

On-Line Global Research Tactics for the Twenty-First Century: <u>The National Archives, the UK Government Archive</u>

Friday 13 November, 9-11am, Eastern Standard Time via Zoom RSVP: <u>History.OnLine2021@gmail.com</u>

Please join us for another in a new series of ad-hoc seminars to explore freely-accessible on-line digital collections with archivists internationally. In the COVID and post-pandemic world, more primary-document research will be conducted via remote devices using new techniques. While upholding the rigors of responsible scholarship, what are the possibilities now available to scholars and students? With massive numbers of free-access collections globally going digital, how do we remain disciplined and targeted when searching, yet also let the information lead us to new findings? As with old-fashioned approaches, the archivists can guide us to new understandings via zoomed meetings.

The second seminar will focus on the Cold War and take us to the British National Archives in Kew Gardens, UK, to meet with Mark Dunton, Principal Records Specialist for Contemporary records. "The archives have the capacity to surprise us and it is possible to explore a range of significant resources from home", Mark notes. This workshop session will highlight the many digital resources which scholars can access in order to carry out extensive research in Cold War subjects - to make new discoveries and gain new insights. Mark will relate his experience of curating the Cold War exhibition, 'Protect and Survive: Britain's Cold War Revealed', and talk about the themes which emerged, including the Cold War and popular culture.

Mark joined The National Archives in 1983 and has an in-depth knowledge and experience of researching public records, specialising in post-1945 Britain. He has given a range of public talks, many of which are available to download as podcasts, and has been a key media spokesperson on the annual release of government files since 2006. His research interests include post-1945 British political, social and economic history, British Prime Ministers of the 20th Century and the Cold War.

The first seminar took us to the <u>Rockefeller Archive Center</u> in Tarrytown, NY, and the <u>Open Society Archives</u> in Budapest, Hungary. For recordings of these sessions, please contact <u>Dr. Victoria Phillips</u>, the key organizer of this effort, at the email above.