Greetings to all SOHA members! And what a busy Spring it has been! Our April 3-5th Annual Conference in Tempe, Arizona showcased a wide variety of sessions, morning and afternoon, including:

- “Politics, and Power.”
- “Immigration and Migration.”
- “Not Going Home: Politics, Memory, and the Challenge of the and Political.”
- “Building Las Vegas: Building a Model for the City of Now and the Future.”
- “Un-Erasing the Voices of Ethnic Communities in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands.”

Among the keynotes this year was Caryll Batt Dziedziak, an interdisciplinary scholar, activist, and author of ¡Chicana Power! Contested Histories of Feminism in the Chicano Movement.

Throughout the April 27-29 weekend, there also are innumerable times and opportunities for relaxation, unanticipated conversations, renewed acquaintances, and the joy of immersing ourselves in Elevating Voices: Oral Histories of Resilience and Unity. Please join us at SOHA2018. We look forward to seeing and greeting each one of you in Fullerton.

Till then, carry on the struggle to preserve and elevate those silent voices that give life to the field of history.

See you very soon!

Juan D. Coronado and Marcia M. Gallo,
Co-Presidents
Southwest Oral History Association is a collaborative network with whom I’ve had the privilege of working as a board member since 2015. As an active community of leaders, I am in awe at how each year we come together in one of our networked states to host a conference. I have been working with our Co-Presidents Marcia Gallo and Juan Coronado to build on an idea we had as a board to host this year’s event in SoCal. This year’s #SOHA2018 will be held at CSUF, Fullerton with partnership with the History Department and Larry de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History (COPH). Dr. Cora Granata has been our liaison along with Sierra Sampson, who is the COPH/SOHA Intern. I am also grateful for the guidance of Rachael Amaro. Their insight into campus facilities has made this event possible.

The Local Arrangements committee has prepared a wonderful list of places to dine and visit during your stay. Those of you who will be flying into John Wayne Airport you will find an exhibit titled “In Good Taste” which has been on display February 2018 and will go through June 2018. This topic will coincide with Allison Varzally, Professor of History at CSUF on “Fish tacos, Tamales, and Potato Balls: Realizing Immigrant Cultures and Entrepreneurship in Southern California’s Restaurants” at Saturday’s Session V: 3:15-4:45 pm. Our Program Committee received so many wonderful panels that I’m certain will inspire your own work! They have remained very active in meeting to prepare a phenomenal program thanks to the great work of Farina King and Juan Coronado. The award luncheon will be a wonderful time to celebrate our scholars and leaders in the field.

You will find the Marriott Fullerton’s accommodations to be outstanding. They offer wonderful outdoor spaces to relax and connect, including a pool for after hours. The conference presentations will be steps away from the Fullerton Arboretum that has the Heritage House and a living history program. Fullerton Arboretum OC Agricultural and Nikkee Heritage Museum will be exhibiting “Botanical Delights of the Arboretum” which is a watercolor exhibition by CSUF Art Students. This show will run April 14th - May 13, 2018 with an opening reception on April 29, Sunday 2-3:30 pm, after our conference concludes. This stellar conference planning team looks forward to hosting us in April. I’m certain that the spring weather, beautiful campus facilities, and passionate SOHA attendees will make this a memorable event.

Thank you Virginia Espino, Marcia Gallo, Franklin Howard, Ben Cawthra, Cora Granata, Natalie Navar, Keri Marken, Sara Long, and Janelle Vannoy who met with us in Fullerton to ensure our meeting’s success. I appreciate COPH’s Director, Natalie Fousekis who spoke with me last June to begin discussing ways they would be able to work with SOHA. I appreciate History Department Chairs Nancy Fitch and Kristine Denneh who supported this collaboration. Your leadership helped me strengthen my love for history during my graduate studies at CSUF. I am now practicing Archival Science in Orange County because of your training. Thank you!

For more details follow the events leading up to the conference at #SOHA2018 or our news blog, sohanews.wordpress.com.

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Miyiiha! “Hello” in Tongva
Farina King

Southern California is one of the most populous regions in the United States and world, where many diverse peoples have gathered, lived, and forged their stories since ancient time. SOHA2018 will meet in the homelands of the Gabrieliño/Tongva who have dwelled in the region since time immemorial. We are honored that Tongva elder and educator Julia Bogany will be addressing us during the opening reception to provide us context through a general sense of oral histories about the lands and communities that she knows so intimately. We have an excellent program thanks to scholars, community members, and our collaborators who will be coming together from different parts of the country to learn and engage with each other under the common theme of “Elevating Voices: Oral Histories of Resilience and Unity.” Our program highlights local, national, to world historical developments and matters all tied to oral histories.

A student mingle will be introduced and posters as well as announcing the Presidents’ Fund this year. We also are excited for the Introductory Workshop on the Craft of Doing Oral History with our distinguished co-sponsor the Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History at California State University, Fullerton. We look forward to seeing you all in Fullerton soon! Please invite and share this newsletter and the updates about the conference with friends, family, and associates.