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Happy New Year!

Director's Column,
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Jerry Brown: A Life in California Politics

Over the course of several months in 2019, OHC Director Martin Meeker sat down with Governor Jerry Brown, with help from OHC Historian Todd Holmes and KQED collaborators Scott Shafer and Guy Marzorati. His oral history, which runs about 40 hours, is the basis for KQED's new podcast, "The Political Mind of Jerry Brown," which launched on Wednesday, January 8.

OHC Director Martin Meeker discusses what it was like to interview Governor Brown and collaborate with the KQED team, just in time for the release of his oral history.

OHC on KQED's "Forum"

Martin Meeker was recently on KQED talking about interviewing Governor Jerry Brown!

Listen Here.

Last Call for the 2020 Introductory Oral History Workshop!

Our annual introductory workshop will take place on Saturday, February 29th from 9am to 4pm on the UC Berkeley Campus. Lunch will be provided.

Apply before January 30 to learn the nuts and bolts of
Advanced Summer Institute Applications are Now Open!

Join us for our week-long oral history intensive from August 10-14, 2020. For our annual Advanced Summer Institute, we will focus on the methodology, theory, and practice of oral history.

The institute is designed for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, university faculty, independent scholars, and museum and community-based historians who are engaged in oral history work. The goal of the institute is to strengthen the ability of its participants to conduct research-focused interviews and to consider special characteristics of interviews as historical evidence in a rigorous academic environment.

Apply Now
For more information, please visit our website or email Shanna Farrell at sfarrell@library.berkeley.edu.

Winter Book Club Pick: Voices from Chernobyl by Svetlana Alexievich

For our winter oral history book club, we'll be reading *Voices from Chernobyl: The Oral History of a Nuclear Disaster* by Nobel Prize winner Svetlana Alexievich.

We'll post our discussion questions to our blog in early February, and discuss the book later next month. Follow along with us and stay tuned for another installment of our conversation, which will be posted on our blog in March.

Oral History Association 2020 Conference CFP

“One Hundred Years of Struggle: The Quest for Democracy“
The submission portal for conference proposals is now open! The deadline is February 3, 2020. Please note that you will have to create a new account, even if you have submitted conference proposals in the past or are a member of the organization. Remember to refer to our Submission Guidelines page for more information about the submission process.

Season 5 of the Berkeley Remix Podcast

The 5th season of our podcast, The Berkeley Remix, is now live! It dives into the long history of the East Bay Regional Park District, which was founded in 1934. Over the course of three episodes, we explore its integral role in fighting the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire, being on the forefront of gender equality in the workplace, and how its efforts to preserve land benefited the local equestrian community.

- Episode 1: You Really Love Your Land, Don’t You?
- Episode 2: There’s No Crying in Carpentry
- Episode 3: (Once in a) Career Fire

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