

## *Equipment for Recording Oral Histories*

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### **Recommended Formats**

#### Recommended Video Format:

HD1080i video, 30 frames per/second  
MP4 or MP3 formatted  
MPG file

#### Recommended Audio Format:

Audio format (captured by camera): 16-bit, 48.kHz audio. MP3.

Audio format (captured with portable audio recorder): 16 or 24-bit, 48kHz,  
uncompressed audio (AIFF).

\*NOTE: Do not record oral histories for the Archives using For The Record, Digital Court Recording, or create FTR media files

### **Recommended & Approved Equipment**

#### Iphone or Android phone (versions 2014 and up)

#### Recommended camera:

Sony HXR-NX5U Professional Camcorder (or similar)  
or

Sony HVR-Z5U Professional HDV Camcorder

[http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/582905-REG/Sony\\_HVR\\_Z5U.html](http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/582905-REG/Sony_HVR_Z5U.html)

#### Recommended clip-on microphone:

Sennheiser EW-122PG3, SK-100G3 bodypack transmitter, ME4 lav, EK100receiver  
or

Audio-Technica ATW-1821 - 1800 Series Portable Dual Wireless Microphone

[http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/460224-REG/Audio\\_Technica\\_ATW\\_1821D\\_ATW\\_1821\\_Dual\\_Wireless.html](http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/460224-REG/Audio_Technica_ATW_1821D_ATW_1821_Dual_Wireless.html)

#### Recommended tripod:

Libec RS-250M tripod

or

Manfrotto 504HD Video Fluid Head & 546GB Pro Video Tripod w/Ground Spreader

[http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/735033-REG/Manfrotto\\_504HD\\_VIDEO\\_FLUID\\_HEAD.html](http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/735033-REG/Manfrotto_504HD_VIDEO_FLUID_HEAD.html)

#### Recommended portable audio recorder (for audiotaped interviews):

Zoom H4n Handy Mobile 4-Track Recorder

[http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/600761-REG/Zoom\\_H4N\\_H4n\\_Handy\\_Mobile\\_4\\_Track.html](http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/600761-REG/Zoom_H4N_H4n_Handy_Mobile_4_Track.html)

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