



Oregon's LGBTQ+ and Communities of Color: Community-Based Oral History Projects

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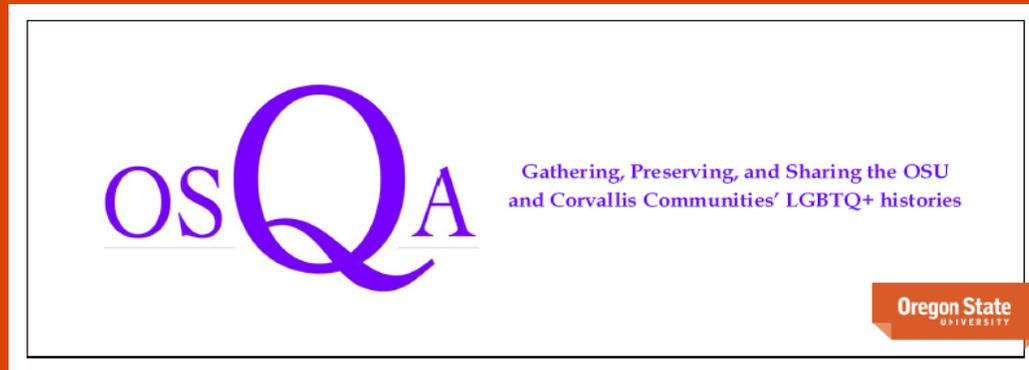
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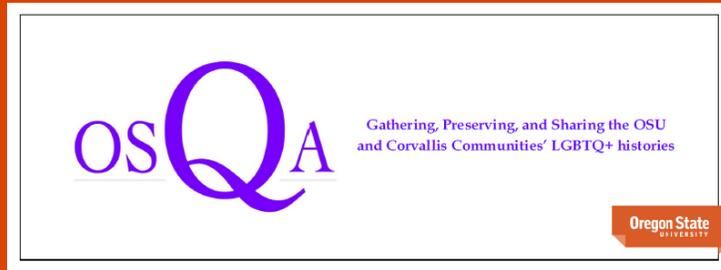
- Collaboration with the OSU course HST 368 Lesbian and Gay Movements in Modern America, spring quarters 2016 and 2017
- Oral histories conducted by students with members of the local county community

Oregon Multicultural Archives



- Collaboration with local Latinx community organizations, as well as historical societies and museums, 2015-present
- Oral histories conducted by members of the local community with members of the local Latinx community (within a county)

Oral History Projects ~ Ideas for Best Practices



Collaborating with Community Liaison(s)

Training Interviewers to Conduct Oral History Interviews

Providing Access to the Stories Gathered

Celebrating the Interviewees and the Stories Shared

OSU Queer Archives Oral History Project, 2016-2017



Collaborating with Community Liaison(s)

- History professor with community connections

Training the Students to Conduct Oral History Interviews

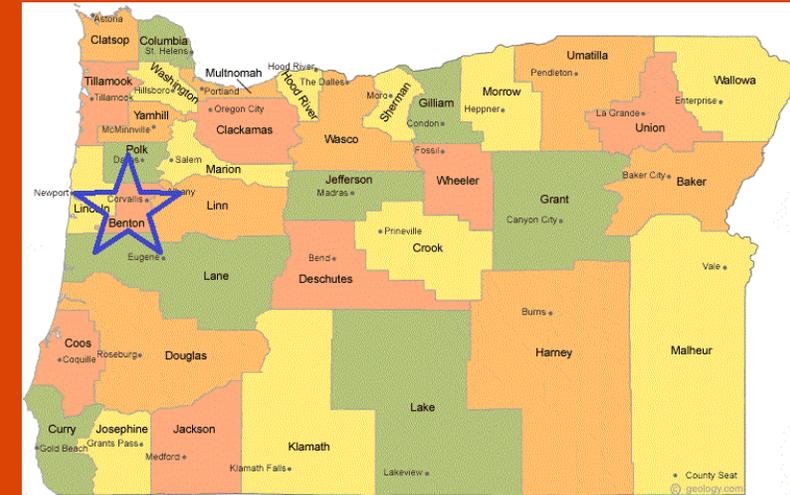
- Four class sessions: archives visit, best practices and training, live interview example and questions development activities, and follow up discussion

Providing Access to the Stories Gathered

- Finding aid, OSQA LibGuide, and blog posts

Celebrating the Interviewees and the Stories Shared

- End of term reception with students and interviewees



OSQA Oral History Project

Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

Oregon Multicultural Archives Oral History Project *Latinos en Oregón, 2015-present*

Collaborating with Community Liaison(s)

- Work with leaders within local community-based organizations and local historical societies/museums

Training Community Members to Conduct Oral History Interviews and Training the Trainers

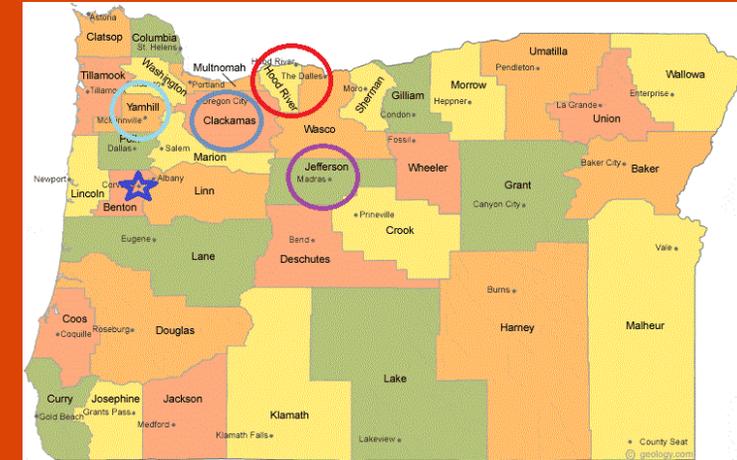
- Develop easy to use/share materials and instructions

Providing Access to the Stories Gathered

- Ensure project partner access to the raw files for use

Celebrating the Interviewees and the Stories Shared

- Showcase interviews at local events and curate exhibits to highlight the stories



Latinos en Oregón
Oral History Project

Jefferson, Clackamas,
Yamhill, and Hood River
Counties, Oregon

Oral History Projects ~ Lessons Learned



OSQA Oral History
Interviewees

Collaborating with Community Liaison(s)

- Anticipate and openly discuss biases in interviewee selections and self-selections; develop counter-strategies

Training Interviewers to Conduct Oral History Interviews

- Set high but realistic expectations; be flexible but strive for consistency with interviewing standards i.e. equipment used and metadata

Providing Access to the Stories Gathered

- Create traditional access points i.e. a finding aid, and also encourage the creation and use of project websites and social media as the community is willing and able

Celebrating the Interviewees and the Stories Shared

- Discuss plans for promotion of the project with the community; be honest about your participation abilities



Latinos en Oregon
Interviewees

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