



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

The screenshot shows the website for St. Mary's College of Maryland. At the top left is the college's seal. The header is dark blue with the text "St. Mary's College of Maryland" in white. Below the header is a navigation bar with four links: "Digital Archives Home", "Browse All", "SMCM Archives Home", and "SMCM Library Home". A search bar is located below the navigation bar, with a "Search" button and a link to "Advanced Search". The main content area is titled "SlackWater Archive" and features a large red banner for the "SlackWater" journal. The banner includes a photograph of a dirt road winding through a field at sunset. Below the banner, the text reads "A Journal on Environmental and Cultural Change In Southern Maryland's Tidewater". To the right of the banner is a "Recent Additions" section, which displays two oral history interview entries: "Joseph S. (Jay) Guy : oral history interview" and "Paul Reed Smith : oral history interview". Each entry includes a small thumbnail image of the document's text.

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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.....



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-SMCM Facilities Department
- 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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