EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
FALL 2015 MEETING

BAKER PATTILLO STUDENT CENTER
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
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OCTOBER 8 - 10, 2015
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—Regent’s Suite B ................................. 10:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION—BPSC FOYER, 2ND Floor .......................................... 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Silent Auction (Regent’s Suite A) .............................................................. 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Exhibitors (Regent’s Suite A) ................................................................. 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

SESSION I  ........................................................ Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Gender and Politics in Civil War Texas .................................................. 1:00 – 2:15 P.M.
John R. Lundberg, Tarrant County College, Presiding

The Balance of the Union: Central Texas Politics, 1857-1861
John R. Lundberg, Tarrant County College

“Women are you too proud to wear it because it was from Yankeedom?”
Texas Planter Class Women and Gendered Roles, Minerva J. “Peete” Van Zandt
In the Civil War
Katherine R. Skrabanek, Texas A&M-Commerce

Virginia Catherine Shaw Billingsley and Gendered Land Ownership
In Nineteenth Century Falls County
Cynthia Lofton, Texas A&M-Commerce

The original formation of the East Texas Historical Association was in 1927 when W.F. Garner, then the chair of the History department at Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, called for a meeting of his colleagues from other East Texas colleges. It disbanded in 1932
SESSION II ................................................................. Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
East Texas Agriculture: The People, the Land, The Literature........ 1:00 - 2:15 P.M.
Debbie Liles, University of North Texas, Presiding

Economic Class Mobilization and Slavery: A Case Study in the Importance
And Difficulties of Quantitative Agricultural History
R. Nicholas Nelson, Texas A&M-Commerce

Farm to Table: The Home Management House as Rhetorical Space for Rural Women
Melissa Nivens, Midwestern State University

The Field of East Texas Agriculture: A Bibliographic Survey
Paul E. Sturdevant, Paris Junior College-Greenville

SESSION III ........................................................................ Tejas Room
Expansive East Texas: Modern Tejano Culture, Anti-Communist, Clerics, and Rural Bexar
Steven Boyd, University of Texas at San Antonio, Presiding

The Development of Towns in Bexar County
Jennifer Cain, University of Texas at San Antonio

The Texas Catholic Church and the Mexican Catholic Persecution of the
1920s and 1930s
Jason Surmiller, University of Texas at Dallas

Constructing the Selena Legend in East Texas
Angelica Fuentes, Northeast Texas Community College

SESSION IV ........................................................................ Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Historical Perspectives on Drought in Texas................................. 2:30 - 3:45 P.M.
Patrick Cox, Wimberley, Presiding

A Want-to-be General in a Fog: Drought and Sibley’s New Mexico Campaign
Charles Porter, St. Edward’s University

More Water for Texas: Walter Prescott Webb and the Historians’ Perspective on Drought
Michael L. Collins, Midwestern State University

The East Texas Historical Association reorganized in 1962 as a result of the
work of Dr. Ralph Steen, President of Stephen F. Austin State College, C.K.
Chamberlain, the chair of that school’s History department, and attorneys F.I.
Tucker of Nacogdoches and F. Lee Lawrence of Tyler. Those four are considered
the founders of the present Association.
SESSION V ........................................................................................................ Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Struggles and Successes: Education on the Texas Frontier ................. 2:30 – 3:45 P.M.
Kyle Childress, Pastor, Austin Heights Baptist Church, Presiding

The Origins of Texas’ Oldest University
Milton Jordan, Georgetown

On Old Baylor’s Dear Soil: The East Texas Origins of the University of
Mary Hardin-Baylor
Dan K. Utley, Texas State University

A Braided Path Ever Forward: Women and Education in 19th Century Texas
Linda L. Black, Stephen F. Austin State University

SESSION VI ........................................................................................................ Tejas Room
The 1930s East Texas Oil Patch: Illusions and Myths ......................... 2:30 – 3:45 P.M.
James Maroney, Lee College, Presiding

Taming the East Texas “Black Giant:” Ernest O. Thompson and
Illusions of Independence
Matthew Coulter, Collin College

“Dad” Joiner and the Mythology of the East Texas Oil Boom
Larry J. Frazier, LeTourneau University

SESSION VII ..................................................................................................... Twilight Ballroom
Plenary Session .................................................................................... 4:00 – 5:15 P.M.
Dana Cooper, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding

A Plenary Session with Dwight Pitcaithley, Chief Historian of the National Park Service

MAX AND GEORGIANA LALE LECTURE SERIES .............................................. 7:30 P.M.
Stephen F. Austin State University, Baker Pattillo Student Center,
Twilight Ballroom

