

TOHA NEWS

December 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

Friday, March 6, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

TOHA ANNUAL JOINT SESSION WITH TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX

Matagorda Room

“UNDERGRADS IN THE ARCHIVES: THE EAST TEXAS WAR AND MEMORY PROJECT”

Eric Gruver, presiding

Assistant Dean and Director of East Texas War and Memory Project,
Texas A&M University – Commerce

Panelists: Hayley Hasik, Jackson Dailey, and Austin Baxley; Texas A&M University - Commerce

Other TOHA members on the 2015 TSHA program include Todd Moye, JoAnn Pospisil, Scott Sosebee, Dan K. Utley, and Tom Wagay.

Early registration for TSHA continues until February 1. Schedule, registration, and hotel information available at <https://tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting/>.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

FOURTH ANNUAL TOHA CONFERENCE

Texas A&M University – Commerce, Commerce, TX

Save the date to join TOHA old-timers and newcomers in beautiful northeast Texas during the spring for an inspiring, informative day devoted to exemplary oral history projects in the state. Additional details will be forthcoming early next year.

Saturday, May 2, 2015

TSHA TEXAS HISTORY DAY

Austin

TOHA awards outstanding use of oral history in individual documentaries created by junior and senior high school students at the state's National History Day event.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Fourth Annual Conference

April 25, 2015

Texas A&M University–Commerce

Commerce, Texas

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:

Hayley M. Hasik, program chair

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOHA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR THE BARNES COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARD

Since 1999 TOHA has recognized oral history projects exemplifying distinguished preservation of community history in Texas. 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.

AWARD CRITERIA:

- The project displayed innovative applications of oral history research or utilized standard oral history practice successfully to preserve the story of its community, to enhance understanding among community members, or to bring to light previously undocumented aspects of the community's history.
- The project produced oral history recordings and possibly transcripts and provided for their preservation and availability for research in an appropriate archive or library.
- The project followed the ethical and legal guidelines of the national [Oral History Association](#), including provision for interview agreement forms or donation forms.
- The project is a model for the use of oral history in community settings.
- The project includes an educational component and/or outreach plans to share the outcomes with the community.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Project developers and leaders may submit their projects to TOHA for consideration and nominations may be accepted from community members. TOHA members and local historical associations are encouraged to submit nominations. Nominees are not required to be members of TOHA. To nominate a project, complete the [Community History Award Nomination Form](#) and return it with the required attachments to TOHA headquarters by **February 1**. Nominations will be distributed for evaluation by a TOHA Awards Committee appointed by the TOHA President. The Awards Committee may develop an interview procedure to receive adequate information to evaluate a project. The Awards Committee will present award candidates to the TOHA Board of Directors for approval. No limits exist on the number of awards presented within a year.

THE AWARD:

The award consists of an award certificate in a presentation folder or engraved on a plaque. A resolution statement describing the outstanding characteristics of the project may be developed and presented. Whenever possible, the award will be presented in the community setting by a TOHA member living in the region of the award winner. TOHA will announce the award in its newsletter and Web site. The Awards Committee will provide information on the award to appropriate local media and/or other historical associations.

See the TOHA community awards page at www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=29362 for the nomination form and for information on previous award winners.

BAYLOR INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HISTORY (BUIOH) OFFERS GRANT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORAL HISTORY RESEARCH

BUIOH invites nonprofit organizations in the state of Texas to apply for a grant to facilitate oral history research in their communities. BUIOH seeks to make a difference in one local Texas community per year through this annual grant that includes, in addition to monetary funding, assistance from BUIOH through consultation and training, equipment loans, processing and transcribing, and co-archiving the interviews generated by the local organization. Application deadline is **January 16, 2015**. To learn more about the benefits and requirements for the grant, read about previous recipients, and access application materials, see www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=64581.

SOUND HISTORIAN, VOLUME 16, COMING SOON

Volume 16 (2014) of *Sound Historian* is in the editing stage. Look for it in the mail soon!

SOUND HISTORIAN INVITES ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS & BOOK REVIEWERS

Sound Historian is a double-blind, peer-reviewed professional journal published since 1993 by the Texas Oral History Association. 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.

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.

DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

January 5, 2015

TOHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PAPER & SESSION PROPOSALS

See Call for Papers above. To ask questions, contact the program chair, Hayley Hasik, at (972) 998-3296 or hhasik@leomail.tamuc.edu.

January 12, 2015

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

Tampa, FL, October 14-18, 2015

“STORIES OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE”

See Call for Papers at www.oralhistory.org/.

January 16, 2015

BAYLOR COMMUNITY ORAL HISTORY GRANT APPLICATIONS

An annual grant up to \$2,500 to support a Texas nonprofit group's oral history research.

For information and application, visit www.baylor.edu/oralhistory.

February 1, 2015

TOHA'S BARNES COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARD NOMINATIONS

See above or visit the TOHA community awards page at <http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=29362> for details.

RENEWAL TIME IS JANUARY 1

If your membership will lapse in 2015, you will receive a renewal notice in early January. Your prompt response to renew for 2015 is greatly appreciated. Our membership fees, which include our journal, remain quite low:

Students: \$5

Individuals: \$15; Sponsors: \$30

Institutions: \$30; Sponsors: \$100

Lifetime: \$500

Remember, you can renew for multiple years.

If you have questions about your membership or need a renewal form, 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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Networking with other oral historians is a vital function of TOHA membership. Please send your oral history news and announcements to toha@baylor.edu.