

Tool overview: TheirStory

TheirStory is a purpose-built application and dedicated online space specifically for facilitating, archiving, and making accessible meaningful conversations now, and for future generations. As an example, TheirStory enables individuals to generate questions that can be used to elicit audiovisual stories both in a multi-person video call as well as to create campaigns for eliciting stories from many individuals asynchronously. When it comes to collection, preservation, access & discoverability, and private/public use of materials, TheirStory is guided by oral history experts to ensure that the platform is grounded in ethical practices.

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GENERAL

- www.theirstory.io
- www.permanent.org
- www.aviaryplatform.com (example repository)

TESTIMONIALS

- Oregon Jewish Museum [short testimonial](#) on switching from Zoom to TheirStory
- Women Military Aviators [short testimonial](#) on using TheirStory
- [Recent LinkedIn Post](#) about The Black Frontline's using TheirStory to record the oral histories of 300 Black doctors and nurses across US, UK, and Ghana
- [St. Bonaventure Student](#) gets TheirStory job at Idaho State Historical Society

PUBLIC PROJECTS

- Council of American Jewish Museums [5 minute highlight reel](#) created from over 500 hours of interviews on TheirStory preserving the American Jewish experience during COVID
- [Return Peace Corps Oral History Project](#) (any recording marked "Online" was recorded using TheirStory)
- [Evacuated Peace Corps Oral History Project](#) (any recording marked "Online" was recorded using TheirStory)
- [Viral Story Project](#) (Aviary site [here](#))
- [Powerful clip](#) relating the experience of COVID with the experience of being an immigrant
- Brooklyn College student [Soundcloud final project](#)

PR

- [Blog post](#) announcing TheirStory+[Permanent's](#) partnership to help make oral history preservation more accessible, especially for non-profits. Also discusses [Doug Greenberg's](#) joining our Advisory Board.
- [Collecting These Times](#) oral history initiative with the Council of American Jewish Museums has recorded over 400 oral histories through TheirStory in 5 months

WEBINARS:

- [Webinar](#) with Montclair State University's [CHSS Digital Media CoLab](#)
- [Brooklyn College discusses a semester of remote learning with TheirStory](#)
- [Oregon Jewish Museum](#) webinar on recording over 200 oral histories during the pandemic through TheirStory.
- [Webinar](#) from [Doug Boyd](#) - the Director of the University of Kentucky's Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History on their use of TheirStory in a national [oral history project with the Peace Corps](#).

DOCUMENTATION:

- [TheirStory Onboarding Guide](#)