

Learning and Life at Rhodes: An Oral History Project  
History 250-3  
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Term I, 1998-99

History 250 is an experimental course designed to introduce you to the problems and possibilities of oral history. Primary emphasis will be placed on conducting interviews with graduates of Rhodes College; you will also be expected to use the archives of the College, located in Burrow Library. Our class will work as a research team--collecting evidence, sharing information, writing short papers on particular aspects of Rhodes' history, and in the end pooling our resources in order to develop a comprehensive view of learning and life at Rhodes between 1925 and 1975.

Requirements:

- 1) Conduct ten interviews, to be transcribed or summarized in 2-3 pages [25%]
- 2) Write two papers, 5-8 pages, based on interviews presented in class [50%]
- 3) Term paper on an assigned topic, 10 pages [25%]

Office hours: MW, 10:30-11:30; TTh, 1:30-2:30. Clough 315.

August

27 Introduction

September

- 1 Southwestern before and at Memphis  
Rhodes, 4-24, 33-36.
- 3 Religious Studies at Rhodes  
Stephen Haynes - Meeting at 4:30
- 8 Panel of graduates, 1925-1975

- 10 Designing Oral Interviews  
Rhodes, 45-64.

September

- 15 Discussion: Princeton in 1920  
Fitzgerald, This Side of Paradise
- 17 Panel of graduates, the 1930's
- 22 Discussion: The Impact of the Depression
- 24 Discussion: Fitzgerald and Modernism
- 29 Panel of graduates, the 1940's  
Submit first interview from the 1930's

October

- 1 Discussion of interviews
- 6 The Impact of Depression and War
- 8 Attend Alumni Art Opening on Friday, October 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Submit second interview from the 1940's
- 13 Panel of graduates, the 1950's  
Submit first paper based on interviews of 30's and 40's
- 15 Discussion: The Conformist and Restless 1950's

- 20 FALL RECESS
- 22 Discussion: 1950's interviews  
Submit summary of 1950's interview
- 27 Discussion of Homecoming interviews
- 29 Submit two interviews of alumni from outside of Memphis

### November

- 3 Panel of Graduates: 1960-1968
- 5 Discussion: The Civil Rights Movement and the South
- 10 Presentation of interviews  
Submit two interviews from the 1960's
- 12 Video: At the River I Stand  
Paper due on comparison of 1950's and early 1960's
- 17 Panel of graduates: 1968-1975
- 19 Discussion: Young People and the Counterculture  
Gilliland Lecture - 8:00 - Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago  
Friday, Nov. 20 - 11:30 or 1:50 - Nussbaum and Roger Shattuck
- 24 Presentation of interviews  
Submit two interviews from 1968-1975
- 26 THANKSGIVING

### December

- 1 Discussion of term paper topics
- 3 Discussion of term paper topics
- 8 Presentation of paper topics
- 12 PAPER DUE, 5:00