

# TOHA News

## February 2016

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## TOHA's 2016 MEETINGS

ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING	FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
<p>When: Friday, March 4, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. Where: Omni Mandalay Hotel, Irving</p> <p><i>A CENTURY OF CONFLICT: TEXAS WARTIME ORAL HISTORY NARRATIVES THAT SPAN THE 20TH CENTURY</i> Eric Gruver, University of North Texas, presiding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ "Culture War: Home Front Challenges of Central Texas German Americans during the Great War," by Steven Sielaff, Baylor University Institute for Oral History</li> <li>★ "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</li> <li>★ "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</li> </ul> <p>Learn more: <a href="http://www.tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting">www.tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting</a></p>	<p>When: April 23, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Where: Paul L. Foster Campus, Baylor University, Waco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ informative, inspiring presentations related to Texas history and culture, to war and its effects, and to student encounters with oral history both in and beyond the classroom</li> <li>★ methodological and technical mini-workshops on oral history processing, transcript and audio/video synchronizing, and uses in social media/mobile apps</li> <li>★ a plenary session, "Don't Give Voice to the Voiceless – Learn Instead to Listen Well: Oral History, Cultural Competency, and Community," presented by Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva, University of Texas at El Paso</li> </ul> <p>Cost: \$10 for on-site lunch Make lunch reservations by April 8th. E-mail <a href="mailto:toha@baylor.edu">toha@baylor.edu</a> or call Jessica Roseberry@254-710-6289.</p> <p>Everything you need to know: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=925785">www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=925785</a></p>

## TOHA'S 2016 AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT	COMMUNITY HISTORY	BEST ARTICLE
<p>The TOHA Board of Directors is pleased to announce Dr. Rebecca Sharpless, associate professor of history at Texas Christian University, as the tenth recipient of the Thomas L. Charlton Lifetime Achievement Award.</p> <p>Dr. Sharpless receives this honor in recognition of her significant contributions to oral history administration, research, publications, and teaching, plus her effective leadership in professional oral history organizations. Dr. Sharpless helped organize and establish TOHA in 1982-1983 and served as our first secretary-treasurer (1983-1987).</p> <p>Read more about Dr. Sharpless at <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=930242">www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=930242</a>.</p>	<p>The TOHA Board of Directors is pleased to recognize students in the Zeta Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society at Victoria College in Victoria with the Mary Faye Barnes Award for Excellence in Community History for their Hispanic Oral History Project. In the summer of 2010, Dr. Karen Hagan, professor in the Victoria College Department of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, along with several PTK students began an interview project to preserve the life stories of the local Hispanic community. The students found the community highly receptive to the oral history experience, and by spring 2011, they presented their project at both national and international PTK competitions. In 2013-14, keeping with the idea of letting the community speak, Dr. Hagan pulled quotes from the interviews to create a seventy-eight-page book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read how the students carried out best oral history practices, what they learned from their project, and how the community embraced oral history at <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=929199">www.baylor.edu/toha/index.php?id=929199</a>.</p>	<p>The Ken Hendrickson Best Article Award Committee has named Dr. Jessica Brannon-Wranosky the 2016 recipient for her article, "<i>History, Memory and Perspective: Christia V. Daniels Adair's 1977 Interview with the Black Women Oral History Project</i>," appearing in <i>Sound Historian</i>, Volume 17 (2015).</p> <p>Articles for the award are evaluated for their contributions to socio/historical inquiry and to the practice of oral history, for adherence to sound methodology in the conduct of interviews, and for skillfulness and originality of presentation.</p>

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### MEMBER NEWS

TOHA is saddened to report that former TOHA board member and beloved historian **L. Patrick Hughes** passed away in Austin January 29. Patrick served as a member of the TOHA Board of Directors from 2009 to 2013. Here are some highlights of his other contributions to Texas history: "Patrick graduated from The University of Texas in 1975 with a Master of Arts in History. He began his career at Austin Community College (ACC) as a professor of history in 1977 and retired more than 35 years later. Patrick's excellence in teaching earned recognition for numerous awards throughout the years. He created the ACC Time Machine to escort students to historical sites all around Texas. Later he lectured and sometimes played the guitar while singing folk songs for voluntary lifelong students through UT's Elderhostel program. He also created the ACC Emeritus Professors' Lecture Series as a forum for annual historical presentations on campus for both students and professionals. Patrick was a truly gifted writer, with articles appearing in prestigious historical publications from all over Texas." Remembrances are directed to the Texas Folklore Society. You may view the full obituary at [wcfish.tributes.com/obituary/show/Patrick-Hughes-103258201](http://wcfish.tributes.com/obituary/show/Patrick-Hughes-103258201).

**Baylor University Institute for Oral History** will present its spring online workshop, “Getting Started with Oral History,” on two consecutive Wednesdays—April 6 and April 13. This introductory workshop will walk new oral historians through the basic steps for designing an oral history project, creating effective interviews, working with digital recording equipment, processing oral history recordings and transcripts, developing legal documents, and pursuing ethical relationships in the interview partnership. Register soon at [www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=64470](http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=64470).

TOHA invites you to volunteer as a judge for the **TOHA Award at Texas History Day**, the annual competition for promising junior and senior high historians. The TOHA Award judges view documentaries produced by individual students on a variety of topics related to the annual National History Day theme, which for 2016 is “Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History.” The state history fair will be held on the UT-Austin campus on Saturday, April 30. To join our judge team, e-mail [toha@baylor.edu](mailto:toha@baylor.edu) or call Lois Myers at 254-710-6285.

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