Digitized Oral History Collections

African American History and Civil Rights

Duke, Behind the Veil: https://repository.duke.edu/dc/behindtheveil

History Makers: https://www.thehistorymakers.org/digital-archives

Library of Congress, "Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives and the Federal Writers Project," the Library of Congress: https://www.loc.gov/collections/slave-narratives-from-the-federal-writers-project-1936-to-1938/about-this-collection/

"Freedom: African American Struggle for Rights and Justice through Words and Images" Library of Congress, by Guha Shankar, American Folklife Center: https://www.loc.gov/ghe/cascade/index.html?appid=4d76cf42caf84b069b0e0235b6996efd

A digital history project based on oral histories and images and more, but this gives a great example of how digital humanities makes oral histories more accessible to the public.

Parchman Oral History Project: https://egrove.olemiss.edu/pohp/

Documented student protests and rebellions in Mississippi in 1970. Recorded oral histories of student activists who were incarcerated in Parchman State Prison.

University of Milwaukee, "March on Milwaukee, Civil Rights Project" https://collections.lib.uwm.edu/digital/collection/march/search/searchterm/Oral%20histories/mode/exact

Wisconsin Historical Society, 1964 Freedom Summer Project: https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15293

Face to Face with Slavery, by Kerri Moseley-Hobbs, Jason A. Higgins, and Mariam Ismail: https://facetofacewithslavery.vt.domains/

Asian and Asian American Oral History

The Densho Project: https://www.densho.org/ (on Japanese American Internment Camps during WWII)

Densho Podcast: https://www.densho.org/campu/

The Southeast Asian Archive: https://seaa.lib.uci.edu/digital

The South Asian Oral History Project, University of Washington: https://content.lib.washington.edu/saohcweb/index.html

South Asian American Digital Archive: https://www.saada.org/

Beer and Brewing

Oregon State University, Brewing and Hops Archives: http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/ohba.html

Gay Bar Archives: http://gaybarchives.com/

Bourbon Tales Oral History Project: https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt77m03xw736

Civil Rights and Labor

Civil Rights in Black and Brown: https://crbb.tcu.edu/

Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project: https://depts.washington.edu/civilr/interviews.htm

UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center: https://www.chicano.ucla.edu/publications/oral-histories

The University of Iowa's The Iowa Labor Oral History Project: https://laborcenter.uiowa.edu/iowa-labor-history-oral-project
Digital history project: https://dsps.lib.uiowa.edu/ilhop/

Climate Change and the Environment

Hurricane Digital Memory Bank:
http://hurricanearchive.org/items/browse?collection=103

Hurricane Sandy Oral Narratives: https://hurricanesandy.pages.tcnj.edu/

Oregon State University: Voices of a Warming Planet:
http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/omeka/exhibits/show/climatevoices/main

Where Words Touch the Earth:
https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/nasawords/

Disability Rights Movement

The Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement, also by Bancroft Library at Berkeley:https://www.lib.berkeley.edu/libraries/bancroft-library/oral-history-center/projects/drilm

Disability Visibility Project: https://disabilityvisibilityproject.com/

Holocaust and Jewish History

USC Shoah Foundation, Visual Archive: https://sfi.usc.edu/what-we-do/collections

US Holocaust Memorial Museum: https://www.ushmm.org/

Yiddish Book Center: Wexler Oral History Project:
https://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/collections/oral-histories

Immigration and refugees

Archive of Immigrant Voices: https://archiveofimmigrantvoices.omeka.net/

Immigration: American Experience, by Arizona State University:
https://libguides.asu.edu/immigration/voices

Sights of Conscious:
https://www.sitesofconscience.org/en/what-we-do/connecting/special-projects/syrian-oral-history-project/

Living Refugee Archive: https://www.livingrefugeearchive.org/

LGBTQ+

The Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project:
http://lgbthistory.pages.roanoke.edu/

The Center: Stonewall Oral History Project: https://gaycenter.org/stonewall-histories/

