



TOHA NEWS December 2015

PROPOSALS FOR TOHA'S FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE DUE JANUARY 15, 2016

TOHA will hold its fifth annual conference on Saturday, April 23, 2016, in the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. You 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 15, 2016. Direct all submittals and inquiries to: Jessica Roseberry, program chair; Jessica.Roseberry@baylor.edu; (254) 710-6289

ANNUAL JOINT SESSION WITH TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 4, 2016

Join us on Friday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m., in the Omni Mandalay Hotel in Irving during the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association for a TOHA-sponsored session:

A CENTURY OF CONFLICT: TEXAS WARTIME ORAL HISTORY NARRATIVES THAT SPAN THE 20TH CENTURY

Eric Gruver, University of North Texas, presiding,

"Culture War: Home Front Challenges of Central Texas German Americans during the Great War," by Steven Sielaff, Baylor University Institute for Oral History

"A Hell of a Load for a Young Man: Memories of World War II Concentration Camp Liberators," by Stephen Sloan, Baylor University Institute for Oral History

"From the Red Dirt of Vietnam through the Blowing Dust of West Texas: Recording Veterans' Oral History at the Vietnam Archive," by Kelly Crager, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University

Additional program information and registration is available at www.tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting.

Other Upcoming Opportunities

ONLINE ADVANCED WORKSHOP ON MANAGING AN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Registration opens on December 14 for Baylor University Institute for Oral History's second in a new series of advanced online workshops titled "Sharpen Your Skills." This advanced workshop welcomes persons who have an oral history project design in place and are beginning to get organized for action or for others whose oral history project is currently underway on their own research interests or on behalf of an organization, institution, or community group.

This interactive workshop will take place on February 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST and costs \$75. Registration closes on February 3. Information is available from the "Sharpen Your Skills" link on the website: www.baylor.edu/oralhistory.

JOB OPENING AT BAYLOR INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HISTORY

Applications are welcomed through January 15, 2016, for the position of Assistant or Associate Director, a full-time, non-tenure track, research faculty position to begin August 1, 2016. The individual in this position, who will be hired at the assistant or associate level based on experience and qualifications, works closely with the director to provide leadership and vision for ongoing initiatives and new endeavors of the Institute for Oral History. This position also coordinates Baylor University's role as TOHA's headquarters. To learn more/apply, see the official job site: <http://www.baylor.edu/hr/index.php?id=859263>.

MEMBER NEWS

★ The portrait "Johnny," photographed by **Marti Corn** during his four-year photographic/oral history documentation of Tamina, Texas, has been selected to be exhibited at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery as part of the Outwin Boochever Competition. Tamina is an underdocumented, yet still surviving freedman's settlement in

Montgomery County. Marti's fourteen oral histories and accompanying portraits preserve the historical significance of Tamina and its people. Marti exhibited the Tamina photographs at Rice University's 2014 Fotofest International. Look for a collection of Marti's photographs to be published by Texas A&M University Press in fall 2016. View "Johnny" and other Tamina photos, plus other documentary work by Marti Corn, at www.MartiCornPhotography.com.

- ★ An article in the summer/fall 2015 issue of *Oral History Review* features the article "Spatial Relations in Oral History: The Robstown Migrant Labor Camp beyond the Federal Period," by **Christine Reiser Robbins** and **Mark W. Robbins**. The article is based on oral histories of people connected to the South Texas labor camp founded and run for eight years by the New Deal's Farm Security Administration and later operated locally as a migrant labor camp, hurricane refuge, housing project, and eventually a county park. Christine is assistant professor of anthropology at Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Mark is associate professor of history at Del Mar College, in Corpus Christi.
- ★ In October, the Oral History Association awarded its annual Book Award to *Listening on the Edge: Oral History in the Aftermath of Crisis* (Oxford University Press, 2014), co-edited by Mark Cave and **Stephen M. Sloan**. The award recognizes the book's contributions to oral history practice and socio/historical inquiry. Stephen, who is associate professor of history at Baylor University and director of the **Baylor Institute for Oral History**, is also co-editor with **Lois E. Myers** and Michelle Holland of *Tattooed on My Soul: Texas Veterans Remember World War II*, published this fall by Texas A&M University Press.
- ★ TOHA congratulates **Todd Moye** and his associates with the **University of North Texas Oral History Program** upon the achievement of UNTOHP's fiftieth anniversary. UNTOHP's founder, **Ron Marcello**, was a charter member of TOHA upon our founding in 1983 and served on our inaugural board of directors. In 2003, TOHA recognized Ron's outstanding contributions with our Thomas L. Charlton Lifetime Achievement Award. Since 2006, UNTOHP has been a sponsoring institutional member of TOHA.

Other Oral History News:

- ★ The Oral History Association sadly announced the sudden passing of Cliff Kuhn, OHA executive director, in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 8. A memorial service on December 13 at Georgia State University will honor Cliff's life and service to the field of oral history. Cliff was a friend of all the state and regional oral history organizations, and TOHA will recognize his friendship with a donation to the OHA Scholarship Fund, which assists students, practitioners, and community historians with funding to attend OHA's annual meeting. Read tributes to Cliff at www.oralhistory.org.
- ★ The 2016 Oral History Association will celebrate OHA's sixtieth anniversary with a program addressing key developments, challenges, and possibilities in oral history past, present, and future. The meeting site is Long Beach, California, and the date is October 12-16. Submissions of papers, panels, and full sessions may be made online from December through January 21, 2016. For more information, visit <http://www.oralhistory.org/annual-meeting/2016-call-for-papers/>.

SOUND HISTORIAN UPDATES

- ★ Volume 17 (2015), featuring four main articles and eight book reviews, plus a new section highlighting ongoing projects, will arrive in mailboxes of current members in early 2016.
- ★ TOHA has full runs of back journal issues available—*except for Volume 10!* If you have an extra copy of *Sound Historian*, Volume 10, and are willing to donate it back to TOHA, please let us know at toha@baylor.edu. Thanks!
- ★ We need manuscripts for future issues! 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.
- ★ To volunteer as a book reviewer, contact Nancy K. Berlage at nkb11@txstate.edu.
- ★ Visit the journal pages at <http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=29344>.

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