

Oral History Collective: Seminar Series

Steve Humphries

British Life Stories on Film

Wednesday 9 May 2018 , 16.00-17.30

Armstrong Building: Room 2.09



<http://www.testimonyfilms.com/>

Steve Humphries is a former academic oral historian who set up Testimony Films in 1992 and recently received a Royal Television Society Lifetime Achievement Award for his work as a documentary filmmaker. He will talk about his approach to making films, and about the collection of around 1,200 interviews he has created over the past thirty years.

The original interviews are between one and two hours long – sometimes longer – but only a fraction of this material has ever been used on television. They were filmed in the making of 175 social history programmes produced and directed by Steve, many of them for the BBC and Channel 4. They cover all the big themes of 20th century life in Britain, including World War One and World War Two, and are particularly strong on childhood and youth, schooling, family life, work experience, parenting, women's history, love, sex and marriage.