



### **Postdoctoral Fellow for Oral History, Center for Presidential History**

The Center for Presidential History (CPH) at Southern Methodist University invites applications for a three-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Oral History, with potential for renewal or extension, to begin in August 2023. The CPH welcomes applicants from all fields, topics, and time periods in U.S. history, particularly those with academic and practical expertise in the field of oral history.

The successful candidate will exercise a leadership role for the CPH's research and work in the fields of oral history, documentary history, and digital history initiatives. In its first decade (2012-2022), the CPH has accomplished its work in these fields primarily through its Collective Memory Project, a filmed oral history of the life and times of the George W. Bush presidency. In its next decade, the CPH seeks to expand this work. This Fellow will play a leading role in organizing and shaping this future work, and will have opportunity to build on already-existing partnerships with professors, librarians, and students with the [Voices of SMU Oral History](#) project and in the [Clements Department of History](#). Responsibilities will span the breadth of CPH oral history initiatives, including design, management, recording, web-based presentation, and preservation.

The Fellow will have CPH support to pursue their own research and publishing agenda, and will be expected to participate in the general academic and public life of the CPH. The CPH is home to a vibrant postdoctoral fellowship program, supports research within and outside of SMU, and pursues ongoing public engagement through events, podcasts, and education partnerships. Fellows seeking teaching experience may have opportunity to offer courses through the SMU History department in their field of expertise.

Applications must be submitted electronically via Interfolio <http://apply.interfolio.com/127660> and should include:

- Cover letter outlining applicant's research agenda and experience in the fields of oral, documentary, and/or digital history
- Complete curriculum vitae
- Three letters of reference



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**Review of applications will begin on August 1, 2023.** To ensure full consideration for the position, all application materials must be received by this date. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. The search committee expects to begin conducting interviews with finalists via video conference promptly after the review date. For more information on the SMU Center for Presidential History, visit [www.smu.edu/CPH](http://www.smu.edu/CPH).

The Fellow will receive a competitive salary and benefits, annual funds to support research & conference travel, and opportunity to host a workshop for their book manuscript. Fellow must be in residence at SMU during the term of the fellowship and must have successfully defended their doctoral dissertation before the appointment begins. Preference will be given to applicants who have broad experience in the field of oral history, can independently work with interview subjects and our center's broader community, and for whom additional time and resources will culminate in the completion of a publishable book-length manuscript.

**Start Date:** August 2023

**Educational Requirements:**

- Ph.D. in History (defended by August 2023)
- Experience in the field of Oral History

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Hiring is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check.



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