



Texas Oral History Association



Fall 2016 Newsletter



Welcome

School is back in session! No matter if you're a K-12 or university educator, or work in a private or public institution, the "Back to School Season" effects can be felt by everyone (even our retirees—enjoy the lighter traffic during the day!). The brand new school year brings about new students, new colleagues, and new changes to our Board! TOHA's Board of Directors include:

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We are excited to shape the future of TOHA! Also, if you haven't had the chance, check out TOHA's new website www.baylor.edu/toha and let us know what you think!

Here's what's going on in the TOHA Community:



TOHA Conference

Mark your calendars! TOHA's Sixth Annual Conference will be held **Saturday, March 25th, 2017** at [The National Ranching Heritage Center](#), a museum of ranching history, located on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.



Call for Papers

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 27th, 2017**.

Please direct all submittals and inquiries to Perky Beisel via email at pbeisel@sfasu.edu.



TSHA-TOHA Joint Session

TOHA will meet in joint session with the 121st annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association March 2-4, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Downtown, in Houston, Texas. The exact date, time, and location of the TOHA session will be announced in December.

This year's panel, titled *Using Oral History in Interdisciplinary Projects to Document Rural Dispersed Communities* features two presentations :

- "Voices from Small Places: The Murvaul Creek Communities", presented by Linda Reynolds (East Texas Research Center), Kelley Snowden (University of Texas-Tyler), and Kurt Terry (Stephen F. Austin State University)
- "South Texas Hispanic Farm Labor Communities Oral History Project," presented by Christine Reiser Robbins (Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and Mark Robbins (Del Mar College).

President Perky Beisel (Stephen F. Austin State University) will preside over this panel and serve as the commentator.



OHA 2016 Annual Meeting (OHA Turns 50!)

The 2016 Oral History Association Annual Meeting will be held October 12th-16th in Long Beach, California at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel. The annual meeting attracts a broad range of people nationally as well as internationally, and features the best work in the field. The meeting also enables students and both emerging and established scholars to network and learn valuable skills. The theme this year is *OHA@50: Traditions, Transitions and Technologies from the Field*. The fiftieth anniversary meeting offers an opportunity to reflect back on the evolution of this interdisciplinary field, gauge its current trends, and look ahead into the ever shifting oral history landscape of the future. Registration is currently open.



It's Awards Season! : Nominations for TOHA Awards

TOHA is now accepting nominations for the following awards:

The [Mary Faye Barnes Award for Excellence in Community History Projects](#) began in 1999 when the Texas Oral History Association initiated the award to bring recognition to oral history projects exemplifying distinguished preservation of community history. The award is named for longtime community historian and twice TOHA president, Mary Faye 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.

The [W. Stewart Caffey Award for Excellence in Precollegiate Teaching](#) also began in 1999 and was named in honor of longtime educator W. Stewart Caffey to bring recognition to an elementary or secondary classroom teacher who led students in a research project involving oral history methods in an exemplary way.

For more information about criteria for each award and the nomination process, please visit the [Awards](#) section on TOHA's website.



Membership Renewal

If you still haven't renewed your TOHA membership for 2016 (or if you would like to join), you still have time! Membership costs just \$15 for the calendar year (Jan-Dec) with the option to add additional years if desired. To join or renew, simply fill out the [membership form](#) available on TOHA's website and mail in with your payment. Already up to date? Go ahead and get a head start on the new year and renew now for 2017!

Educators: Do you have undergraduate or graduate students interested in oral history or Texas history? Let your students know that they can take advantage of the \$5 student membership rate! TOHA is a great professional organization to join at a price that cannot be beat. (It's also great to add to their CV/resumes!)

For questions about TOHA membership, feel free to contact Adrienne Cain at adrienne_cain@baylor.edu or call (254) 710-6285.

Sound Historian

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. 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. For the present, the editorial board requests articles on topics other than the military, wars, or veterans' history.

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.

What's Happening in Texas Oral History



BUIOH Advanced E-Workshop

The Baylor University Institute for Oral History will be conducting its third installment of the “Sharpen Your Skills : Advanced E-Workshops”

on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016. This session, titled “Processing Oral History” will discuss the great amount of work that follows after the interview is over. The four areas of focus for the webinar will be (1) preservation of both digital and paper files, (2) oral history’s derivative products, with a particular focus on transcription, (3) digital tools for access, and (4) potential outcomes for your interview/project.

Registration is slated to begin in September. Check the website for more information : <http://www.baylor.edu/oralhistory/index.php?id=931749> .



