

# FOR THE RECORD

Oral History in the Mid Atlantic Region (OHMAR) Newsletter

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## Beginner and Advanced Training, New Electronic Storage, and the Art of Transcription:

Exciting OHMAR workshop day this fall at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC

Reserve all day Friday, September 27, 2002 for the annual OHMAR fall workshops day. From 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. OHMAR and the Veterans History Project will co-sponsor morning and afternoon sessions that will interest experienced oral historians, as well as those new to the field. In the morning, sign up for either the introductory workshop led by Stan Schuchman, or an analog to digital workshop coordinated by David Winkler (see bios for presenters in the Member Profiles section). *Continue on page 3*

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## Surf's up!

### OHMAR website up and running

Member Doug Wilson has been diligently designing and tinkering with the official OHMAR website. For almost a year, Doug has volunteered his time to navigate the ins and outs of creating a non-profit website. Finally, his time and work have paid off, and our website debut is at hand.

The official OHMAR address is pithy and appropriate ([www.ohmar.org](http://www.ohmar.org)), but the website is only immediately available through the site's numerical address <http://64.227.226.199>. "We are awaiting the official address to be released," explains Webmaster Wilson. "It's like having a store open for business, but needing to use a

detour to get to it."

In addition to providing general information about OHMAR, the site lists contact information, history, upcoming events, and allows members the flexibility to download registration forms. "It's really where we need to be," says President Donita Moorhus. "Members can interact with OHMAR and be connected in a way that maybe they could not before. Plus we now offer this simple service of having registration forms available on-line." Although actual on-line registration has not happened yet, Webmaster Wilson is confident that someday soon this, too, will be an OHMAR benefit. A big thanks from all OHMAR to our tireless Webmaster, Doug Wilson.

Questions or comments about the OHMAR website can be directed to [wilsondj@bellatlantic.net](mailto:wilsondj@bellatlantic.net).

# **OHMAR Fall Workshop Day 2002**

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There will be a break for lunch (box lunch provided). Lunch will serve as a wonderful opportunity for all workshop participants--both new and returning--to meet and talk.

Following lunch, workshops continue with a choice between advanced interviewing techniques led by Don Ritchie and Donita Moorhus, or editing oral history interviews organized by John Lonquest.

The registration fee is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Fees include participation in one morning and one afternoon workshop, plus continental breakfast, coffee break, and a box lunch.

Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register is September 10, 2002. The registration form is available below or on-line at OHMAR's temporary address--<http://64.227.226.1999>.

## **Directions to OHMAR Workshop Day:**

The Thomas Jefferson Building is located at 1st Street and Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. It is the gorgeous historic building directly across the street from the Capitol.

Public parking can be difficult to find and expensive: the Washington Metro (subway) system is highly recommended. The nearest Metro stop is "Capitol South" on the Blue and Orange Lines. Exit the station walking up the hill (North) on 1st Street, towards the Capitol. Cross Independence Avenue, following signs to the Library of Congress Jefferson Building. Enter through the visitor entrance on 1st Street, the front of the building. Names of registered participants will be provided to security for admission to the Jefferson building between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m (prior to public admission). Please allow adequate time for security screening.

Workshops will be held in rooms LJ 113 and LJ 119.

## **OHMAR and Veterans History Project Workshop Day, Friday, September 27, 2002**

### **WORKSHOP CHOICES**

Morning session (Please choose one):

- Oral History Interviewing--The Basics
- Archival Storage: New Electronic Options

Box lunch (please choose one):

- meat
- vegetarian

Afternoon Session (please choose one):

- Oral History Interviewing--Advanced
- Transcribing, Editing, and Publications

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

or The Record

### **WORKSHOP AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Registration fee (please choose one):

- \$50 current OHMAR member
- \$60 non-member

OHMAR membership (if necessary, please choose one):

- \$25 OHMAR dues (individual)
- \$10 OHMAR dues (student)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please write checks to "OHMAR".

Mail this form and payment to OHMAR:

OHMAR

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*Registration deadline is SEPTEMBER 10, 2002*

## Member Profiles continued . . .

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### David Winkler

Earned his Ph.D. from American University (1998). Dave's dissertation focussed on the high seas confrontation between the U.S. and the USSR during the Cold War. Oral history was an important research tool in his dissertation and subsequent book, *Cold War at Sea*. David was hired by the Naval Historical Foundation (NHF) to maintain their oral history collection (1998 to present). Initially, David started in a parttime position, but he quickly expanded the NHF oral history program into a national network of nearly 100 volunteers who gather recollections from a wide range of naval personnel: from current senior level Naval officers to World War II-era enlisted sailors. David published *Naval Oral History Repositories*--detailing over 60 repositories holding Navy oral history interviews--and *A Guide to Conducting Navy Oral History*, which can be found at the Naval Historical Center website. David is a Commander in the Naval Reserve: he was deployed to the USS Enterprise in the Persian Gulf (1999) to interview participants involved in Operation Desert Fox and in the December 1998 strikes against Iraq. He has interviewed the first women pilots to engage in combat.

