



Call for Presentations Deadline: November 20, 2017
2018 Southwest Oral History Association Annual Conference
APRIL 27-29, 2018 - Marriott Fullerton and California State University, Fullerton

Elevating Voices: Oral Histories of Resilience and Unity

Oral histories uplift diverse voices that reveal the human condition. They tell stories of loneliness, isolation, and rejection as well as resilience and unity in the face of adversity. The many voices of oral history highlight our capacity to overcome both everyday and extraordinary challenges and to foster and build communities with common purposes and solidarity. While we are living in a historical moment of deep-seated ideological conflict and division, we turn to oral history to show us how and why communities come together as well as why they are divided. Orange County, the site of our 2018 SOHA conference in Fullerton, California, is a unique location to interrogate these issues. Popularly known as a conservative bastion, Orange County is a surprisingly diverse area that hosts a vibrant community of activists and academics who facilitate significant oral history projects, including those at the California State University, Fullerton and the Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History.

Join us in Fullerton from April 27-29, 2018 for our annual SOHA conference, where we will share, observe, and collaborate on the fascinating and important work being done in the field of oral history throughout our region and beyond. We encourage all members, friends, and supporters to attend and to participate on a panel, roundtable, performance, or workshop. We invite other forms of involvement as well. All proposals will be considered.

Proposal submission deadline: November 20, 2017

Presentation submissions should include a title, short abstract, and presenter bio or CV. Indicate if your presentation requires the use of technology (audio & visual). Email submissions to soha@unlv.edu. If you can serve as commentator or panel chair, please e-mail a brief CV, description of your area of expertise, and topics of special interest to soha@unlv.edu. Please write “2018 Chair or Commentator” in the Subject line.