Call for Entries: SHFG Thomas Jefferson Prize

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2017 Thomas Jefferson Prize for documentary histories published in 2015 or 2016. The prize recognizes the editor(s) of a single volume or one or more volumes in a project that contributes significantly to the understanding of the history of the federal government. It will be awarded at the SHFG annual meeting in Spring 2017. See www.shfg.org for a list of past winners and general requirements for all SHFG prizes.

In addition to the general requirements, entries for the 2017 Jefferson Prize will be judged on the editorial methodology employed, including accuracy of transcription, relevance and usefulness of annotation, selection and arrangement of documents, and indexing. Electronic documentary editions will also be evaluated for solid technological capabilities and performance, high quality of design, and innovative strategies or techniques.

A copy of each entry with a letter briefly stating its qualifications and merits should be sent to each of the Jefferson Committee members by **November 30, 2016**:

1. Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, Ph.D., 2003 Seakale Lane, Houston, TX 77062
2. Alisa Whitley, 5212 Leeward Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315
3. Lincoln Bramwell, Ph.D., 313 Mapleton Court, Fort Collins, CO 80526

The SHFG, founded in 1979, is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes the study and broad understanding of the history of the United States Government. It also serves as the voice of the Federal historical community. The Thomas Jefferson Prize commemorates the third president of the United States and the author of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson was a firm believer in the study of history and the preservation of historical records.



Texas Center for Working-Class Studies Call for Papers

The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies will host its third annual conference at the Living Legends Conference Center at Collin College on the Spring Creek Campus in Plano, Texas on Thursday, February 23rd, 2017. The conference will consist of panels in a range of disciplines and on a variety of issues related to social class and labor issues, both historical and contemporary, and would greatly like to include a session involving oral history. The keynote speaker will be noted scholar Dr. David Roediger, Foundation Professor of American Studies and History at The University of Kansas. Dr. Roediger's recent books include *Seizing Freedom: Slave Emancipation and Liberty for All*, *How Race Survived U.S. History*, *The Production of Difference* (with Elizabeth Esch), and *The Wages of Whiteness: Race and the Making of the American Working Class*. Conference organizers invite scholars from all disciplines to take part in this conference and submit proposals for individual papers, full sessions, roundtables, or workshops. Graduate and undergraduate students, in particular, are encouraged to submit their work. Potential topics might include:

- Working-Class Literature
- The Worker and the Modern Workplace
- Understanding Working-Class Studies
- The Future of Working-Class Studies
- Working-Class History
- Connections among Race, Class, and/or Gender
- Class Representations in the Media and Popular Culture
- The Complexity of Social Class
- The Pedagogy of Social Class

Those interested should submit an abstract of no more than 150 words to Dr. Lisa A. Kirby, Director of the Texas Center for Working-Class Studies and Professor of English, at LKirby@collin.edu, by **December 1st, 2016**. Please write “WCS Conference Proposal” in the subject line. Abstracts should also include name, e-mail address, phone number, requests for technology, and a brief biography. For more information, please contact Dr. Kirby.



Texas Historical Records Advisory Board’s FREE Workshops

The Texas Historical Records Advisory Board (THRAB) is pleased to announce **FREE** educational opportunities for Texas archivists, librarians, and staff members.

Thinking Digital webinar

Sponsored by the Society of American Archivists, these 90-minute on demand workshops that provide an introduction to the world of digital records while providing practical examples and workflows to implement a digital preservation system. September workshops available in Nacogdoches, College Station, and San Marcos, TX. For more information visit <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/thrabwebinar> .

Archival Award of Excellence

This award recognized significant achievements of a Texas archival institution and individual achievements in preserving and improving access to historical records in any format. Deadline for submissions is Friday, September 16, 2016.

For more information visit <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/thrabwebinar> .

Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

This course provides an overview of the types of state, federal, and private foundation grants available and provides information about researching and writing grant proposals. Spaces are limited and available on a first come, first serve. Deadline to register is Monday, October 17, 2016. For more information visit <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/thrabwebinar> .



Call for Submissions to Newsletter

Are you or your organization hosting a program? Working on a project? Presenting at a conference? Recently received a grant? Let us know! Please send news and announcements to toha@baylor.edu . We would love to hear about what's going on with our members and affiliated institutions who are doing work in the field of oral history.



Social Media

Be sure to “like” TOHA on Facebook and follow us to receive news, updates and more!

TOHA is a network for oral history practitioners that promotes the use of professional interviewing and archiving standards.

Explore our site to discover who we are and what we do. We invite you to join us in our adventure to better understand both the present and the past through recording the voices of eyewitnesses to history. TOHA, an affiliate of the [Oral History Association](#), is hosted by the [Baylor University Institute for Oral History](#).