Fall 2015 Professional Development Elective Courses
May be taken for Graduate Credit or Professional Development Hours

HIST 601: Community-Based Oral History in the Public Schools
Dates: Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, 30 and Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $200 - Professional Development (15 Hours), $400 - Graduate Credit
Professor: Dr. Steve Hochstadt

We all do local history. Every time we ask a neighbor when their house was built, or talk about past generations of our families, or wonder when the center of retail shopping shifted from downtown to the big box stores, we are doing local history. We all do oral history, whenever we ask our family questions about the past. This course focuses on oral history as a research technique for doing local history.

Oral history is fun, it involves community members, and it can be done by students, even young students. Every community has many residents who store vast local historical information in their heads, which would eventually disappear if they are not interviewed. We will learn how to organize oral history projects for local communities, and then develop sample projects which can be accomplished by public school classes.

Course information and availability is subject to change.