

TOHA NEWS

Summer 2015

UPCOMING ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Please pass the word about these workshops to family, students, friends, and communities who are interested in preserving history. Some are coming up fast!

JULY 21, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Burleson County Historical Commission

ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

Caldwell, TX, Civic Center, 103 W SH 21 (SH21 and Main Street)

Although the deadline for reserving a box lunch has passed, folks in the Caldwell area may still join the workshop. Contact Melynda Giesenschlag, Chair, Burleson County Historical Commission, at mdprarie@aol.com or Steven Sielaff, TOHA president and workshop leader, at steven_sielaff@baylor.edu.

JULY 24, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Texas Association of Museums & Baylor University Institute for Oral History

ORAL HISTORY FOR MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS

Mayborn Museum – Waco, TX

Registration deadline: July 21

Information available at <http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/doc.php/246484.pdf>

Registration (required) available at <http://texasmuseums.org/oral-history-workshop.html>

This day-long workshop will cover all facets of the oral history interview process specifically to inform museologists interested in conducting their own institutional history projects.

AUGUST 12 & 19, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Baylor University Institute for Oral History

GETTING STARTED WITH ORAL HISTORY

Registration deadline: July 29

Information & registration available at <http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=64470>

Designed to help newcomers to oral history plan an oral history project and carry out their first interview, this six-hour Internet-based workshop has introduced more than 300 participants to oral history best practices since 2009.

OCTOBER 14 & 17

Oral History Association

OHA 2015 ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOPS

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel, Tampa, FL

Registration is open for a host of valuable workshops taught by expert oral historians.

Find out more at <http://www.oralhistory.org/2015-workshops/>

Workshops available: Introduction to Oral History; Share the Wealth: Bringing Oral History to the Public; Introduction to Digital Video Oral History; Oral History and the Law; Gigabyte, Terabyte, Tetrabyte—Oh my! A Workshop to Tackle the Challenge of Preservation of Digital Video Formats; Teacher Workshop

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE DECLARED A SUCCESS

More than seventy TOHA members, newcomers, and visitors participated in TOHA's fourth annual conference, April 25, in Commerce. The evaluations of the conference testify to very positive overall impressions and highlight the strong quality of the presentations. Some comments from participants:

Good balance of new oral historians (budding) and seasoned ones.

The diversity of the presentations was awesome and showcased the variety of oral history efforts across the state.

This was great! Keep up the good work!

Keep up the excellent work! This conference excels, once again, at capturing the diversity within oral history research and encourages historians without oral history experience to consider it in their next research endeavor. This was extremely exciting and encouraging.

******NEXT YEAR IN WACO: Save April 23, 2016, for our FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE!******

THIRD HENDERSON AWARD PRESENTED TO MILTON JORDAN

A highlight of TOHA's annual conferences is the presentation of the Kenneth E. Hendrickson Jr. Best Article Award recognizing an author of the best article published in the latest *Sound Historian* issue. The third Hendrickson Award honored Milton Jordan, the author of "Civil Rights and College Journalism: Mark Lett and the 1961 Southwestern University Megaphone," which was judged the most outstanding article in Volume 16 (2014). The award was presented by journal editor Dan K. Utleby during the annual conference luncheon on April 25 in Commerce.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AWARDED BY TOHA AT TEXAS HISTORY DAY

On May 2, 2015, in Austin, TOHA recognized the successful use of oral history research by four students in the creation of historical documentaries highlighting the annual theme, "Legacy and Leadership in History." Serving as judges for the TOHA award were Cynthia Beeman, Jaclyn Jeffrey, and Lois Myers. Learn more about Texas History Day, the winning students, and the content of their winning documentaries at <http://www.baylor.edu/TOHA/index.php?id=29364>

Winners:

- Junior Division, First place: "Willie Velasquez: Su Voto Es Su Voz," by Devyn Moore, Young Women's Leadership Academy, San Antonio
- Junior Division, Second place: "Cory Aquino: From Housewife to President," by Bettina Mateo, Morehead Middle School, El Paso
- Senior division, First Place: "Apollo's Webb," by Zakary Piwetz, Rockport-Fulton High School, Rockport
- Senior division, Second Place: "Heal the Man, Heal the Land: Roosevelt's Legacy in the Civilian Conservation Corps," by Brent Vela, Nimitz High School, Houston

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

The Thomas L. Charlton Lifetime Achievement Award Nominating Committee, headed by Dan K. Utleby, would like to hear your ideas for our tenth honoree. Read about the award and former recipients at <http://www.baylor.edu/TOHA/index.php?id=29361> and send your nominations to the committee via utleydank@gmail.com.

2016 ANNUAL JOINT SESSION WITH TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED

For the 2016 TOHA@TSHA session—in Irving, the first week of March—Steven Sielaff has gathered three papers to overview the topic "A Century of Conflict." Papers based on oral histories covering World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War will be presented by Sielaff, Stephen Sloan, and Kelly Crager.

2016 RETIREMENT OF TOHA'S SECRETARY-TREASURER ANNOUNCED

Lois E. Myers, TOHA's secretary-treasurer since 1985, has announced to the TOHA Board that she will retire from Baylor University at the end of July 2016. Myers expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve TOHA for almost thirty years and offered to assist in the training of her replacement.

TOHA has enjoyed the stability of generous institutional sponsorship from Baylor's Institute for Oral History (BUIOH) since its founding in 1983, and Dr. Stephen Sloan, BUIOH director, has pledged continued support for TOHA into the future. You might like to know that BUIOH furnishes TOHA:

- secretary-treasurer and journal manager services as part of the administrative job functions of a full-time, lecturer position;
- reimbursement of expenses for the secretary-treasurer's TOHA-related travel;
- office space, furnishings, and basic supplies to conduct TOHA business and maintain files;
- post office box and mailing services;
- university financial services, including rollover budget accounting with monthly detailed reports, free Visa purchasing card, and discounted supplies, services, and printing;
- access to duplicator/scanner, professional laptop computer with executive-level software and regular backup, and color laser printer (computer and printer automatically replaced every four-years);
- telephone, e-mail, and Internet services (along with helpful ITT staff);
- a domain for hosting the TOHA website.

SOUND HISTORIAN INVITES REVIEWERS & ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Sound Historian features articles on multidisciplinary topics that apply oral history in any appropriate subject, as well as articles on the practice, theory, or application of oral history.

- ★ 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.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO RENEW . . . BUT DO SO SOON!

Ensure your receipt of Volume 17 of *Sound Historian* and your continued receipt of TOHA news by renewing for 2015 today! 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.

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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.