SlackWater
A Variety of Sources for One Oral History Repository

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SlackWater Oral History Archive

- 438 online transcripts
- CONTENTdm
- 558 interviews
- Variety of sources
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- Andrea Hammer was an English Professor
- Started as a Cultural Journalism Class
- Became two books....
- Became the SlackWater journal.....
- Became the SlackWater Center (Mellon grant and Maryland Historical Trust grant)
- Transferred the Oral History archive to the SMCM archive in 2004
- Professionally managed release forms / organization
- SlackWater covers both the Oral History Repository and the journal/center
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Julia King is an Anthropology Professor
Continues Cultural Journalism Class

Archivist gives a teaching session:
* release forms
* privacy
* how to record audio in lossless files (.wav/.aif)
* transcribing
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- Tearing down of Anne Arundel Hall
- SMCM hired a “contractual ethnographer”
- Archivist very involved with project

- Project was funded by........
St. Mary’s College of Maryland partners with Historic St. Mary’s City – 1634 colony
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- UCAC
  Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions
- Community effort
- Originals at the College of Southern Maryland – Southern Maryland Studies Center
- SMCM and St. Mary’s County Historical Society have copies
- Transcripts on our SlackWater site
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- Southern Maryland Folklife Project
- Grant from the Maryland Historical Trust
- St. Mary’s County sacred singing
- Charles County tobacco farming
- SMCM is the repository for this collection
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- Local Author

- Saw a newspaper article about a donation to the SMCM Archive

- His staff received training at the archive

- Uses the archive’s template for his Oral History release forms
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- **Archivist, Student Employees**
- **Taylor Schafer, Sullivan Scholarship**
- Interviewed 2 former SMCM presidents, the outgoing Library Director, etc.
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- Partners with Mulberry Tree alumni magazine
- Paul Reed Smith feature / interview
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