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Frances Ryan, wearing her Bay Bridge toll-taker's uniform, was interviewed for ROHO's Bay Bridge Project

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When Joseph Marshall, Jr. started his teaching career in the San Francisco public schools in the early 1980s, he was appalled at what he found - high rates of truancy and drop outs, poor performance of students who did attend, and with the growing crack epidemic, many young people turning to lives of crime, or worst yet, being gunned down in the streets. So Marshall and an equally concerned fellow teacher, Jack Jacqua, decided to do something about it. ([Read more](#))

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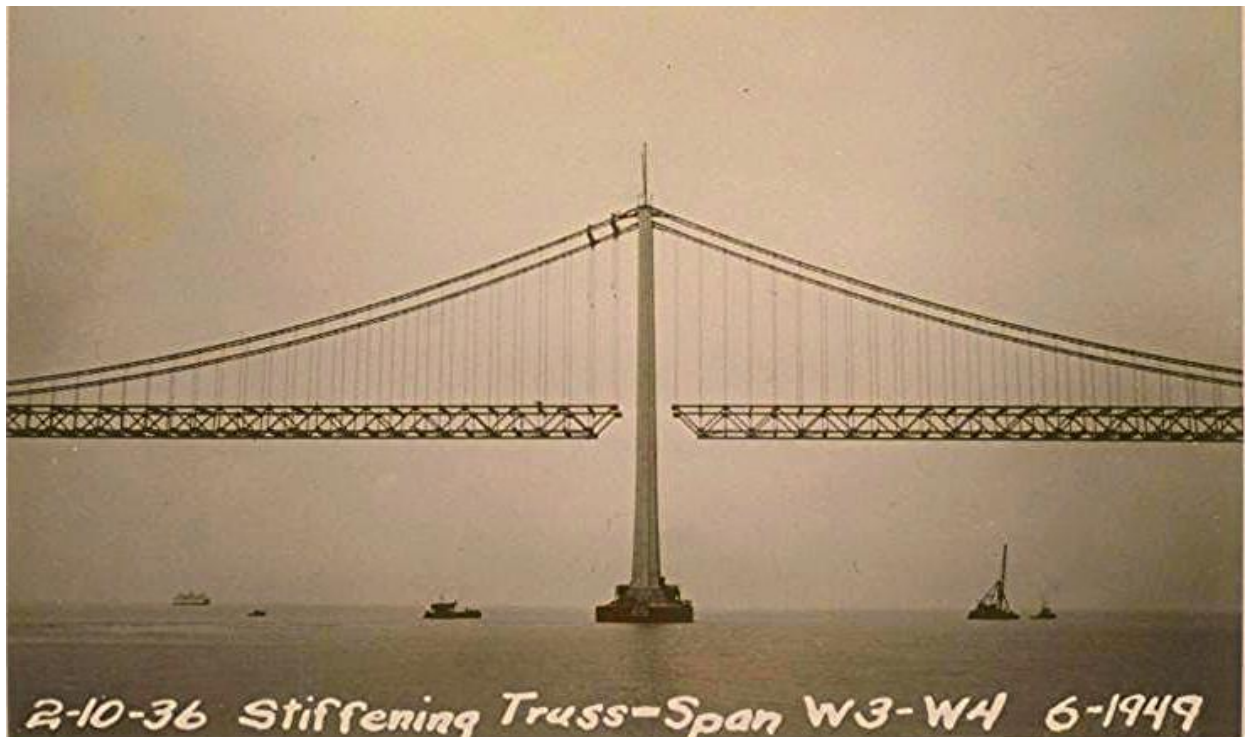
**ROHO Welcomes New Historians:
Shanna Farrell and Paul Burnett**

For the first time in nearly 10 years, ROHO conducted an open search for historians to join our team of interviewers this past spring. We received 85 applications for the positions -- and we were astounded by the quality of the scholars who wanted to work with us. After a thorough series of telephone and on-campus interviews, ROHO

enthusiastically offered positions to Paul Burnett and Shanna Farrell. Please join us in welcoming these two oral historians to ROHO! Click through to read their short bios, and check the article below, in which Shanna tells us a little more about what attracted her to ROHO in the first place. ([Read more](#))

ROHO's Bay Bridge Oral History Project Completed Generates A Huge Amount of Media Attention

Following a decade of planning and over a decade of construction, the new eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened to traffic this past Labor Day weekend. Not surprisingly, news coverage of the opening was constant, covering everything from engineering problems with the new span to the infamous steel troll who lives on the old eastern span (added by welders to 'protect' the bridge after the 1989 earthquake). ([Read more](#))



The western span on the Bay Bridge under construction in February 1936

Shanna Farrell Looks Forward to Her Work with ROHO

I first became aware of ROHO during the time in which I was graduate student at Columbia University working towards my Master's Degree in Oral History. I am interested in environmental history and environmental justice issues and I came across various interviews that Willa Baum had conducted with William R. Gianelli, Harvey Banks, and Thomas J. Graff on California Water Resources under the series in Natural Resources, Land Use, and Environment. Not only was I impressed by Baum's interview style, she also was one of the first people to investigate the environment in oral history. I used her work to guide my own project and feel fortunate to have been introduced to ROHO in such a way. ([Read more](#))

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Leaking National Secrets Then and Now: Ben Bagdikian on the Pentagon Papers

Chelsea (née Bradley) Manning and Edward Snowden, who recently leaked millions of bits of data exposing cover ups by the military and the wholesale gathering of personal information of US citizens, have touched off a fierce debate on the public's right to know and the state's right to secrecy on issues of national security. A similar debate dominated American discourse more than 40 years ago... ([Read more](#))

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Advanced Oral History Summer Institute

Good news! After taking off 2013, the ROHO Advanced Oral History Institute will return in the summer of 2014 with an engaging, up-to-date, and much improved new week-long program. We will send out more information about this always-sold out event to subscribers to this newsletter before the end of the year.

Class of '31 Annual Oral History: Call for Nominations

Nominations for the 2014 "Class of '31 Oral History Interviewee" are now open! We invite people to nominate a UC Berkeley faculty or staff person who has made a significant contribution to the life of the campus. The person selected will be invited to participate in an oral history interview conducted by our office. The 2013 "Class of '31" interviewee was Professor Laura Nader -- her interview transcript will be released in the coming weeks. Submit nominations [here](#)

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Coming Up

And stay tuned for...

In the coming months, check back to the ROHO website for the release of our highly-anticipated interviews, including the first 4 interviews of the **Asian Art Museum Oral History Project** as well as life history interviews with longtime San Francisco politico **Hadley Roff**, Professor **Laura Nader**, ROHO's 2013 "Class of '31" interviewee, and Professor **Randy Schekman**, winner of the *2013 Nobel Prize in Medicine*.

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