



Our Podcast Takes Home the Gold!

A big round of applause is in order for the Queens Memory Podcast team—the podcast's Season 3 episode "Halmoni's Kimchee" has won the [Signal Awards Gold Prize](#) in the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion category! Congratulations to the whole team, especially episode producer **Heidi Shin**, executive producer **Melody Cao** and Queens Memory Curator **J. Faye Yuan**.



The 10-episode third season, "Our Major Minor Voices," features stories from Queens' diverse Asian American communities in their own voices. The season includes eight bilingual episodes in some of the most widely spoken Asian languages in Queens: Bangla, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Nepali, Tagalog, Tibetan and Urdu. Click [here](#) to hear the winning episode as well as the rest of the season.



Photo courtesy of Melody Cao

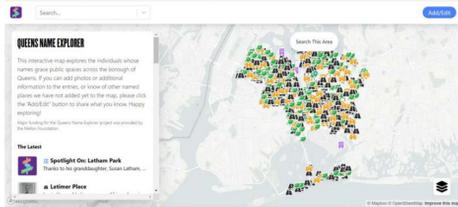
At the Signal Awards ceremony on January 23, our Season 3 episode "Halmoni's Kimchee" was honored in the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion category.

Executive producer Melody Cao (left) and QM Curator J. Faye Yuan proudly display our trophy.

Queens Name Explorer Needs Your Contributions

Our Name Explorer map is off to a flying start—but we need your help! [Queens Name Explorer](#) is Queens Memory's ambitious undertaking to unlock the history behind the borough's named places in order to gain a deeper understanding of local history. The [interactive map](#), created with our technology partner Urban Archive, features the biographical details of individuals whose names grace Queens' streets, schools, buildings, parks, monuments and other public places. The project was made possible due to a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

Launched in October, Name Explorer currently features approximately 800 place-name entries, with additions and updates made on a regular basis. In order to make the map richer and more complete, we invite anyone who can add photos, information or personal memories about the people or places on the map to submit them through the Add/Edit button on the site itself. A Queens Memory staff person will review all submissions and let you know when your contributions are live on the map!



The Queens Name Explorer interactive map—add your contributions today!

In addition to the place-name entries themselves, the Name Explorer map features curated walking tours of several neighborhoods, such as [Hunters Point](#), [Jamaica](#) and the [Queens College campus](#), and a rotating "spotlight" location. Look for special themed content in the coming weeks to honor Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March).

Be sure to follow us on social media for weekly highlighted locations, and bookmark the Name Explorer map at queenslib.org/explore. We can't wait for you to get involved!

Cooking Up Neighborhood Memories

Following last year's very popular [Queens Memory Cookbook](#) program, we are happy to once again collaborate with the [Life Story Club](#) for two new delicious story-sharing series! Each month, we will explore different ways that our memories are simmered, baked and pickled into our favorite foods.

The current two series will focus on the communities of Ridgewood and St. Albans/Addisleigh Park. Meet your neighbors, learn more about the traditions and recipes important to them, and share stories of your own. At the end of the programs, we will publish community cookbooks that feature recipes, memories and photos from across each neighborhood. Enjoy a digital version of the first Queens Memory Cookbook [here](#).

Each Cookbook series includes both in-person and online events; participants may join any or all of the sessions. Our story-share events are also open to people from outside these neighborhoods who'd like to listen to others' stories and get recommendations for local spots to check out!

Virtual Series: Queens Memory Cookbook with Life Story Club

Thursdays from 3 - 4 pm ET, see below for upcoming dates.

Join us on Zoom for the Queens Memory Cookbook story-share series with Life Story Club. Meet your neighbors, learn more about the traditions and recipes important to them, and share stories of your own.

Register [here](#) to join the [Ridgewood series](#) that meets every second Thursday (February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11).

Register [here](#) to join the [St. Albans series](#) that meets every fourth Thursday (January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25).

