

1st Call for Papers

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

18th ANNUAL NATIONAL ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Thabo Mofutsanyane District: Free State Province

13-15 OCTOBER 2021

“The world in troubled times: Oral History Challenges and Opportunities”

The conference is organised by the Oral History Association of South Africa (OHASA), in collaboration with the Department of Sport, Arts & Culture (National Archives and Records Service of South Africa) and the Free State: Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation.

“I regard Mrs [Charlotte Mannya] Maxeke as a pioneer in one of the greatest of human causes, working under extraordinary difficult circumstances to lead the people, in the face of prejudice, not only against her race, against her sex” described by W.E.B. Du Bois, intellectual giant of the 20th century

In 2021 Charlotte Mannya Maxeke would have turned 150 years of age, making the sesquicentennial a very important milestone in the historiography and collection of new research of South Africa. To compliment this milestone, South Africa is currently experiencing what some may call a women leadership crisis and gender-based violence against women. It is necessary to silence and reflect on the teachings of the giants of the 20th century.

This year’s theme hopes to contend with notions of celebration, commemoration and leadership as narratives of memory, to remember and reflect on our past and to understand the immense contribution of women particularly of Charlotte Mannya Maxeke. Scholars from various disciplines and oral history practitioners are welcome to probe and critically reflect on one of the cross cutting sub-themes below.

Sub-themes:

- Remembering Charlotte Maxeke
- Oral history methodologies and techniques
- Biographies and auto-biographies
- Everyday experience, memory and testimony
- Challenges concerning memory in conducting oral history
- Re-examining and re-writing history through oral history engagements
- Unlocking hidden stories and unspoken histories
- Teaching oral history
- Promoting oral history and engaging public awareness
- Archiving and preserving oral testimonies
- Oral history contributions to museums, heritage sites and tourism
- Oral history and transitional periods
- Oral history as a form of therapy



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- Oral history and indigenous knowledge systems
- Politics of the Corona Virus: Myths, realities, lies and controversies

Proposals are invited for contributions to the 18th National Oral History Conference. Although the conference is primarily academic, case study reports and other contributions are welcome. The contributions must be based on original work and have a clear focus on oral history. The envisaged end-product of the conference will be a publication of the proceedings. Interested contributors are encouraged to bring along to the conference paper that is photo-ready for publication.

NB: THIS IS AN ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE: PAPERS DELIVERED MUST BE BASED ON ORAL HISTORY RESEARCH, AND NOT ONLY ON PUBLISHED SOURCES.

If you are interested please send us a short proposal including:

1. An abstract of your paper or case study report (100-300 words)
2. The relevant conference sub-themes.
3. A short biography of yourself (50-100 words)
4. Your contact information (name and surname, affiliation, postal address, email address, email, phone and fax numbers).

The duration of presentation will not exceed twenty (20) minutes and this will be followed by ten (10) minutes for discussion.

It is our intention to publish refereed conference proceedings. The papers shall not be longer than 5000 words.

Deadline for proposals / abstracts is 16 May 2021

The conference organising committee will confirm acceptance or rejection of your proposal by **31 May 2021**

Full conference papers to be submitted by **13 September 2021**

NB. ALL PRESENTERS WILL NEED TO ARRANGE AND COVER THE COST OF THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ACCOMODATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

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<u>ABSTRACT OF YOUR PAPER OR CASE STUDY REPORT (100 – 300 WORDS):</u>
<u>SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF YOURSELF (50 – 100 WORDS):</u>