

USC Shoah Foundation Institute Visual History Archive

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Visual History Archive (VHA) Background

- 1994 - Steven Spielberg founded the *Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation*
- 2003 – a Mellon Foundation grant funded completion of a pilot project allowing access to the archive via Internet2 (to Rice and Yale)
- 2006 – the foundation became part of the College of Letters, Arts, & Sciences at the University of Southern California and was renamed to the *USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education*

VHA Access

- **Currently:**
 - **Rice & Yale Universities**
 - **Universities of Michigan, North Carolina, Minnesota**
 - **Freie Universität Berlin**
 - **Monash University Melbourne**
- **Coming in 2007: access to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC**

VHA Stats

- 52,000 testimonials
 - a **testimonial consists of several interviews**
- 32 languages from 56 countries
- 200 TB of data at USC
- all metadata is replicated here at Renci and allows searches on the entire archive
- a 5.5 TB cache at Renci allows downloading and access to any requested testimonials

USC Shoah Foundation Programs

- **Hosting international educators, sociologists, historians to train in classroom use of VHA**
- **Partnering to produce educational materials: e.g., with the Holocaust Educational Trust, UK to produce interactive DVD for UK schools**
- **collaboration with film makers on 11 documentaries broadcast in 50 countries in 28 languages**

USC Shoah Foundation Programs (cont'd)

- **Development of classroom and community resources:**
 - ⑩ *Creating Character – free downloadable classroom lessons for students 13-18 (see <http://www.usc.edu/schools/college/vhi/creatingcharacter/index.html>)*
 - ⑩ *Echoes and Reflections (see <http://tc.usc.edu/vhiechoes>)*
 - ⑩ *Testimony to Tolerance Initiative – subcollection of the archive for communities*

⑩ see Education link in <http://www.usc.edu/schools/college/vhi/>

USC Shoah Foundation Programs (cont'd)

- Participation in NSF's speech recognition Multilingual Access to Large Spoken Archives project (MALACH)

Shoah Foundation VHA at Renci

- Must be on the campus network of UNC, NCSU or Duke, then go to <http://vha.renci.org/>
- Visitors to campus have access: wireless networks or from public terminals in Davis Library (UNC), Hill Library (NCSU)
- On-line User Guide and FAQ: <http://vha.renci.org/userfaq>
- Use Internet Explorer on Windows or Safari with QuickTime on Mac

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