

OCALD Membership (Virtual) Meeting Agenda

June 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda

Habib opened the last meeting of the year. Everyone was asked to enter their name and institution on the Google Doc for attendance.

- Link to Google Doc for attendance – posted in chat:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O9vV2giPhfrOR4IrqdZdR6WM5-g3DU0XtiluW56eR7Q/edit?usp=sharing>

Introductions – Habib Tabatabai, Chair

Members:

- Stewart Brower, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa
- Jon Goodell, Oklahoma State University-Center for Health Sciences
- Ona Lou Britton-Spears, Connors State College
- Jason Dupree, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Dana Belcher, East Central University
- Mark Roberts, Oral Roberts University
- Sarah Robbins, University of Oklahoma-Norman
- Julie Rankin, Oklahoma Baptist University
- Victoria Swinney, Oklahoma City University
- Shannon Leaper, Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- Ann Raia, Oklahoma City Community College
- Tony Hardman, Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- Michael Jones, Northwestern State University
- Suzanne Rooker, Western Oklahoma State College
- Joy Summers-Ables, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Habib Tabatabai, University of Central Oklahoma
- Kaitlin Crotty, Rogers State University
- Lee Anne Paris, Oklahoma Christian University
- Karen Haught, College of the Muscogee Nation
- Sandra Thomas, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Sheila Johnson, Oklahoma State University
- Paula Settoon, Tulsa Community College
- Elaine Regier, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City

Guests:

- Langston University: Elender Shirley (attending for Lynne Simpson)
- Oklahoma State University: Mary Larson, presenter
- Oklahoma State University: Sarah Milligan, presenter

Approval of minutes of last meeting – Elaine Regier, Secretary

Dana Belcher moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mark Roberts made the second; the minutes were approved.

OCCALD Executive Committee Report

- Transition to new Executive Committee takes place at the end of the meeting. Jon Goodell takes over as chair. Habib congratulated the new members of the committee.
- Jon will follow up on potential topics for future meetings. He requested that members share their ideas with him by email.
- The Archives Committee is collecting paper documents. Because of possible difficulties in transferring paper documents, consider scanning these documents and sharing them with the committee.
- The committee discussed the possibility of some in-person meetings next year. Jon will survey the membership to determine interest.

Committee Reports and Discussions

- By-Laws, Joy Summers-Ables – Report by Ann Raia
 - Committee has not met; no report.
 - As chair-elect, she asked about staying on the committee. Habib said the Executive Committee and the members will need to decide.
- Cooperative Library Services and Standards, Jason Dupree – no report
- OK-Share, Stewart Brower
 - Toni received numbers from almost everyone and will have an official report ready in the fall.
- Website updates, Elaine Regier
 - January meeting minutes posted
 - Please review directory entries and send any updates to Elaine
- Cooperative Collection Development & Resource Sharing, Victoria Swinney and Stewart Brower (co-chairs) – no report
- Archives, Jenny Duncan – no report

Presentation of the Day - “Regarding Oral History Initiatives at OSU Library”, Sheila Johnson, Dean, Mary Larson, Associate Dean for Special Collections, and Sarah Milligan, Head, Oklahoma Oral History Research Program, Oklahoma State University

Sheila Johnson provided a history of their special collections. In the mid-1980s, they had some papers about University functions and some other special things, but there was no focus. They chose to create the Women’s Archives, a collection of materials about women in Oklahoma. In the late-1990s, they published a women’s almanac with the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

A new project was to collect oral histories of women who lived through the Dust Bowl. They hoped to interview 20-25 women, but about 100 participated both individually and in groups. Although many of the women were young girls, there were a few who were adults during the Dust Bowl. This collection is [Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry](#).

The [Oklahoma Oral History Research Program \(OOHRP\)](#) officially began in 2007. Since that time, they have received a top award from the Oral History Association three times. OSU is the only organization to earn this award more than once.

Mary Larson is an expert on the ethics of oral history. She became the first permanent department head for the program in 2009. One of her first tasks was to establish academic credibility so that the program would not be seen only as a repository. They held workshops, spoke with classes, and did public outreach to promote the program. They were involved with the Oral History Association and sent faculty to training at Berkeley and Baylor. They worked with Jan Davis at ODL and Chad Williams at the Oklahoma Historical Society as well as the Cherokee Nation.

Sarah Milligan is the current department head. The OOHRP is a collaborative effort on campus and statewide. The point is to fill in gaps to avoid duplication and to include voices from underrepresented groups. They consider when interviews may have been conducted and what groups may have been left out of those interviews. They also look at who they might be able to talk to now. This involves a lot of time for outreach. The bulk of the work with oral history is in the preparation for the actual interview to be certain it meets the goals of the community.

[ListenOK](#) is a recent project and shows what oral history is available beyond the OSU campus. Anyone with an oral history collection can be added to the site.

For every hour of interview, about 33 hours of time are involved. This includes time for research, travel, editing, transcribing, and making it accessible. It also includes time for participants to review recordings, video, and transcripts for accuracy. It costs about \$1100-\$1200 per hour of interview. This covers all people and processes involved. It takes about 1.5-2 years to complete the entire process.

There are training opportunities to help libraries get started on oral history collections, and oral historians are available for partnerships. OSU is also willing to speak with organizations wanting to start something like this.

