Capturing our Community's Voice with Multidisciplinary Approaches

Thu, October 13, 8:30 to 10:00am, Renaissance Long

Beach, Broadlind 1

Session Submission Type: Roundtable

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VIETNAMESE POPULATION

US: 1.7 million

• California: 581,000

Orange County: 135,862



U.S. Politics Had Major Role In Writing Vietnam's 30-Year History



"The a life long of that. The completeness therefore," But the Beginst Start Inches The Beginst Start Inches Metal I was fixed for " METALOPOLITAN ORANGE COUNTY'S WATCHFUL NEWSPAPER

Saigon Surrenders To Viet Cong

2 Refugee Jets Land At El Toro

War Just Something On TV For Refugees



Malpractice Pooling Bills To Assembly

Churches Preparing Biggest Relief Effort

S. Viet Troops Leave Defenses, Turn In Guns



Close Ranks, Forget

6,400 Leave Saigon For

War, Ford Asks U.S.

Bill To Repeal Milk Price Minimum Killed



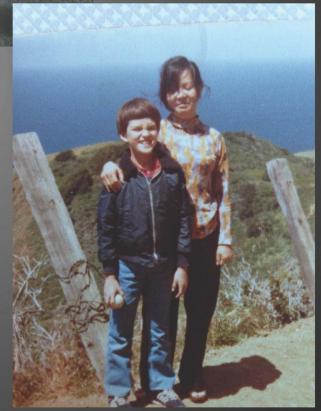
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PRE-1975





