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## ***FALL MEETING AT GALLAUDET COLLEGE WILL HONOR FORREST C. POGUE***

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Gallaudet University, located in the North East section of Washington, D.C., will host the fall meeting of OHMAR on Saturday, November 1. The meeting will take place at Peikoff Alumni House, popularly known on campus as "Old Jim," the second-oldest college gymnasium in the United States.

The conference program is devoted to a celebration of the life and achievements of Dr. Forrest C. Pogue, who died October 6, 1996 [see OHMAR Newsletter XX:1, Winter 1997].

Dr. Pogue began his oral history career as a "combat historian/interviewer" when he accompanied American troops at D-Day and across the battlefields of Europe, for which he earned the Bronze Star and the French Croix de Guerre. A pioneer in oral history, Professor Pogue became George C. Marshall's official biographer, and he received numerous awards for his scholarly works on World War II and the Cold War. OHMAR created its annual Forrest C. Pogue Award in 1979 in order to recognize and promote high standards in the field of oral history.

Following registration and coffee, the program will begin at 9:15 a.m. with a welcome by John S. Schuchman, president of OHMAR. Ken Mandel of Great Projects Films will then present the keynote for the meeting. He will discuss his 1994 Emmy-Award-winning documentary "George Marshall and the American Century," focusing on his use of Dr. Pogue's oral history interviews with Marshall.

From 11 a.m. to noon, a panel will discuss Dr. Pogue's career achievements and share

personal anecdotes. The panelists will be Larry Bland, editor of the George C. Marshall papers; Benis M. Frank, chief historian of the U.S. Marine Corps; and Martha Ross, retired professor of history at the University of Maryland. Both Frank and Ross are past presidents of OHMAR and past winners of the Pogue Award.

A buffet luncheon will be served between 12:15 and 1:15 p.m. in the Kellogg Conference Center, located next door to Old Jim.

The first part of the afternoon will be dedicated to OHMAR business. Following the business meeting and election of officers, the OHMAR Board will present a resolution in memory of Dr. Pogue, which Dr. Stanley Falk will accept on behalf of Mrs. Pogue.

OHMAR will then present the Forrest C. Pogue Award to Sara J. Collins. Collins, a past president of OHMAR, was Virginia Librarian, including director of oral history and archives programs, at the Arlington (Va.) Library, from 1974 to 1996 [see p. 3 for more about Sara Collins].

From 2:30 to 4 p.m., attendees will have three options: a workshop on video oral history, instructed by Brien Williams; a workshop on oral history for beginners; and a tour of the National Historic District on the Gallaudet campus.

The meeting will close with a reception from 4 to 5 p.m.

For registration forms, see page 7. For further information about the meeting, call John S. Schuchman, 202-651-5474; or fax at 202-651-5652.

have taken advantage of the opportunity to visit all parts of our region, learn about excellent local oral history programs, and most of all become acquainted with all of you. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time when I called seeking another favor for OHMAR. Our officers, board members, committee chairs, and members have been exceedingly generous with their time and energy in behalf of the organization. Let me extend my best wishes to the incoming officers and board members. Thank you.

*John S. Schuchman*



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## NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE OHMAR CONSTITUTION

*[The original notice of this amendment was given in the last issue of the Newsletter; however, due to the small attendance at our business meeting at Washington and Lee University, the officers opted to table the vote until the fall meeting, where a larger attendance is expected. J.S.S.]*

In accord with Article VIII, Sec. 1 "Amendments" of the OHMAR Constitution, the Executive Council by unanimous vote proposes the following amendment [underlined and in brackets] to Article VI, Sec. 2 "Elections":

" Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of at least three members. This committee shall . . . . Nominations may also be made from the floor. [In the event of a contested election, the elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.]"

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### **Sara J. Collins To Receive Pogue Award at Gallaudet Meeting**

Sara J. Collins, who retired in 1996 after 22 years as Virginia Librarian of the Arlington Library, will accept the 19th annual Forrest C. Pogue Award at OHMAR's Fall Meeting November 1 at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C.

The award is bestowed for outstanding and continuing contributions to oral history and was created to recognize and promote high standards in the field of oral history.