Address by Ambassador Robert Krueger

*There will be a hospitality suite available after the lecture at the Holiday Inn Express

F. Lee Lawrence was the first President of the Association, and C.K. Chamberlain
was the inaugural editor of the East Texas Historical Journal. He would serve in
that capacity until 1971.
FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 2015

BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST—Regent’s Suite B 7:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION—BPSC FOYER, 2ND FLOOR 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Silent Auction (Regent’s Suite A) 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Exhibitors (Regent’s Suite A) 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

SESSION VIII
Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Racism, Evangelism, and the Long Arm of History 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
John Storey, Lamar University, Presiding

Nevertheless, The High Places Remained: Racial Attitudes of Texas Baptist Leaders
After the Civil War
Samuel Tullock, Collin College

Evangelist Mordecai F. Ham’s Texas Meetings, 1903-1940
Jerry Hopkins, East Texas Baptist University

SESSION IX
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Joint Session with the Center for Regional Heritage Research 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
The Voices From Small Places Projects: Documenting East Texas Communities
Kelly Snowden, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding

Panelists
Linda Reynolds, East Texas Research Center, Ralph W. Steen Library
Stephen F. Austin State University

Perky Beisel, Center for Regional Heritage Research
Stephen F. Austin State University

SESSION X
Tejas Room
Analyzing the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries’ Texas 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Working Class Experience
Michael Botson, Houston Community College, Presiding

Galveston’s Maritime Workers in 1880
David R. Ryden, University of Houston-Downtown

Popular Anti-Unionism in Texas: The 1922 National Railroad Shopmen’s Strike
Theresa Case, University of Houston-Downtown

Coffee Break: Regent’s Suite B 10:15 – 10:45 A.M.
SESSION XI ......................................................... Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Joint Session with The Texas Archive of the Moving Image .......... 10:45 – 12:00 P.M.
History in Motion, A Roundtable Discussion
Dan K. Utley, Texas State University, Presiding

Panelists
Caroline Frick, Texas Archive of the Moving Image and
The University of Texas at Austin
Caitlin McColl, Texas Archive of the Moving Image
Sarah Marshall, Texas Archive of the Moving Image

SESSION XII ......................................................... Tiered Classroom (2.201)
Joint Session with the Central Texas Historical Association ....... 10:45 – 12:00 P.M.
Introducing the Central Texas Historical Association
Kenneth W. Howell, Executive Director, CTHA, Presiding

_Damming The Brazos_
Brandon Franke, Blinn College

“Somebody Around Here Wants to Start A Fire:
_The O. Henry Honeymoon Cottage Controversy_
Bonnie Tipton Wilson, Texas Historical Foundation

Commentary by Kenneth W. Howell

SESSION XIII .......................................................... Tejas Room
History in the Classroom: Metro Houston ................................ 10:45 – 12:00 P.M.
Marcus Turner, San Jacinto College, Presiding

_Impact of the Big Inch and Little Inch Pipelines on the American War Effort_
_During World War II_
Herndon Eldridge, San Jacinto College

_The “Cowboy” of Pasadena, Texas: The Origins Behind the Pasadena Livestock And Rodeo and Its Relevance Today_
Jeffery S. Hallinan, San Jacinto College

_History of the Saint Arnold Brewery_
Jonathan Zapata, San Jacinto College

SESSION XIV .......................................................... Ladyjack Room
Joint Session with Texas Folklore Society ................................. 10:45-12:00 P.M.
Andrea Zarate, TFS Secretary Treasurer, Presiding

_Home Grown Fun: House and Ranch Dances of Early Texas_
Carol Bolland, Texas Folklore Society

_Before I Was Five_
Elizabeth Duncan, Texas Folklore Society

Commentary by Kenneth L. Untiedt, Secretary/Editor, Texas Folklore Society
Please join us for a buffet lunch. If you need to purchase a ticket for the event you may do so at the registration table.

SESSION XV
Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Why Rural History Matters: An East Texas Rural History Roundtable
1:30 – 2:45 P.M.
Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding

Panelists
Andrew Baker, Texas A&M-Commerce
Debbie Liles, University of North Texas
Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State University
Leland Turner, Midwestern State University

SESSION XVI
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
History in the College Classroom: Leisure and Entertainment
1:30 – 2:45 P.M.
Greg Smith, San Jacinto College, Presiding

The History of Surf Culture in Texas
James David Cook, San Jacinto College

Muddy Love: Watermen on Galveston Bay
Dirk Johnston, San Jacinto College

Houston’s Richard Linklater: From Slacker to Master Filmmaker
Trung Vu, San Jacinto College