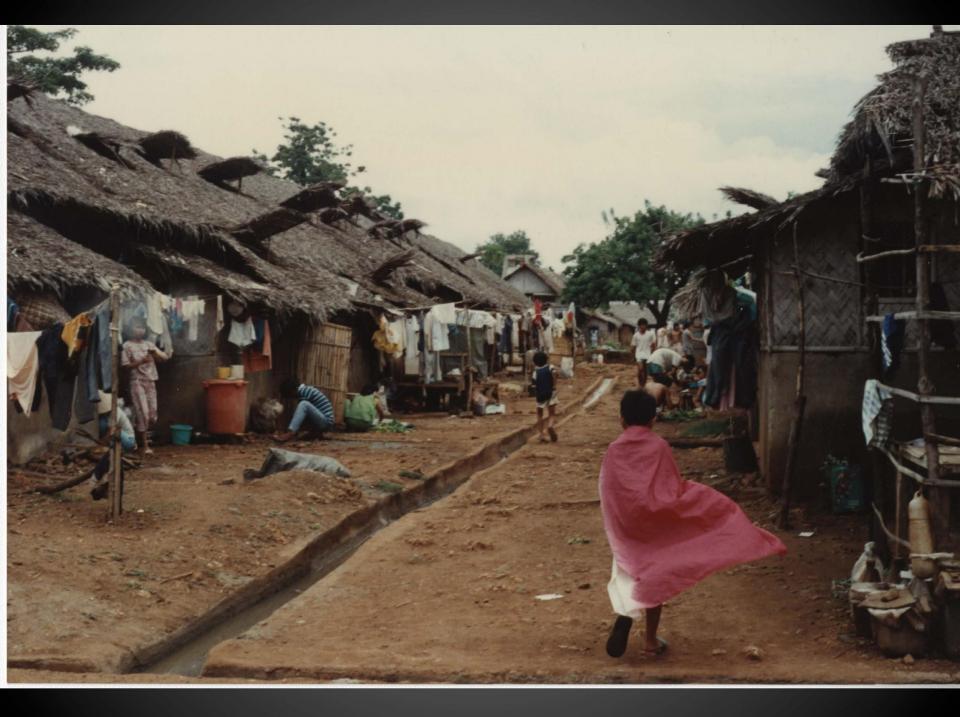








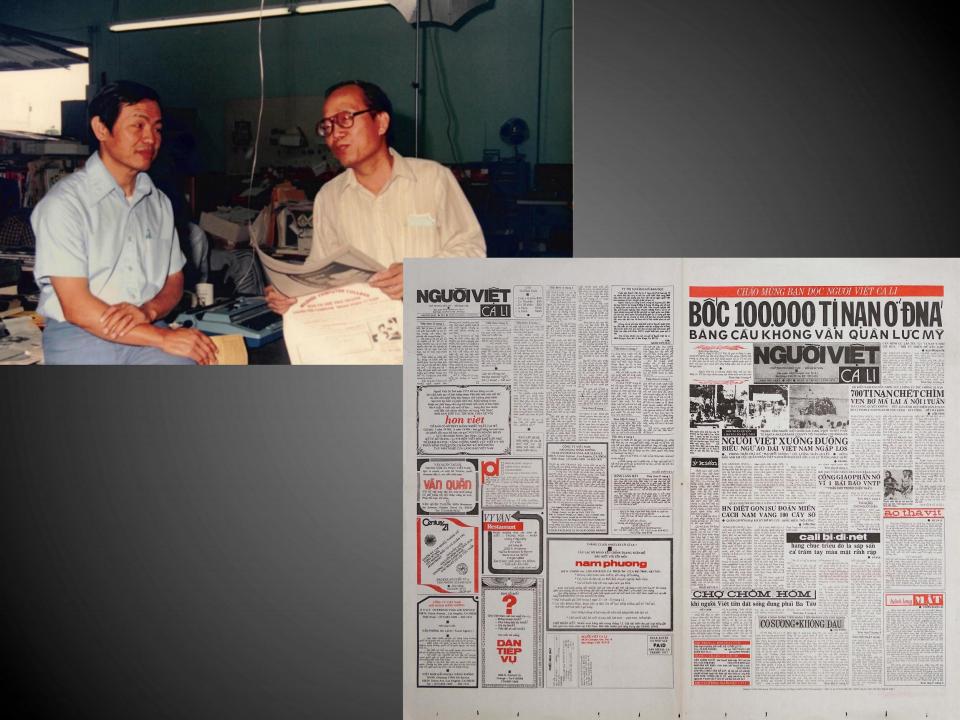




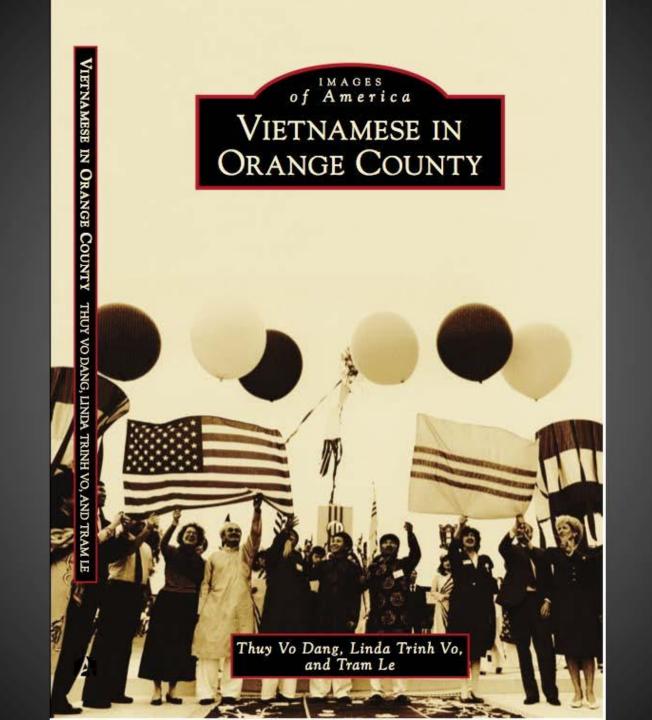














VIETNAMESE FOCUS generations of stories





Living Through **History**



Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia with a rich history and is renowned for its beautiful scenery and abundance of natural resources. It was under China's rule for over 1,000 years, colonized by the French for more than six decades, and occupied by the Japanese during WMI. When Vietnamese nationalists expelled the French in 1954, the country was divided into North and South Vietnam and approximately one million Vietnamese were displaced, moving from the North to the South. Connected to Cold War-era politics, the Soviet and Chinese-backed North and US-backed South engaged in a decade long civil war. During the Viet Nam War, about 58,000 US. military personnel lost their lives, while millions of Vietnamese soldiers and civilians were injured or killed. The South Vietnamese government surrendered on April 30, 1975 with the Fall of Saigon, which led to thousands of Vietnamese fleeing their country, fearful of the new receive, and in the next several decades, many more risked their lives to escape Vietnam.







"I had to evacuate when the French came, when the Japanese invaded, and when the war broke out."

