



## Call for Proposals: SOHA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, March 27-29, 2020

The Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA) will host its annual conference with the theme of *Home(Lands) and Oral Histories of (Re)Vitalization* on March 27-29, 2020, at the Lied Library on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). *Home(Lands)* is a timely platform for the conference, as SOHA returns to its institutional home at UNLV. *Home(Lands)* also reflects major issues in Nevada such as the possible reinstatement of the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, the Southern Nevada Water Authority's controversial and repeated efforts to gain groundwater rights from valleys to the distant north of Las Vegas, and the continued presence of open pit mining in the entangled boom/bust continuum that powers so much of rural Nevada economies. This call stresses the question of the rights and the meanings that inhere in claims to and experiences of home, acknowledging the voices of those claiming their home. Since time immemorial to our present-day in the Southwest and beyond, vicissitudes of harmony and tensions about understandings of home and belonging in terms of the national and international imaginary persist. *Oral Histories of (Re)Vitalization* refer to the vitality and the struggles surrounding the value—at times, valuation—of life, both human and nonhuman. Homelands are the center of life, which oral histories encapsulate and express as ways to revitalize and support thriving beings.

We invite all oral historians, scholars, students, teachers, community members, and others to submit proposals for presentations and/or sessions that feature oral history research and offer insights on methodologies and practices. Although we encourage proposals that address how oral history and oral traditions create and affect communities' senses of home and vitality, all proposals (both full sessions and individual presentations) are welcome and will be reviewed.

Proposals should include the names, affiliations, and preferred contact information of participants, a one-page CV for each presenter, the titles of sessions and papers/presentations, and a brief abstract of each presentation/paper (no more than 250 words per abstract) along with a brief summary (30-40 words) of the full session if applicable. Indicate if your presentation requires the use of technology (A/V). Please submit your complete proposals as a single PDF via email to [soha2020conf@gmail.com](mailto:soha2020conf@gmail.com) by **January 6, 2020**. Thank you, and we look forward to your submissions!

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