



**ORAL HISTORY
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Dear Ms. L'Hommedieu,

On behalf of OHA and the Elizabeth B. Mason Award Committee, I am pleased to inform you that "University High School Oral History Project" is the recipient of the 2017 Oral History Association Elizabeth B. Mason Award, small project category.

The committee noted the following about your exceptional project:

The Elizabeth B. Mason small project award winner is the University High School Oral History project (Voices of University High: 50 Years Later) directed by University of South Carolina associate professor of education, Dr. Christian K. Anderson and Andrea L'Hommedieu of the USC Office of Oral History. The project was collaboration between 35 graduate students in Dr. Anderson's Evolution of American Higher Education course and USC's Office of Oral History to design, develop methodologies and practices, and collect 35 interviews from alumni of University High in Columbia, South Carolina who attended the public laboratory school for teachers which operated from 1932 to 1966. All components except public access-- design and administration, research, training and instruction, interview collection and transcription, and a public-programming event-- were completed during the 2016 fall semester. Complete catalog records were created for USC Libraries' OPAC, and public access to the transcripts is available through the research room. The committee felt that the project was conducted and designed in a professional and scholarly manner, and is a valuable contribution to the history of education and laboratory schools in the U.S., and to the racially-separated experiences of schooling in the segregated South. As well, the project is a good model for academia as a workable and scalable example of the pedagogical potential for collaboration between the classroom, archives, and oral history and their respective methodologies to be leveraged into high-impact and experiential learning opportunities in a curriculum.

Congratulations on joining a distinguished list of former award winners. The award will be presented at the annual meeting Presidential Reception on Thursday evening, October 5 at the Mill City Museum. We look forward to celebrating your achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Boyd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Doug Boyd, President