

## **Announcing the Memoirs Project: CALL FOR PAPERS**

Inspired by the documentary film *Over There* celebrating the European Division's 70th anniversary, the OMA members listed below are seeking memoirs of the overseas experience. We want to assure that this unique chapter in higher education is fully documented and our stories are never lost. UMGC's Archive shares our interest, hoping to enliven its extensive overseas records with memoirs.

We aim, first, to create an online collection of memoirs available at our Gypsy Scholars website for all to see. Eventually, we hope to produce an edited volume organized by geographic region and decade.

If you'd like to submit a memoir describing your overseas Maryland experiences, please compose to:

- illustrate life teaching or administering in Maryland's overseas programs. (Intriguing as travel adventures are, the project's focus is on your work experience, students, colleagues, etc.) Of interest might be obstacles overcome, striking commutes mastered and "campus life" pursued on military bases.
- identify the dates and locations of your memoir, e.g., Ramstein, Germany, fall 1978; Okinawa, Japan, spring 1982; or Irkutsk, Russia, winter 1995.
- keep within a 4,500- word limit per memoir. You may submit several memoirs.

When ready to send your memoir(s), please follow this link to the submission form at the UMGC Archive: <https://umgc.libwizard.com/f/archives-oma> It contains a box to which you drag your memoir(s) and any photos for uploading. If you'd prefer to submit by mail, please print out and sign the release and send it with your material to the address provided.

Anticipated deadline is August 1, 2020. We hope you'll join us in this project.

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