- Nhon, 87 years old

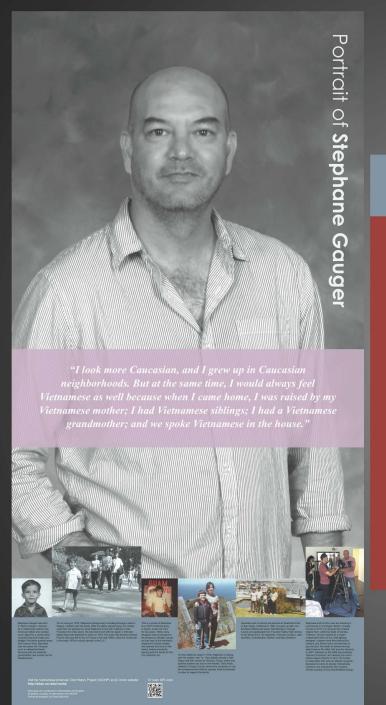












Life Story of **Dung T. Pham**





















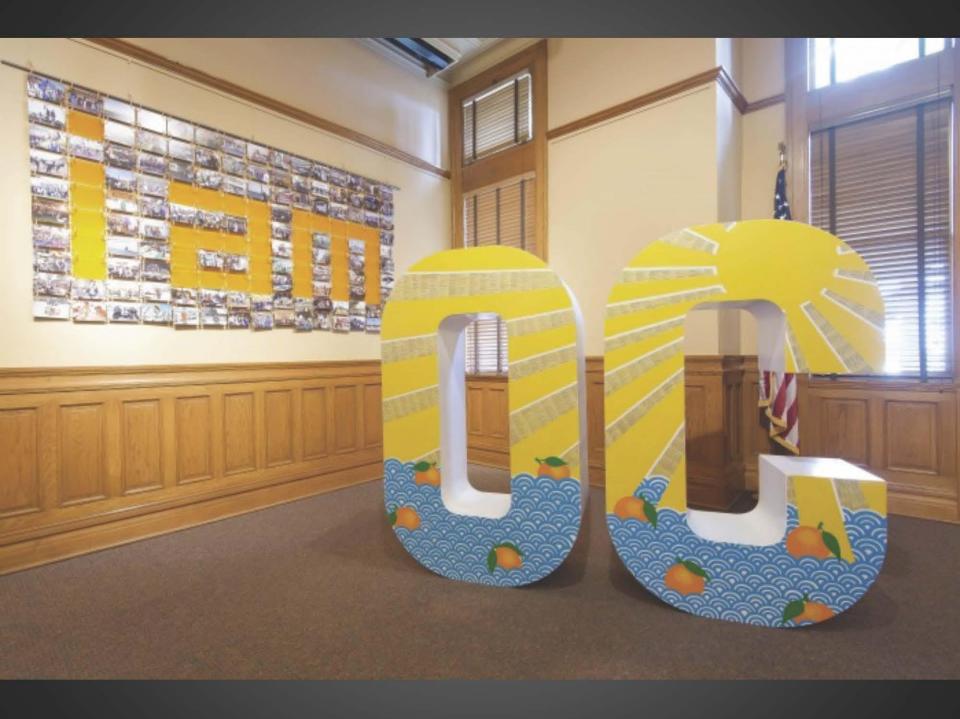














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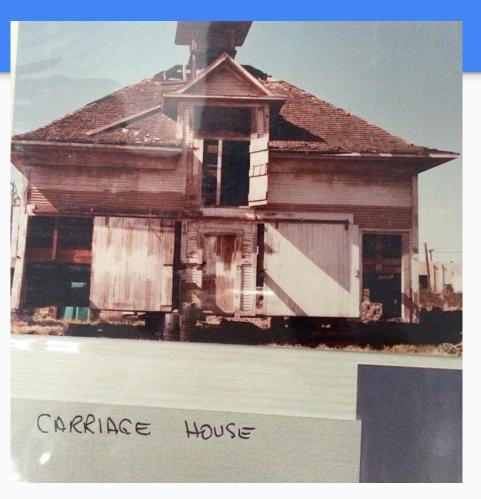
Kevin Cabrera, Executive Director Heritage Museum of Orange County

Heritage Museum of Orange County is a **cultural and natural history** center dedicated to **preserving**, **promoting**, **and restoring** the heritage of **Orange County** and the surrounding region through quality hands-on and minds-on educational programs for students and visitors of all ages.

