***SITE VISIT TO AN ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVE OR ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM***

Up to 5 extra credit points

Pick an oral history program or a repository that has an oral history collection. Contact the librarian or program manager and arrange for a site visit of about of 2-3 hours. Tour the physical facilities and assess the storage and preservation facilities. Ask about the acquisition policy, requirements for accepting oral histories into the repository, and cataloging system. Interview the program manager or archivist. Ask about access to oral histories. Ask if you can shadow that person for a few hours. Read or view some interviews. Ask questions that will give you a sense of real life solutions to all the issues we discuss in class.

Prepare a class presentation for Collaborate to describe and summarize your visit, and to evaluate the program/archive according to lessons we have learned in class. Fine to invite the curator or archivist to your online presentation.

More about the assignment:

* If you are interested in doing a site visit but don’t have a repository in mind, contact me and I may be able to help. I have lots of contacts in California and some contacts in other locations.
* Contact me by November 11 with an idea and your intention to do this assignment. OK to do the site visit any time, but the presentation will be at the end of the semester
* Ok to work individually or in a group of two

Present live on Collaborate to your classmates on December 4 as noted above.