**Currently:** David is Director of Programs at the Naval Historical Foundation. He recently obtained a \$150,000 grant from the Dillon Fund to digitize the audio collections of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. His goal is to create a permanent Center for Sea Service Oral History in order to consolidate the various collections for the benefit of research accessibility.

### Douglas J. Wilson

Since 1992, Douglas has served as project assistant and project director for the Washington Press Club Foundation (WPCF)'s oral history project, "Women in Journalism." Doug created a WPCF web site which hosts full-length versions of many of the projects's 54 interviews. Doug has broad experience in transcription, having transcribed nearly 600 hours of tapes. He is also coauthor of a publication commissioned by the German Historical Institute to document oral history resources in the US concerning German-American relations. Doug is a recipient of the OHMAR Forrest C. Pogue award (1998).

**Currently:** As a freelance researcher, writer and transcriber of oral history, Doug's handles the transcription, editing, indexing and web publishing of transcripts for various organizations and projects, including: Fordham University School of Law, the Society of Women Geographers, Recording Animal Advocacy, Tuskegee Airmen Wives Tell Their Story, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Doug is Webmaster for the OHMAR website.

### Don Ritchie

Don holds a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He has taught in the Cornell-in-Washington program and has conducted many oral history workshops around the country. He edited the Twayne oral history series and wrote *Doing Oral History*. Don has served as a past president of OHMAR (1979-80) and of the Oral History Association (OHA) (1986-87). He was awarded the Forrest C. Pogue award from OHMAR for his contributions to oral history.

**Currently:** Don is busy preparing a second edition of his manual, *Doing Oral History* to be published by Oxford University Press.

# OHA/OHMAR upcoming

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## ☞ OHMAR Fall Workshop Day 2002

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## ☞ Oral History Association Fall 2002 Conference

The Oral History Association will hold its 2002 meeting on October 23-27, 2002 at the DoubleTree Hotel San Diego Mission Valley in San Diego, California. The meeting theme is "Global Linkages: The Internalization of Everyday Life." The 36th annual meeting will offer presentations concerning the cultural, artistic, political and economic effects of the internationalization of everyday life. Participants will represent a diverse mix of countries, communities, and political persuasions.

For full program details, visit the OHA website: [www.dickinson.edu/oha](http://www.dickinson.edu/oha). To ask questions, contact [oha@dickinson.edu](mailto:oha@dickinson.edu).

## ☞ OHMAR Spring 2003 Conference--Preview

OHMAR 2003 conference coordinator and Board member Deborah Gardner is planning exciting presentations for the annual event occurring March 28-29, 2003 in New York City. Co-sponsored by the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, the conference is entitled "From the Ground Up," and the focus is public policy and community needs. This timely conference will address the methodological challenges of oral history during times of national emergency (with special attention to September 11, 2001), and explore the use of oral history in historic and community preservation.

The conference will consist of workshops on Friday, March 28 and all-day events on Saturday,

March 29 (panels, roundtables, papers). In addition, the annual OHMAR Forrest C. Pogue award--given to a distinguished practitioner of oral history--will be presented. Most events will take place at Hunter College.

Full information and a registration form will be supplied in the February newsletter, as well as online at the OHMAR numerical website (<http://64.227.226.199>). Contact Deborah Gardner for special needs or to help with organizing: [<history272@aol.com>](mailto:history272@aol.com).

## ☞ Oral History Association Fall 2003 Conference--Sneak Peek

The Oral History Association will hold its 2003 meeting on October 8-12, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting theme is "Creating Communities: Cultures, Neighborhoods, Institutions." The conference invites paper proposals that consider how oral history can illuminate the ways people weave the cultural mosaic of our society by creating communities in diverse settings and locales. *Proposals are due January 11, 2003.*

The program committee welcomes proposals from oral history practitioners in a wide variety of disciplines and settings, and encourages a broad definition of "creating community": whether by geography; through ethnicity, race or cultural connections; or within an institution, such as business, the military, or a labor organization.

OHMAR's own, Vice President Roger Horowitz, has the very important role of program committee chair for this national event, and OHMAR members will be a major force behind local arrangements. OHMAR, therefore, will have great influence on shaping the form and the content. Those interested in assisting in this event, or have questions about submitting proposals, please contact Roger Horowitz at [<rh@udel.edu>](mailto:rh@udel.edu) or at 302/658-2400.