Mission driven programs



Family Heritage





Maag Family





Kellogg Family







Kellogg House - 1898





Heritage Museum Platform

- Educational programs year around (16,594 students, 20,000+ including adults)
- Gospel Swamp Farm (Orange County Agriculture)
- 25+ Community and business collaborative partnerships (Santa Ana Unified, Cooper Center, Master Gardeners, Kellogg Garden Supply, CSUF, UCI, etc)
- Over 90 museum events each year (Citrus workshops, Family Literacy Fair, Dinosaurs to People: Reliving Orange County's Past, Juneteenth, Civil War Days, Lectures, Exhibitions)
- Oral History Project

Current programming





Community programs





Dads University







Lecture Series

Jewish Community

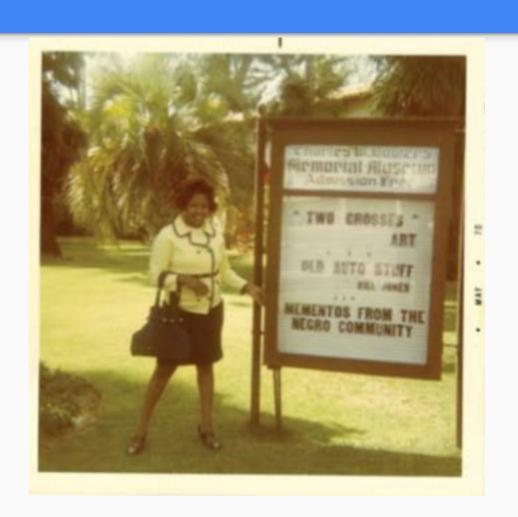
Mexican Barrios

Community Art (Murals)

Japanese

Agriculture

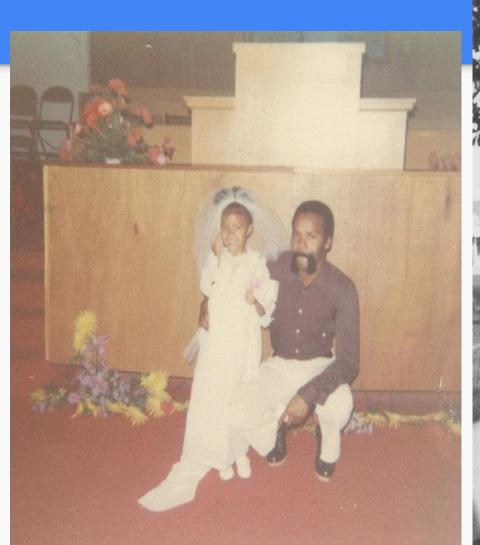
African American



Black Pioneer & Juneteenth









Agricultural stories

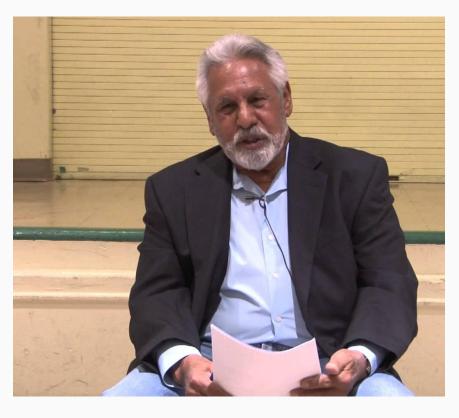








Social Justice





Otsuka Farm



Nick Spain



Emigido Vasquez



Why Oral History?

College provided the "light bulb" moment

Capturing personal narratives that shaped our community story

Methodology that transfers to career professional research projects

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Jennifer Keil, M.A. Museum Director | Balboa Island Museum California Delegate | Southwest Oral History Association

- SOHA California Delegate
- Asking, "who's our community?"
- Site visits with panelists





Museum & Balboa Community



- Volunteer based organization
- Education programs and tours year round Mayor Diane Dixon
- Events partnered with Visit Newport Beach
- Mayor Diane Dixon & City Partnership
- Newport Beach Library partnership with community lectures

White Family 1920s Home Video

Pioneer Families

W.S. Collins

Beeks and Whites



Collins





The Collins House, built by W. S. Collins, the developer of Balboa Island.



Joseph Beek

Tourism

- Red Line
- Ferry Service
- Bathing Beauty Annual Parade
- Chamber of Commerce posters



Fat Ferry: 1918-1930



Creating a Community

Lot prices



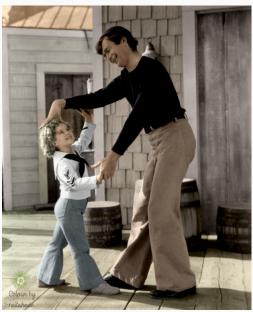
1910-- B&W photo of Balboa looking west from Pavilion



