



January 2019 Happy New Year!

Director's Column, January 2019

Martin Meeker reflects on the life of the late Pete Bancroft, who died peacefully in his sleep on January 3, 2019, at the age of 88.

Paul "Pete" Bancroft, III, was a 1951 graduate of Yale, a pioneer in venture capital, and the eldest great-grandson of Bancroft Library founder Hubert Howe Bancroft. He also was, in fact, the Oral History Center's greatest single benefactor in the 65-year history of our office.

We are extremely grateful for his support of over the years. The word "support," however, is wholly inadequate to capture what he did for oral history at Berkeley.

Read the column on our blog.



OHC Announces Fellowship for a UC Graduate Student of Color

UC Berkeley's Oral History Center is offering a \$2,000 summer fellowship to an oral historian of color. Aimed at early to mid-career oral historians, this fellowship provides an opportunity to conduct a longform life history interview with a leading figure in arts or the humanities.

The selected fellow will conduct a 4-8 hour interview on video, which will be archived at The Bancroft Library. The fellow will see the

interview series through from conception to completion and will present on their project at the Oral History Center's annual Summer Institute.

Applications are open January 14 - February 25, 2019.

Applications are now open for our
Introductory Workshop and Advanced Oral



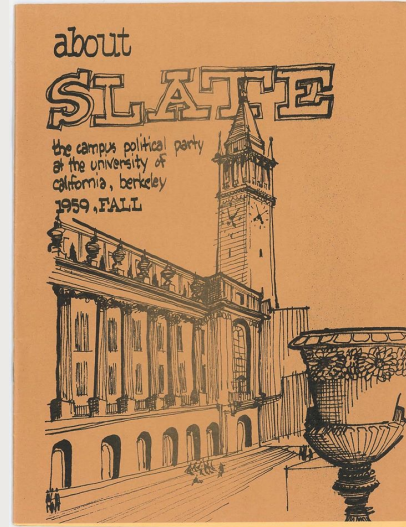
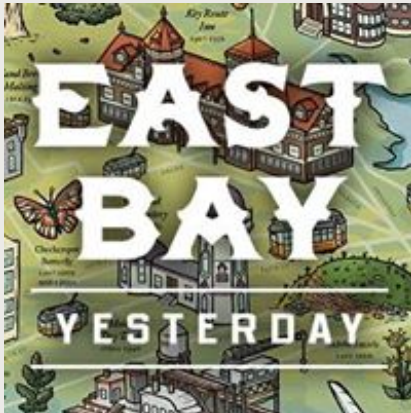
History Summer Institute!

Looking for a primer on oral history? **Apply now** for our **Introductory Workshop**, which will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Want to dig deeper into the method and practice of oral history? **Apply for our Advanced Oral History Summer Institute**,

which will be held from August 5-9, 2019.

Catch the OHC on the "East Bay Yesterday" Podcast!



Liam O'Donoghue recently featured our SLATE oral history project on his podcast, *East Bay Yesterday*. [Check it out here](#).

Stories about Berkeley's rebellious student movement of the 1960s often start with the launch of the Free Speech Movement. But the roots of this pivotal event go all the way back to the previous decade, when a campus group fed up with the innocuous role of student government started rallying around controversial political issues such as civil rights. This episode explores the history of SLATE, a student-led organization that rarely gets credit for their influential role in helping spark a decade of social change.

This episode features interviews with former SLATE members Mike Miller, David Armour, Cindy Kamler and Michael Tigar. Interviews were conducted by Martin Meeker and Todd Holmes. To read full interview transcripts, check out the [SLATE Oral History Project](#).

New Oral History Releases!

Check out the interviews that have been recently added to our collection:

- **Jeanne Rose: Rock and Roll Couturière, Herbalist,**

Aromatherapist, Author, and Ecologist

- Paul Bissinger, Jr: Lifelong San Franciscan and Patron of the Arts
- William C. Gordon: A Life in Libraries, Law, and Literary Noir

WHAT WE'RE READING

Oral History as Social Justice by Voice of Witness

A Master Class in the Fine Art of Conversation by Jolie Kerr

5 Questions About a Book: Curated Stories: The Uses and Misuses of Storytelling by the Oral History Review

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