Oral History Theory and Practice

HIST 5345D—Fall, 2015

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Wednesday 6:30 - 9:20 p.m.

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This course will provide students with an overview of fundamental oral history research methodology, with special emphasis on questioning techniques, project planning, and the role of personal memory in investigating and interpreting the past. A major component of the course will be the development of team projects that will focus on particular aspects of recent social and cultural history, while also allowing for individual expression and creativity. Designed to offer students a practical experience similar to those they may encounter as professional public historians, the course will help them develop their own style of historical investigation. It will appeal to those students interested in preserving voices of the past that might otherwise be lost or overlooked.