SESSION XVII
Tejas Room
From Freedom in the Age of Slavery to Terrorism in the Age of Jim Crow
1:30 – 2:45 P.M.
Yvonne Frear, San Jacinto College, Presiding

Navigating Freedom: Free Blacks in the Brazos-Colorado Basin
Austin Allen, University of Houston-Downtown

Read All About It! Newspapers and Lynchings in Texas, 1890-1920
Blakeney Hill, Texas Christian University

SESSION XVIII
Tejas Room
Adult Education Programs During the Depression:
The Texas Experience
1:30 – 2:45 P.M.
Kyle Wilkison, Collin College, Presiding

Marion Holt, in 1980-81, became the first woman to serve as the President of the Association. Since then, thirteen women have held that position.
Panelists
Lynn Burlbaw, Texas A&M University
Eliel Hinojosa, Jr., South Texas Academy for Medical Profession

SESSION XIX ........................................................................ Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Joint Session with Friends of Historic Nacogdoches, Inc. 3:15 – 4:30 P.M. (FOHNI)
Preserving Heritage in the Oldest Town in Texas
Winston Sosebee, Nacogdoches, Presiding

The Role of a Local Historical Society and the Creation of a Local Heritage Walk
Jeff Abt, President, FOHNI

The Living History of Oak Grove Cemetery Walk/Creation of a Historic Homes Cookbook
Leslie Daniel, Secretary, FOHNI

Providing the Public With a Time Honored Holiday Tradition:
The Nacogdoches Tour of Historic Homes
Charles Bradberry, Chair, FOHNI Annual Tour of Homes

SESSION XX ........................................................................ Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
The Texas A&M University-Commerce Presidential Wives Project: Teaching, Learning, and Coordinating Women and Gender Through Digital History, a Panel Discussion

Panelists
Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Texas A&M-Commerce
Andrea Weddle, Texas A&M-Commerce
Heather Stephenson, Texas A&M-Commerce

SESSION XXI ........................................................................ Tejas Room
Reclaiming Cherokee County Cemeteries 3:15 – 4:30 P.M.

Characteristics and Traditions of Maintaining Historic Cemeteries
John Ross, Cherokee County Historical Commission

The Efforts of Locating Lost Cemeteries
Deborah Burkett, Cherokee County Historical Commission
Gordon Bennett, Cherokee County Genealogical Society

The Texas African American Historical Cemeteries Association
Richard Hackney, Hackney and Associates, LLC

SESSION XXII ....................................................................................................................... Ladyjack Room
Dealing With Historical Research in the Twentieth Century.................. 3:15 – 4:30 P.M.
A Panel Discussion
Chuck Parsons, Luling, Presiding

Panelists:
Paul Spellman, Wharton Junior College
Anita Belles and John Porterfield, Boerne
Paul Ruffin, Texas State University System Regent’s Professor

RECOGNITION OF ASSOCIATION FELLOWS .............................. 6:30-6:45 P.M.
Mast Hall, 317 East Main Street

The Association named its first Fellows of the Association in 1982. The members of that first class were Randolph Campbell, Archie P. McDonald, Robert Maxwell, and J. Milton Nance. Since that year the Association has named 40 Fellows of the Association. It is the highest honor the ETHA can bestow upon an individual

PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION ................................................................. Mast Hall
SPONSORED BY LAMAR UNIVERSITY ........................................ Downtown Nacogdoches
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND .................................................. 6:45-7:30 P.M.
THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT
Catering and Cash Bar by the Liberty Bell Wine Bar and Bistro
Due to limited parking at the site, we request that attendees please ride provided busses. The busses will leave Quality Inn at 6:00, and Comfort Suites at 6:15. If you are not staying at one of the local hotels and wish to ride the bus you may park your vehicle at either hotel.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BANQUET ............................................. Mast Hall
Kyle Wilkison, Association Vice-President, Presiding 7:30

Mary Scheer, Association President

Bound For Beaumont: Eleanor Roosevelt's 1939 Train Trip Through East Texas and Beyond

Max S. Lale endowed the Association’s Georgiana and Max Lale Lecture series that is held annually on the first night of the Fall Meeting. The first lecture was in 1997 by notable Texana author T.R. Fehrenbach. Others who have delivered the Lale lecture include Congressman Charlie Wilson, journalist Bill Moyers, and historian Paul Carlson.
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2015

WOMEN'S HISTORY BREAKFAST (Regent's Suite B) 7:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION—BPSC FOYER, 2ND FLOOR 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Silent Auction (Regent’s Suite A) 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.
*The silent auction will close promptly at 10:00; at that time all bids are final. You may check your potential winning bids at the registration table beginning at 11:00 A.M.

