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Brooklyn Historical Society Introduces Puerto Rican Oral History Project Collection

Brooklyn, NY - Event Listing

WHAT:

Brown Bag Lecture: Stories from the Puerto Rican Oral History Project, 1973-1975

From 1973 -1975, the Brooklyn Historical Society interviewed over 70 people who migrated to Brooklyn from Puerto Rico in the years between 1917-1940. These narrators, born between 1890-1940, tell wonderful stories in English and Spanish about their steamship journey, family life, work life and establishing Puerto Rican civic and cultural organizations in Brooklyn. This amazing collection of stories is now available to be listened to in BHS's Othmer Library as well as at the archives of [Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños](http://www.centrodeestudiospuertorriqueños.org) at Hunter College.

Join BHS for a brown bag lecture as we introduce this important historical collection and play clips from the interviews with oral historian Sady Sullivan, archivist Chela Scott Weber and Columbia University student Amna Ahmad, who worked with BHS for over a year to carefully digitize this collection.

Read more about this BHS collection here: <http://brooklynhistory.org/library/wp/puerto-rican-oral-history-project/>

This event is part of the Mayor's Immigrant Heritage Week celebrations, April 15 – 21, 2010:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/imm/html/imm_heritage/imm_heritage.shtml

WHEN:

Friday, April 16, 2010, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Free and open to the public

WHERE:

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