

## Documenting Katrina



By all accounts, FEMA, the federal agency in charge of disaster relief, did not do an effective job in managing the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. For many, FEMA's handling of the relief effort has raised troubling questions about the value America places on the lives of poor and minority citizens. To contribute to our nation's understanding of how issues of race and class are handled at extraordinary times of national emergencies, OWA has undertaken an Oral History project to document the thoughts and feelings of Black Gulf Coast residents who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. We are interviewing evacuees who have located to Atlanta, and we are enlisting students at several HBCU's in gathering these accounts.

Our goal is to make these interviews available to all who wish to appreciate the experiences these children, women and men went through. Excerpts of some of the interviews will be available from this site. As our project grows, we will find ways of making the full interviews available.



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