

OMA Memoirs Project

CALL FOR PAPERS

Inspired by the PBS film *Over There: The Adventures of Maryland's Traveling Faculty*, celebrating the European Division's 70th anniversary, OMA is seeking memoirs of the overseas experience. We want to document this unique chapter in higher education and make sure that our stories are never lost. UMGC's Archive shares our interest, hoping to enliven its extensive overseas records with memoirs.

Most importantly, we are creating at the OMA website an online collection of memoirs available for all to see. We are pleased to announce that as of autumn 2021 this includes 150 submissions. Given the strong and continuing interest, we are also exploring opportunities for making the memoirs available for additional publication as well as educational research.

We encourage you to submit a memoir describing your overseas Maryland experiences. When doing so, please consider the following guidelines:

- The emphasis should be on illustrating your 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.
- Gaps in coverage we hope to fill with additional memoirs include F2F vs online, programs at US embassies, non-credit workshops and assignments to exotic locations such as Uruguay, Malaysia, the Balkans (Hungary, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, etc.), North Africa (Egypt, Libya, Morocco, etc.), islands (Midway, Kwajalein, Diego Garcia and Taiwan), East Africa (Ethiopia, Eritrea, etc.) and the long-defunct Atlantic Division.
- Above the text on the first page of your memoir please provide a title, your name and the date of submission.
- There is no required or suggested word length. You may submit as many memoirs as you wish.

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.

We hope you'll join us in this valuable project.