

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/>
- Texas Oral History Association (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
 - <https://networks.h-net.org/h-oralhist>
- Oral History in the Digital Age (OHDA)
 - <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
 - <http://digital.houstonlibrary.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/nvoicesoh>
- 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>
- The History Makers – the nation's largest collection of African American oral histories
 - <http://www.thehistorymakers.com/>
- StoryCorps – an organization that promotes community-centered oral history projects
 - <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>
- Telling Their Stories – student interviews of elders who witnessed key historic events of the 20th century
 - <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
 - <https://www.loc.gov/collection/todd-and-sonkin-migrant-workers-from-1940-to-1941/about-this-collection/>