Hollywood History

Film stars who resided locally

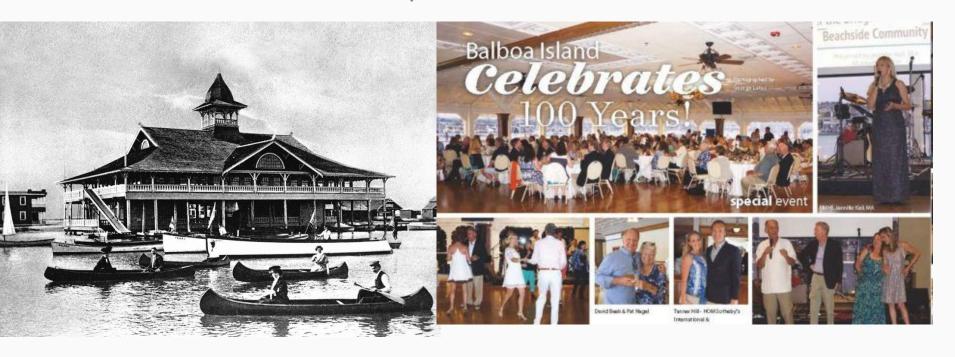






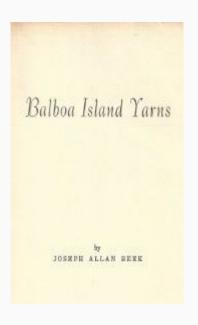
Centennial Celebration

Annexed into the city of Newport Beach in 1906 which was the same year the historic Balboa Pavilion was completed.

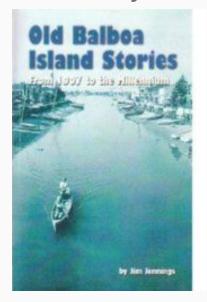


Oral History as a Primary Source

- Written history told as tales and stories
- Folklore is natural tool for community









Balboa Island Museum Legacy Project

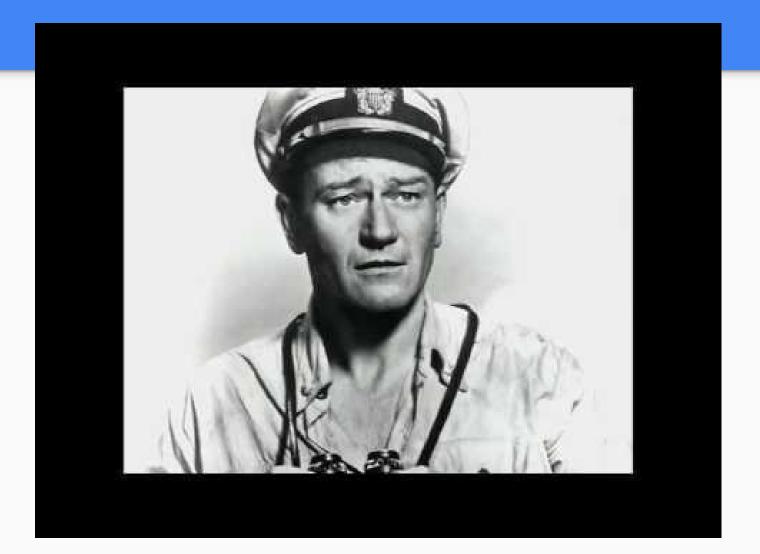
- "Over the Bridge" Oral History Project started in Fall 2011
- 40 interviews conducted that vary in length and quality
- Currently transcribing collection
- Focus on food culture, tourism, community events, Marine Ave. (main street), and Hollywood culture



Barry Meguiar



Legacy Project



Candidates



Balboa Island Museum Oral History Project

DIRECTOR Calling all locals who have lived in the area before 1970s to participate in the ongoing "Over the Bridge" Oral History project. Candidates are interviewed at the museum on Tuesday mornings.

CAMERA Contact the Museum Director, Jennifer Keil, at 949-365-6977 or jennifer@balboaislandmuseum.org for more information.

DATE	SCENE	TAKE
331 Marine Ave. Balboa Island, CA 92662	949.675.3952 balboaislandmuseum.org 501(c)3 non-profit organization	Museum Open: Wednesdays-Sundays from 10am-4pm

Digital Curation



- Media center
- Social Media: YouTube Channel, Facebook, and Instagram
- QR codes with displays with hyperlinks (PastPerfect)
- Oral History Meta Synchronizer (OHMS)-- future of project

Visit Balboa Island Museum





Museum: 10-4pm on Wednesdays-Sundays

Museum Store: 10-4pm Tuesdays-Sundays

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MUSEUM

STORE

Project Updates & Future Collaboration

- SOHA News Website:
 - sohanews.wordpress.com
- 35th Anniversary this Saturday



