



The Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground Oral History

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NEH ORAL HISTORY TALKS

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- **DATE:** Friday, November 15, 2024
- **TIME:** 10:00am-1:00pm
- **PLACE:** Room E-501

Oral History in Interdisciplinary Community College Pedagogy: Centering the Community in the Classroom (<https://oralhistory.commonsgc.cuny.edu>) is funded by the National Endowment of Humanities (NEH) for 2023-2025 to introduce oral history techniques to community college faculty's pedagogical practices.

Abstract: Prof. Jonhathan Thayer, Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, will discuss the public history project documenting the Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground. Collaborating with the Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground Conservancy and Queens Memory Project, Thayer worked with his students from 2016 to 2020 created multimedia public history projects and conducted interviews with Conservancy members as well as others connected with the site.

Abstract: Meral Agish will be introducing participants to the Queens Memory Project and leading a discussion on how to design and manage oral history projects. The primary focus of the talk will be on establishing a transparent project that respects the interviewees and considers long-term access to the interviews. This talk will be of interest to anyone interested in integrating Queens/neighborhood history or interviews into their pedagogy.

The presentations are open to the college and everyone in the college community is welcome to attend. For more information about the event, contact the project website (<https://oralhistory.commonsgc.cuny.edu>) or Thomas Cleary (tcleary@lagcc.cuny.edu / (718) 482-5434).