

ORAL HISTORY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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Presenters

Bob Burke has authored more books about Oklahoma than anyone in history. He was born in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and now practices law and writes books in Oklahoma City. Burke graduated with a journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree from Oklahoma City University. He served as director of a large state agency in the administration of Governor David L. Boren and managed Boren's first campaign for the United States Senate in 1978. Burke has written on such diverse topics as baseball, aviation, and religion in Oklahoma. His biography of Wiley Post and a book on the history of baseball in Oklahoma each received awards from Oklahoma Center for the Book. His biography on Bryce Harlow was a Pulitzer Prize nominee and was named Oklahoma History Book of the Year by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Burke's community service is extensive. He has served or currently serves on the governing boards of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Jim Thorpe Association, Oklahoma Heritage Association, Oklahoma Arts Council, Red Earth, and on the executive committee of Oklahoma City University's President's Council.

Dr. Tanya Finchum is an Associate Professor and Oral History Librarian at the Oklahoma State University Library. She is the principal investigator for the oral history project entitled "Women of the Oklahoma Legislature," is a co-principal investigator for several other oral history projects and has been involved with the oral history efforts at the OSU Library since September 2006. She has attended the Regional Oral History Institute at the University of California at Berkeley and was awarded a Big XII Faculty Fellowship to spend time two weeks at the Baylor University Institute for Oral History. She has presented on oral history topics nationally and internationally, is a member of the Oral History Association, and is active in the American Library Association and the Oklahoma Library Association. She received her MSLS from The University of Tennessee and her doctorate in Human Development and Family Science from Oklahoma State University.

Wesley Fryer is a digital learning consultant, author, digital storyteller, educator, and change agent. Wesley serves as a co-convenor for the annual K-12 Online Conference and is the executive director of the nonprofit Story Chasers Inc., the lead partner in the statewide Celebrate Oklahoma Voices digital storytelling project. His blog, "Moving at the Speed of Creativity" (www.speedofcreativity.org) was selected as the 2006 "Best Learning Theory Blog" by eSchoolnews and Discovery Education, and is utilized regularly by thousands of educators worldwide. Wesley secured \$1.3 million in grant funding for West Texas schools participating in the Texas Technology Immersion Pilot Project in 2004-2008. He was named an Apple Distinguished Educator in 2005. He was an elementary classroom teacher for six years in Texas public schools before serving as a college director of distance learning for five years. He worked for AT&T from 2006 - 2008 as the Director of Education Advocacy, and the Director of Technology and Education Outreach for the Oklahoma Heritage Association from July 2008 - January 2009. Wesley is completing his doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at Texas Tech University. He has published numerous articles relating to education and technology integration in *Technology and Learning*, *Learning and Leading with Technology*, *District Administrator*, *Interactive Educator*, *The TechEdge*, and the journal *Internet and Higher Education*. He also publishes a weekly podcast.



Mary Larson is Professor and Head of the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at the Oklahoma State University Library and is also a member of OSU's Center for Oklahoma Studies. She has been working as an oral historian for almost twenty years, having previously been with the oral history programs at the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has served on the Oral History Association (OHA) Council and most recently participated in the effort to rewrite the organization's principles and standards.

Patti Loughlin is Associate Professor of History at the University of Central Oklahoma and specializes in twentieth-century U.S. history, American Indian history, and the history of the American West. Her book, *Hidden Treasures of the American West: Muriel H. Wright, Angie Debo and Alice Marriott* (University of New Mexico Press, 2005), offers a concise examination of Oklahoma historiography and the place of women public intellectuals in shaping regional identity. *Hidden Treasures* received the Outstanding Book on Oklahoma History from the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Director's Award and Finalist in Nonfiction from the Oklahoma Center for the Book in 2006. In addition, she coauthored *Building Traditions, Educating Generations: A History of the University of Central Oklahoma* (Oklahoma Heritage Association, 2007) with Bob Burke as an official Oklahoma Centennial Commission project. In consultation with Nicole Willard, Director of Archives and Special Collections at UCO, Loughlin and her students conducted over 75 oral history interviews as a central research component for the book. Currently, she is completing an Angie Debo children's book.

Juliana Nykolaiszyn is a Visiting Assistant Professor/Oral History Librarian with the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program (OOHRP) at the OSU Library. She is currently the principal investigator for the *Inductees of the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame Oral History Project*, and serves as an interviewer for three other projects. In addition, Juliana plays a key role in the OOHRP's development of oral history material for online use. She is a member of the American Library Association, Oklahoma Library Association and Oral History Association. Prior to entering librarianship, Juliana spent several years working in radio and television production along with media relations and marketing.

Larry O'Dell is the Director of Collections for the Research Division of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Prior to working in the research division, he served as Research Associate for the *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma*, writing more than 220 entries himself. O'Dell began his OHS career as a researcher for the Tulsa Race Riot Commission, contributing a chapter on property loss to the final report. He also held the main curatorial position for a state-wide exhibit on Oklahoma's All-Black Town's, again publishing a historical booklet. He has contributed several articles to publications, including the *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, and the *Oklahoma Almanac*. In 2007 he co-authored *Inspired to Lead: Governors and First Families of Oklahoma*, which won the recognition as a 2007 American Library Association GODORT Notable Document. He is also has published a number of book reviews. O'Dell served as the co-curator for *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, interviewing more than 175 Oklahomans associated with the music industry.

Jennifer Paustenbaugh is Director of the Women's Archives at Oklahoma State University, Puterbaugh Foundation Professor of Library Service, and Associate Dean of Libraries for Planning and Assessment. From 2000-2002, she was the principal investigator for an oral history project, "Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry," which documented Oklahoma women's experiences during the Dust Bowl. Paustenbaugh's interest in the role of Oklahoma women past and present continues. She is involved in a number of oral history initiatives focused on Oklahoma women, is the co-author of the *Oklahoma Women's Almanac*, and is past-chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

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Donald A. Ritchie is the Historian of the United States Senate. A past president of the Oral History Association, he is the author of *Doing Oral History* (2003), and *Press Gallery: Congress and the Washington Correspondents* (1991), which received the Oral History Association's Richard W. Leopold Prize. He was responsible for editing the closed hearing transcripts of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's investigations and has authored a number of books including his latest work, *Electing FDR*. He has served on the councils of the American Historical Association, the International Oral History Association, and the Society for History in the Federal Government. Ritchie graduated from the City College of New York (1967) and received a Master's Degree (1969) and Ph.D. (1975) from the University of Maryland, College Park. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1969-1971.