Their [Oral History Collections](#) focus on people and topics with Oklahoma ties.

Links shared in chat:

Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry: Oklahoma Women in the Dust Bowl Oral History Project
<https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/dustbowl/>

Oklahoma Oral History Research Program (OORHP)
<https://library.okstate.edu/oralhistory/>

ListenOK
<https://listenok.library.okstate.edu/>

Berkeley Library University of California Advanced Summer Institute in Oral History
<https://www.lib.berkeley.edu/libraries/bancroft-library/oral-history-center/summer-institute>

Baylor University Libraries workshops for oral history
<https://www.baylor.edu/library/index.php?id=974437>

OSRHE Report – Dr. Debbie Blanke – no report

ODL Report – Melody Kellogg – no report

Announcements/Institutional Updates

Habib Tabatabai, University of Central Oklahoma

The campus is fully open, and they anticipate the fall semester to be back to normal.

Joy Summers-Ables, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

The campus plans to fully open August 1. They have sort of been operating since June 1 with reduced hours and staff, but the building has been closed. There are more students in the library now, and they are at full operation. There is still some concern about people coming while they are sick.

With the merger between the hospital and the University, the hospital is now branded as OU. Most of the clinical faculty are now on the health side, and this leads to questions about who has access to campus, as well as library resources.

Kaitlin Crotty, Rogers State University

She is serving as interim director now that Alan Lawless retired. The campus is trying to return to normal. The library is processing board games for their game collection to use during quarterly game nights and to circulate. The library received a donation of laptops to loan to students, and they are updating circulation policies for this. She requested advice on circulation policies for technology.

Dana Belcher, East Central University

They fully opened in mid-May. Most summer classes are online, so there are not many students. There are department changes. The media services librarian resigned, and this position has been updated to digital services. The position will handle digitization and the digital humanities lab. They also hired a new assistant with an MLS from San Jose State and hope to move her into a librarian position. There has been a problem getting people to apply for open positions. Their laptops include GPS tracking. Three laptops had not been returned even after multiple notices. After one week, the laptops are reported as stolen, and the GPS provider locks them down. All three laptops were found. IT pays for the tracking service, but it has paid for itself. She will share a document about this. It outlines the responsibilities for the library, IT, and the campus police. Former library director Adrianna Lancaster retires July 1.

Lee Anne Paris, Oklahoma Christian University

The library has reduced summer hours, which is normal. The campus plans on full face-to-face classes in the fall with minimal protocols in place. They have done some minor renovations such as adding electrical outlets and are working on deselecting periodicals to eliminate duplications between print and online.

Tony Hardman, Oklahoma Panhandle University

When the snow melted in February, the roof was damaged and caused serious flooding in the library. The roof has now been repaired. They are in the process of remodeling the damaged areas. Books were removed, but shelving was moldy and must be replaced. In the process of completing the roof repairs, the parking lot was ruined.

Elender Shirley, Langston University

They will be open 100% in the fall. The writing lab will relocate to the library. The Black Heritage Center is on the road to becoming a Literary Landmark in the spring.

Jon Goodell, Oklahoma State University-Center for Health Sciences

The first class of 54 medical students at the Cherokee Nation campus in Tahlequah finished their first year in May. The campus has a branch library with one librarian who is leading a book club for staff and faculty with guest speaker for the book *Killers of the Flower Moon*. The Graduate Certificate for Medical Sciences program has 60 students that started at the beginning of June. This is the year-long getting ready to apply for medical school program. The 26-month Physician Assistant master's degree program begins in July with an initial 25-member class. They are close to hiring for a new position - Librarian for Research Services. This position will support the Office of Medical Student Research and administer and train new users on the REDCap research survey system that the Medical Library administers.

Elaine Regier, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City

Dr. Scott Newman is the new president and will be starting soon. Campus is mostly open as normal. The library has not returned to normal business hours because of reduced staffing. They will be analyzing data to determine the new normal for library hours.

Jason Dupree, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

The library is getting back together following the renovations. General Tom Stafford is pleased with the collection of his materials. Shortly after General Stafford's visit, a Russian professor from OU came to propose some partnerships with students and some institutions in Russia and the Ukraine. The Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor had a tour of the library. The new provost is Dr. Joel Kendall and begins on July 1. SWOSU received the largest donation in the history of the campus from pharmacy alumni. Most of the money will be used to establish a rural health center on campus. Additional funds will provide scholarships to students enrolling in the pharmacy program. The following link includes additional information about the donation.

<https://www.swosu.edu/news/2021/2021-06-15a.php>

Final Announcements and Comments

Habib reminded everyone to enter their attendance in the Google Doc. He thanked the OSRHE technical team for their support today as well as through the year. He also thanked the executive team and members for their support during his term as chair. He announced the new members of the executive committee.

Jon Goodell, Chair

Ann Raia, Chair-Elect

Elaine Regier, Secretary

Karen Haught, Member-At-Large

Dana Belcher, Member-At-Large

Habib Tabatabai, Past Chair

He turned the meeting over to Jon as the new chair 2021-2022.

Jon thanked Habib for his service as chair. He will send information through the listserv about meeting dates and asked that everyone confirm their contact information in the directory. Jon will also gather opinions through the listserv about in-person vs. virtual meetings for the future. The changeover meeting may be a good one to hold in-person.

New Business - none

Habib moved that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elaine Regier