Exhibitors (Regent’s Suite A) 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

SESSION XXIII Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Women’s History Session 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Women in the Public Sphere: Progressive Reform, Public Health, And Crashing the Courthouse
Ruth Karbach, Independent Scholar, Presiding

The Power of Observation: Dallas Progressives and Prostitutes at the Turn of the Century
Leah LaGrone Ochoa, Texas A&M-Commerce

Fighting Tuberculosis: Public Health Reform in Early Twentieth Century Texas
Kelly A. Preston, Texas A&M-Commerce

Gendered Space: Reforming Courthouses in Twentieth Century Texas
Allison Faber, Texas A&M-Commerce

SESSION XXIV Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Making History Come Alive: Teaching History from Sixth Grade through College, A Roundtable of Ideas 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Mary Jo O’Rear, Del Mar College, Presiding

Teaching Texas History, Seventh Grade
Doug Kubicek, Halletsville Junior High School

Teaching U.S. History and Geography, Eighth and Ninth Grades
Elizabeth Howson, Belton ISD

Teaching Social Studies and U.S. History, Sixth-Eighth Grades and College
Lisa Bentley, Stephen F. Austin State University

Teaching Social Studies and U.S. History, Ninth-Twelfth Grades and College
Carolyn White, Stephen F. Austin State University
SESSION XXV ................................................................. Tejas Room
Joint Session ith West Texas Historical Association .................. 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
A Little West Texas, A Little New Mexico, and Brazil, Too
Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Presiding

  John Hittson, Texas Hero–New Mexico Bogey Man?
  Tai Kriedler, Executive Director, West Texas Historical Association

  Murdo MacKenzie and Brazil
  Leland Turner, Midwestern State University

  A Murder in Big Bend: The Killing of Will Noel at Shafter in October 1889
  Troy Ainsworth, Executive Director, CARTA: El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro
  Trail Assoc.

Coffee Break: .......................................................................... Regent’s Suite B
10:15 – 10:45 A.M.

SESSION XXVI ................................................................. Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Going Forward with the G-Word: Finding Genealogy’s Place .... 10:45 – 12:00 P.M.
In Historical Studies
Rick Sherrod, Stephenville ISD, Presiding

  Panelists
  Rick Sherrod, Stephenville ISD
  Doug Kubicek, Lavaca County Historical Commission
  William D. Lindsey
  Carol Taylor, Independent Scholar, Greenville

SESSION XXVII .............................................................. Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Petticoats, Politics, Prisons, and the Klan in .............................. 10:45 – 12:00 P.M.
Early 20th Century Texas
Katherine Walters, Texas A&M University, Presiding

  Paradigms of Hate: The 1920s Ku Klux Klan and Texas Politics
  Micah Baker, Texas A&M-Commerce

  The Quintessential Texas Clubwoman: Mrs. S.J. Wright and Her Involvement
  In the Texas Federation of Women’s Clubs, 1900-1911
  Gina De Angelis, Texas A&M-Commerce

  To Conquer the Body and Break the Spirit: Inmate Punishment in
  Early 20th Century U.S. Prisons
  Chris Rowback, Texas A&M-Commerce

Commentary by Mark Stanley, University of North Texas-Dallas
SESSION XXVIII ........................................................................................................ Tejas Room
Matters of Conservation .......................................................................................... 10:45 – 12:00 P.M.
George Cooper, Lone Star College, Presiding

  Serendipity in Action: Hana Ginzbarg and the Crusade to Save Armand Bayou
  Alex Borger, Texas State University

  Choices and Sacrifices: Preserving a Historic Family Ranch
  Kent Hemphill, Texas State University

ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON
Twilight Ballroom .................................................................................................... 12:15 – 1:45 P.M.
Mary Scheer, President, East Texas Historical Association, Presiding

  Presentation of Awards
  Business Session

The Association would like to thank the following members of the Program Committee for their outstanding service:

  Kyle Wilkison, Chair
  Carolyn White
  Meredith May
  Dan Utley
  Yvonne Frear
  Rick Sherrod
  Theresa Case

Putting together a program is yeoman’s work, and this group did so in exemplary fashion!

Also, a huge thank you to the following, who without their help and service our meeting would not be possible

The entire staff at the Baker Pattillo Student Center
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The Nacogdoches Convention and Visitor’s Bureau
Stephen F. Austin State University, Department of History
Lamar University, Department of History
Mast Hall
Graduate Student Assistants, Stephen F. Austin State University
Officers and Board Members, ETHA
And particularly, the person who keeps everything running like clockwork, Association Secretary Chris Gill

Please make plans to join us in Beaumont for the Spring Meeting, February 19-20, 2016 at the Holiday Inn.