Collins, who was president of OHMAR in 1977-78, has played an important role in numerous oral history activities in Northern Virginia. She continues to work with the oral history program of the Arlington Library.

In addition to OHMAR, she has served on boards or committees of the Oral History Association, the Historical Society of Fairfax County, and the Northern Virginia Association of Historians, of which she is currently editor of the newsletter. She has also served in every official capacity for the Arlington Historical Society, including the presidency, in 1984-85.

She has taught workshops and seminars for OHA, OHMAR, MARAC, the Virginia Library Association, and many others. She holds a B.A. degree from Albion (Mich.) College and an M.S. in Library Science from Catholic University of America.

**Save the Date!**

**April 4, 1998  
The OHMAR Spring Meeting  
at the Hagley Museum and Library  
Wilmington, Delaware**

oral history associations affiliated with the Oral History Association, and proposals for presentations in French from French-speaking Canadians. OHA policy prevents those who will present papers at the 1997 annual meeting from doing so in 1998; such individuals, however, may serve as session chairs and commentators.

Applicants must submit four copies of the following: for full session proposals, a one-page description of the issues and questions the session will address and a one-page abstract of each presentation; the name of the convenor; suggested commentator(s); and short vitae, including institutional affiliation, mailing address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for

each presenter. Individual proposals should include a title, one-page abstract of the presentation, and a short vita of the presenter.

For further information or to submit proposals, contact Debra Bernhardt, Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012. (212) 998-2640. Fax: (212) 995-4070. e-mail (queries only) [bemhrdt@elmer1.bobst.nyu.edu](mailto:bemhrdt@elmer1.bobst.nyu.edu)

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## OHMAR ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Oral History in the Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR) offers a limited number of workshops in collaboration with local groups and organizations on oral history theory and practice. As an organization dedicated to the promotion and improvement of oral history in the Mid-Atlantic region, OHMAR offers these workshops to introduce basic oral history techniques and technology to beginners and to provide continuing training to those already involved in the discipline. Workshop topics and programs are developed jointly with local groups. They may be general and introductory in nature or tailored to the specific needs and professional levels of sponsoring organizations. As a guide, groups may consider building a program around one or more of the following topics:

***A General Introduction to Oral History.*** A basic survey of fundamentals: setting up a project, equipment needs, doing interviews, processing tapes, the pros and cons of videotaping.

***Setting Up an Oral History Project.*** Detailed review of issues related to initiating and implementing a successful oral history project, including setting up advisory boards, time considerations, funding and budgeting, research, procedures, and equipment.

***Interviewing.*** How to prepare for and conduct oral history interviews. What to do before, during, and after interviews. Question preparation, equipment selection, tape processing, ethical issues.

***Processing.*** An overview of procedures for processing oral history collections, including accessioning, transcribing, cataloging, preservation, and access.

***Videohistory.*** Use of video and motion picture technology and materials in an oral history project. When and how to use video or film to best effect.

State and local groups within the OHMAR region are encouraged to apply for workshops. Preference will be given to organizations with limited resources and in locations distant from the population centers where OHMAR typically meets. Contact the OHMAR Workshop Committee for further details and an application form. Deadline for applications for 1998 is January 31, 1998. Address inquiries to Chairperson, OHMAR Workshop Committee, P.O. Box 2351, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. 20002.

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND FALL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

*To register for the Fall Meeting in Washington, D.C., or if your membership has expired, please return the following form with your check payable to OHMAR.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area(s) of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee (includes morning coffee and a buffet lunch):**

OHMAR member	\$30	_____
Senior/Student	\$20	
Nonmember	\$35	

**Lunch Preference (check one):**

Meat \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**OHMAR dues for 1997 (if not yet paid) or 1998:**

Individual	\$10	
Student/Retiree	\$ 5	
Institution	\$25	
Life Member	\$75	

**Total enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to OHMAR and mail to OHMAR, P.O. Box 2351, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. 20002**

**NAMES AND NEWS**

*Fill out the form below to report news or information that you wish to share with the OHMAR membership. We especially welcome information about persons and projects. If this space is insufficient, feel free to attach another sheet.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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