

# Oral History Archives

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## **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

This collection has over 100 oral history interviews collected from Tompkins County residents between the years of 2015-2020. We are in the process of transcribing all interviews, and updating the collection to be more accessible for the public. Individuals interested in listening to any interview are invited to visit our Research Library during open hours or make an individual appointment.

*\*\*This document is being updated and does not include a full list of the oral history interviews available in our collections*

### **Local Sisters of Change – Fall 2019**

In collaboration with the Dorothy Cotton Institute and the Cornell Anthropology Department, undergraduate students from Cornell University explored the racial and social justice work of nine local women through oral history interviews.

#### Interviews with:

- Nancy Bereano
- Audrey Cooper
- Candace Edwards
- Marcia Fort Baum
- Leslyn McBean Clairborne
- Dr. Nia Nunn
- Dr. Patricia Rodriguez
- Amy Somchanhmavong

### **HERSTORY: Women's Oral History Project – Fall 2019**

Young women from the Tompkins County community explored local women's history, and each interviewed an adult woman in the community about their lives and work.

#### Interviews with:

- Ned Asta
- Betsy Darlington
- Cory Foster
- Elean Greenfield

- Liz Bogel Ryan
- Melissa Tuckey
- Yen Ospina

### **2019 Generation to Generation Oral History Project – Spring 2019**

Tompkins County youth explored the history of immigration in Tompkins County by conducting interviews with people who have immigrated to the United States, live in Tompkins County, and own a restaurant or food-related business (or whose parents/families owned the business).

#### Interviews with:

- Abner Argueta - Argueta's Coffee Roasting
- Addisu Gebre - Enat Ethiopian Cuisine & Coffee
- Adil Griguihi - Casablanca Pizzeria
- Akua Akyea - Mama Loye's Cafe
- Baldev & Kamaldeep Sekhon - New Dehli Diamonds
- Katherine Karakantas - Ithaca Diner
- Ed & Michael Mazza - Ithaca Bakery
- Dr. Md. Abdul Jalil - Ithaca Halal Meat & Grocery
- Ooy & Bonner Herren - Ithaca Thai Basil
- Tal Oron Cohen - Ba-Li Cravings

Additional oral history interviews have been conducted by youth and adult volunteers regarding narrators' lives and work in Tompkins County. Narrators include:

- Barry Derfel
- Kirby Edmonds
- Eniko Farkas
- Jim Gibbs
- Elsie Gutchess
- Gene Endres
- Fred & Pat Howe
- Rod Howe
- Bill Manos
- Mimi Melegrito
- Everett Morse
- June Morse
- Gay Nicholson
- Anne Rhodes
- Poppy Singer
- John Wertis
- Karen Yearwood