Basics of Oral History
A Brief History & Guide to Creating an Oral History
TLA 2016 Annual Conference

Oral History Organizations, Resources, & Online Projects

Oral History Organizations

*These are two professional organizations that maintain resources, coordinate conferences, and provide training for oral historians.*

- The Oral History Association (OHA)
  - [http://www.oralhistory.org/](http://www.oralhistory.org/)
- Texas Oral History Association (TOHA)
  - [http://www.baylor.edu/toha/](http://www.baylor.edu/toha/)

Oral History Resources & Instructions

*OHDA and H-Net are great online resources for specific questions and issues related to the nuts and bolts of oral history recording and preservation.*

- Oral History on H-Net
- Oral History in the Digital Age (OHDA)
  - [http://ohda.matrix.msu.edu/](http://ohda.matrix.msu.edu/)

National & Local Oral History Projects

*This is a very short list of oral history projects that are available online.*

- Houston’s Neighborhood Voices – interviews about life in Houston
- Latino Americans: 500 Years of History – Houston Eats – interviews about Latino/a American history and food culture in Houston
  - [http://library.hccs.edu/LatinosPBS/HoustonEats](http://library.hccs.edu/LatinosPBS/HoustonEats)
- The History Makers – the nation’s largest collection of African American oral histories
- StoryCorps – an organization that promotes community-centered oral history projects
  - [https://storycorps.org/](https://storycorps.org/)
- WPA Slave Narratives – excerpts from the federal oral history project from the 1930s
  - [http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/resources/wpa.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/resources/wpa.html)
- Telling Their Stories – student interviews of elders who witnessed key historic events of the 20th century
  - [http://www.tellingstories.org/index.html](http://www.tellingstories.org/index.html)
- Voices from the Dust Bowl – a collection of interviews from people who lived through the crisis of the Dust Bowl

Adrienne Cain – Houston Metropolitan Research Center - [http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/hmrc/](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/hmrc/)