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A Snapshot of April 2009

Although the month of April was somewhat less packed for the project's central coordination team, this did not seem to be the case for project members as a whole! For the Great Lakes of Africa Working Group and everyone who participated in the 15th commemoration of the genocide of the Tutsis of Rwanda, April was a very busy time. And that's without getting into the various other events... In the end, things did not quiet down very much at all!



Moe Clark, métis artist.
Photo: Justin Bromberg

UNTOLD HISTORIES

March 25-28

This rich program of artistic presentations put together by the Oral History and Performance Working Group and Teesri Duniya Theatre was a smashing success!

Congratulations to Maya Dhawan, Devora Neumark, Rahul Varma and the whole team!

To know more, I suggest that you check out the article written by Justin Bromberg, postproduction intern, which was published in the Hour weekly newspaper (www.hour.ca/news/).



Nisha Sajnani (in the middle) at the last National Council on Public History Conference, Providence, RI.

CONFERENCE

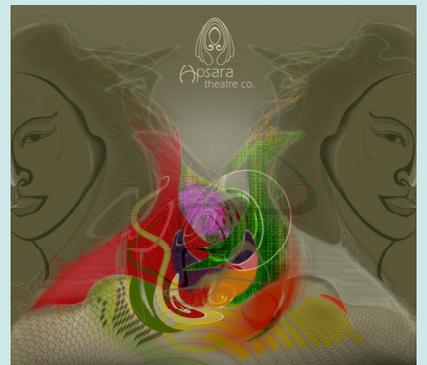
National Council on Public History April 2-5

Nisha Sajnani presented a paper discussing her work with the Living Histories Ensemble entitled, "The Archive and the Repertoire: Enabling Dialogue through the Performance of Difficult Past in the Montreal Life Stories Project".

Over 50 people listened to her presentation and expressed a keen interest in the *Montreal Life Stories* project. Congratulations Nisha!

15th COMMEMORATION of the Genocide of the Tutsis

Through their official launch which drew a number of politicians and public personalities, the flower ceremony, the youth evening and numerous other activities, the 15th commemoration brought a lot of people together: close friends and parents of victims, as well as sympathizers, shared moments of contemplation and reflection. Well done, members of Page-Rwanda and of the Great Lakes of Africa Working Group, for organizing all of this.



SOMEONE BETWEEN Public Reading

April 24

If you missed the public reading of this play, you can still see it performed by Chantria Tram, and directed by Milena Buziak, at the Monument National from the 15 to 17 of May.

The Interviews Continue

Up until now, almost 70 people have been interviewed: congratulations to all the interviewers and videographers!

You can always come to the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling (Concordia, LB-1042) to watch the interviews that you've conducted as you prepare for subsequent sessions. You are also welcome to watch interviews conducted by others.

Contact Sandra Gasana to make an appointment to do so: entrevue@alcor.concordia.ca



Interview from the Cambodian Working Group
Photo: Davith Bolin

PHOTOS

Another way to document your work:

Take photos of your interviews!

Feel free to borrow a digital camera when picking up your equipment and send us the resulting photos!

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Event of the Month

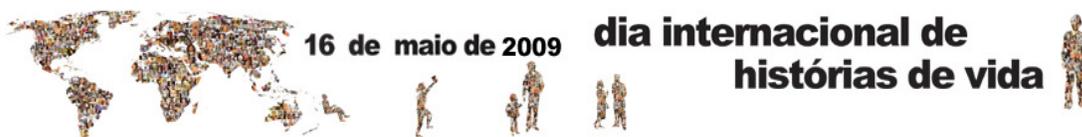
} **May 16th**
International Day for Sharing Life Stories
 Program to follow!
 To know more about this event: www.ausculti.org

Haiti: 40 Years Later

- } **Avril 27 to May 10**
Exhibition
 Webster Library, Concordia
- } **May 8, 5:30**
Opening Night
 De Sève Theatre, Concordia
- } **May 8 to 10**
Film screenings
 Theme: *The duty of memory*
 De Sève Theatre, Concordia

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EXHIBITION Haiti: Dictatorship, Resistance & Exile Under Duvalier						
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Film screenings						
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Not to miss in May!



The International Day for Sharing Life Stories

The 16th of May has been designated the **International Day for Sharing Life Stories** by the networks of the Museum of the Person and Digital Storytelling Centres. **Many countries** participate in this day: Brazil, Canada, the United States, Portugal, Denmark, the Czech Republic and Ireland.

This is the second year that the day is being celebrated, and the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling and the *Montreal Life Stories* project have a **full day of activities** for you!

Workshops, presentations, roundtables, exhibitions...this is a day not to miss!
 The program will be available shortly on www.lifestoriesmontreal.ca

A small meal to give a **big** thank you to our interviewers!

All interviewers are invited to a lunch at the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling on May 16th, during the International Day for Sharing Life Stories.

As a way of appreciating your exceptional work, we would like to offer this meal. Be our guests!

HAITI: DICTATORSHIP, RESISTANCE & EXILE UNDER DUVALIER

This month, the Haiti Working Group is pleased to present a special event to commemorate the experience of many Haitians that fled their country to escape the Duvalier regime. In honour of these men and women who sacrificed their freedom, and often their lives, in opposition to Duvalierist repression, you are invited to an exhibition of archival documents and to a series of screenings, over three days, of exceptional films that illustrate this troubled and troubling period of Haitian history, followed by a discussion-debate and a roundtable.

You will find the complete programme on our website: www.lifestoriesmontreal.ca