In-Person Series: Queens Memory Cookbook at the Ridgewood and St. Albans community libraries

Every month, Meral Agish, QM's Community Coordinator, will be at the Ridgewood and St. Albans community libraries to talk about the Queens Memory Cookbook series, record people's stories, and assist with scanning recipe cards and photos that will be added to the community cookbooks. We invite everyone in these neighborhoods who likes to cook, eat, or talk about food to be part of the fun!

Meral will be at [Ridgewood](#) on Wednesday, February 15 from 12 - 2 pm ET and at [St. Albans](#) on Monday, January 30 and Monday, February 27 from 11 am - 1 pm ET.

Meet Our New Fellows!

Queens Memory is happy to welcome two new Queens Public Library/Citi Center for Culture Fellows for the Spring semester:

Alice Kallman was born and raised in New York and after attending the University of Chicago for her undergraduate degree, worked for three years in New Orleans at a public defender's office. Alice is now attending the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Queens College to obtain her Master of Library Science degree with a focus on public librarianship and archiving. She feels strongly about building relationships with people and communities through programming and preservation. In addition to her academic pursuits, Alice works as a Scholarly Communications Fellow with CUNY's Office of Library Services and is exploring the importance of Open Access resources in providing free information to all. In her free time, Alice enjoys crafting, boxing and taking lots of walks. She is looking forward to learning more about oral histories and digital archiving during her semester with Queens Memory.

Marie Cyprien was born in New York to Haitian immigrants and grew up in Miami. She lives in Ridgewood and is also a Master of Library Science student at Queens College. Marie currently works in archival indexing, and in her free time enjoys writing stories, reading, and bingeing on Marvel films and anime. She is eager to participate in and learn about Queens Memory during her fellowship.

Both Alice and Marie will assist us with the Name Explorer project as well as other programs this semester.



New Fellows Alice Kallman (left) and Marie Cyprien (right).

Upcoming Events

January 30 - May 25 – [Queens Memory Cookbook](#) series; see article above for details and registration information.

February 11 – Come to the [Hunters Point Library](#) for a **Valentine's Day Memory Box Workshop** with staff of the [American Folk Art Museum](#) and Queens Memory Project. It will be a hands-on afternoon of connection and art exploration. Bring a loved one and get ready to make a fun memory box together! We will create a special keepsake inspired by the theme of love. All ages are welcome, and intergenerational participation is encouraged. We will explore unique artworks from the American Folk Art Museum's collection and see examples of digitized snapshots from the Queens Memory collection. (1:30 - 3 pm EST)

February 14, March 14 – Join us online for **Learn More about the Queens Memory Project**, an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. The Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Library's archives. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#); we will follow up with a confirmation and event link. (12 - 1 pm ET)

February 21, March 21 – At our next **oral history interviewing workshop**, you will learn how you can contribute to Queens Memory and help us record interviews with fellow Queens residents. Together we will review tips for oral history interviews, from initial outreach to recording to transcription. Register for the workshop [here](#); we will follow up with a confirmation and event link. (12 - 1 pm ET)

Queens Memory in the Professional Community

QM staff are frequently invited to discuss our innovative programs with our colleagues in the library and archives communities. On January 27, Queens Memory Community Coordinator **Meral Agish** will co-present "Addressing Archival Gaps with Library Colleagues and Community Partners" at the [Archivists Round Table Connection/Isolation Symposium](#) (virtual). Queens Memory Director **Natalie Milbrodt** will participate in a virtual panel on February 8 called ["Connecting Communities with Libraries, Archives, and Historians through Oral Histories"](#) hosted by the University of North Texas. On February 23, **Natalie Milbrodt** will co-present ["Choose Your Own Adventure: A Metadata Assessment Tool for Oral History Projects"](#), a webinar sponsored by Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY). She will also present a version of this program at the [Midwest Archives Conference](#) in Chicago on April 13. **Meral Agish** and Queens Memory Outreach Coordinator **Lori Wallach** will speak about Queens Memory's [COVID-19 Project](#) at a virtual symposium hosted by [Cedars-Sinai Medical Center](#) on March 16.