Queer Newark Oral History Project: https://queer.newark.rutgers.edu/

Voices of Gay Rodeo: https://www.voicesofgayrodeo.com/

Music

Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum Oral History Project, U of KY:
https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt70rx93b876

Women of Rock, by Tanya Pearson: http://www.womenofrock.org/

Health and Pandemics-related Projects

Smithsonian: Pandemic Oral History Project:
https://www.aaa.si.edu/inside-the-archives/pandemic-oral-history-project

Covid-19 Oral History Project:
https://sites.google.com/iu.edu/covid-19oralhistoryproject/?fbclid=IwAR2vk1skn3xusDY_av8aJt_8ro-2gPY-9_jccpdzD8EsHW6V2tMyjX7CeHQ

Covid-19 Archive: https://covid-19archive.org/s/archive/page/Share

ACT UP Oral History Project: https://actuporalhistory.org/
ACT UP is an archive of 187 interviews with members of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, New York.

Religion

Oral History Society, The Pink and Purple Church in the Castro:
https://www.ohs.org.uk/reviews/the-pink-and-purple-church-in-the-castro/

State Parks

National Forest Service:
https://nfsl.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p17053coll8

War and Veterans

"Dissidents: Veterans Speak Out" by Jason Higgins:
https://dissidents.vt.domains/veterans/index

Library of Congress, Veterans History Project:
https://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/html/search/search.html

Imperial War Museum, Sound Archive: https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/sound

Military Women's Memorial Oral History Collections:
https://womensmemorial.starter1ua.preservica.com/

State Library of North Carolina, Digital Collections:
https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/search/collection/p16062coll35

Texas Tech, Vietnam War Archives: https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/oralhistory/

The Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project (WVHP), established in 1998, documents the contributions of women in the military & related service organizations since World War I. https://gateway.uncg.edu/wvhp

Texas Women's University, WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) Official Archive:
https://twu.edu/library/womans-collection/collections/women-airforce-service-pilots-official-archive/

Voces Oral History Project. The University of Texas Austin. Includes over 1,000 oral history interviews with Latino veterans. https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/voces/

Wisconsin Veterans Museum: https://wisvetsmuseum.com/collections/
Witness to War: https://www.witnesstowar.org/

Violence and Terrorism,

Texas After Violence Project, After Violence Archive: http://afterviolencearchive.org/

Columbia, 9/11 Oral History Project:
https://www.ccohr.incite.columbia.edu/911-oral-history-project

Major Oral History Programs

Baylor Institute for Oral History:
https://digitalcollections-baylor.quartexcollections.com/special-libraries-collections/oral-history

Berkeley's Oral History Center and Bancroft Library:
https://www.lib.berkeley.edu/libraries/bancroft-library/oral-history-center

Free Speech Movement: https://bancroft.berkeley.edu/FSM/

Columbia Center for Oral History:
https://guides.library.columbia.edu/oral_history/digital_collections

Collections include the Rule of Law project, documenting civil rights and human rights since 9/11; Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality;

Search digital collections:
https://dlc.library.columbia.edu/catalog?f%5Blib_repo_short_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Oral+History+Center

Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Oral History Research Program (OOHRP):
https://library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/digital/

University of Florida, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program:
https://oral.history.ufl.edu/digital-archives/

University of Kentucky: Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History:
https://libraries.uky.edu/libpage.php?lweb_id=11&llib_id=13&ltab_id=770

Collections range from Blue Grass musicians to horses and veterans, civil rights, African American judges, to LGTBQ rights, and more.

See also, the Kentucky Historical Society.
https://history.ky.gov/resources/kentucky-oral-history-commission/

UGA, Russell Library Oral History Program:
https://www.libs.uga.edu/russell-library/oral-history

University of North Carolina, Southern Oral History Program: https://sohp.org/

University of Wisconsin-Madison:
https://www.library.wisc.edu/archives/archives/oral-history-program/

Voices of Minnesota:
https://mnhs.gitlab.io/archive/voices-of-minnesota-collections/collections.mnhs.org/voicesofmn/index.html

Additional Resources

University of Washington, Open Scholarship Commons:
https://www.lib.washington.edu/openscholarship/projects