteran scholars. Manuscripts should be 15-20 pages, double-spaced throughout, including quotations, footnotes, and works cited. In matters of style, refer to *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th Edition. Submit the original manuscript in a Microsoft Word version as an e-mail attachment and send it to dkutley@txstate.edu. The journal editor and members of the editorial board, all experienced Texas oral historians, will then review your manuscript and determine if it is eligible for publication or if it needs additional work. Once the article is accepted for publication, the editor will provide instructions concerning electronic submission of the revised manuscript. Send e-mail submissions or inquiries to: SOUND HISTORIAN, Dan K. Utley, Editor, Department of History, Texas State University, dkutley@txstate.edu. For phone inquiries, call (512) 940-0317.

RENEWAL TIME IS NOW!

You still have time to renew for 2014 so that you will continue receiving TOHA news and the journal. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Lois Myers at lois_myers@baylor.edu or call her at (254) 710-6285. Membership forms are available at <http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=29341>.

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