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**From the Director: ROHO/Oral History Center Receives Major Endowment**



Pete Bancroft, great grandson of  
Hubert Howe Bancroft, and  
benefactor of oral history at Berkeley

We are excited to announce a new \$2 million endowment to fund the directorship of the Oral History Center (the new name of the Regional Oral History Office). Named for former Bancroft Library director Charles B. Faulhaber, the funding will be used to support the director's position and the office's general expenses, including the procurement of new projects.

The story of this endowment is rooted in the passion and generosity of Paul "Pete" Bancroft III, a descendant of the library's namesake, Hubert Howe Bancroft, and prominent Bay Area venture capitalist and philanthropist. [[Read more](#)]

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**ROHO in Action**

**ROHO Commemorates 50 Years Since the Free Speech Movement with a Major Oral History Project**



Fifty years ago this week, the Berkeley campus of the University of California was rocked by the Free Speech Movement (FSM). The Regional Oral History Office (ROHO) has made available nearly 40 never-before seen interviews that recount the experiences of a cross section of participants in or witness to the events, including: student leaders and the lawyers who defended those

disciplined and arrested; faculty who were in favor of and others who vehemently opposed FSM; ordinary students who as one freshman noted, were "trying to figure out what was going on. People were really caught by how important this was and trying to sort out the adult world response to it. You knew that this was a big deal." Because of repeated massive demonstrations-10,000 students surrounding a police car in the middle of Sproul Plaza; 800 people occupying the central administration building-Berkeley drew national attention. In the words of one interviewee, a journalist who covered the FSM for the nation-wide Collegiate Press News Service: "FSM opened up everything-just blew out the tubes of being able to move large amounts of information across the country. It wasn't exactly that Berkeley was the first place where this mechanism kicked in [political protest] but it was the place where it went critical."

### **Announcing a New 2-Day Oral History Workshop for Everyone**

We are proud to launch a new 2-day oral history workshop that is designed for the person who is interested in learning the practice from ground-up. This workshop is conceived of as a companion initiative to the more in-depth Advanced Oral History Summer Institute, which typically attracts scholars and professionals with specific research projects in mind. The new Spring Workshop will focus on the "nuts-and-bolts" of oral history interviewing, including project planning, interviewing techniques, transcription, recording equipment, and preservation. The workshop will include instruction from our seasoned oral historians but also plenty of hands-on practice exercises. Although space is strictly limited, everyone is welcome to attend the workshop, including community-based historians, teachers, genealogists, public historians, and students in college or grad school. The two-day workshop will be held on Friday March 13th and Saturday March 14th, 2015 on the UC Berkeley campus. The cost is \$225, which includes a take-home oral history manual. Registration is open now [here](#).

### **2014 Advanced Oral History Summer Institute a Resounding Success!**

When I started with ROHO last year, one of my first assignments was to plan the 2014 Advanced Oral History Summer Institute. After months of planning, we welcomed over thirty-five participants from around the world to campus. We had an excellent group of participants with an interesting array of project topics. The week's structure was

organized through the lens of the "life cycle of the interview" and we covered topics like method, theory, legal and ethical issues, project planning, the art of the interview, project funding, and presentation. [[Read more](#)]



Participants and Faculty of the 2014 Advanced Oral History Summer Institute

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### **From the Archives**

#### **From the Archives: Professor Charles Muscatine on the Free Speech Movement**



Prof. Charles Muscatine

In October of 1999, a University of California symposium ("The University Loyalty Oath: A 50th Anniversary Retrospective") explored the loyalty oath fifty years after its imposition on university employees. Historians, university administrators, non-signers, bystanders all gathered in Berkeley for two days of reflective discussion on the meaning and consequences of this event in California. One of the symposium participants was Professor Emeritus Charles Muscatine. In 1949, he was a young assistant professor in the English department; he joined the stalwart Group for Academic Freedom, all of whom refused to sign the oath, and lost their faculty positions. "It was a violation of academic freedom as well as the Constitution. Besides, I had

an obligation to my students. How could I tell them to tell it as it is if I had signed something that went so much against my conscience?" [[Read more](#)]

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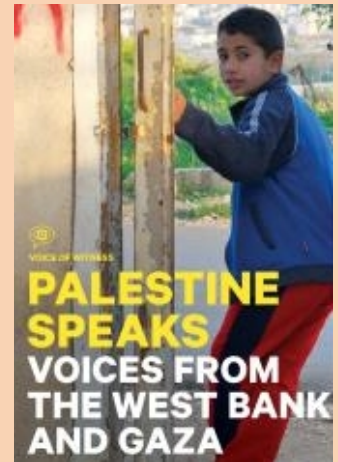
## News About ROHO

### **Event: Book Launch and Author Presentation: *Palestine Speaks: Voices from the West Bank and Gaza***

We are pleased to announce that we are co-sponsoring an evening public event with the Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism to celebrate the publication of the latest book from Voice of Witness: *Palestine Speaks: Voices from the West Bank and Gaza*. The event will feature the book's co-editors Mateo Hoke and Cate Malek in conversation with our very own Shanna Farrell. Please contact Shanna Farrell with any inquiries.

**When:** Wednesday November 19th; 5:30 for a reception and 6:00 for the conversation

**Where:** UC Berkeley, J-School Library, North Gate Hall



### **Save the Dates! New Spring Oral History "Starter" Workshop and Advanced Oral History Summer Institute**

Our new two-day Spring Workshop designed for those just getting started in oral history is scheduled for Friday March 13th and Saturday March 14th 2015. The dates for our 2015 Advanced Oral History Summer Institute are Monday August 10th through Friday August 14th. Announcements about registration for both events coming soon!

### **Nominations Open: the 2015 "Class of 1931" Interview in University History**

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 2014 "Class of '31" interviewee is Edith Kramer, former director of the Pacific Film Archive -- her interview transcript will be released early in 2015. Submit nominations [here](#).

### **Recent ROHO Interviews...**

In recent months ROHO has completed and released several interviews, which you might have missed if you don't follow us on social media. These interviews include: legendary West Coast bluesman [Jimmy McCracklin](#); sixteen interviews documenting [anti-apartheid protests](#) at Berkeley in 1985; and the several dozen interviews on Berkeley's [Free Speech Movement](#).

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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 with:

- The first five interviews documenting the history of **West Coast Cocktails**;
- **Art Gensler**, founder of what is now the largest architecture and design firm in the United States;
- former Berkeley assistant vice chancellor, **Dorothy Walker**;
- **Phyllis Cook**, a leader of San Francisco's Jewish community;
- **George Halvorson**, recently retired as CEO of Kaiser Permanente, one of the

largest providers of health care in the United States;

- **Keith Yamamoto**, Professor of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology, and campus leader, at UC San Francisco;
- Former Executive Director of The Sierra Club, **Carl Pope**;
- **Randy Schekman**, 2013 Nobel Prize winner in Medicine;
- Renowned metallurgist **Roshan Bhappu**;
- And the several interviews of the **Omega Boys Club Oral History Project**.

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