

**We're back!** After a trying year and a pandemic that is still not quite over, the East Texas Historical Association is thrilled to welcome all back to our annual Fall Meeting. After missing our 2020 gathering, I am sure that we are all happy that we can once again get together in Nacogdoches at the Fredonia Hotel and revive our annual fete! We do have some new developments this year that we need to make everyone aware. This year, for the first time, we will have sponsors for our meeting program and for many individual sessions. This year, the History Departments at Texas A&M-Commerce and Stephen F. Austin State University have generously agreed to sponsor our meeting. Please send them a round of thanks! As you look at the program you will discover that a number of sessions also have sponsors. Please let these individuals and organizations know how much you appreciate their financial support.

**On a more somber note**, we must ask that everyone be aware that we remain in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, you will notice that our session rooms are set-up for social-distancing and we ask that you please not move chairs closer unless you do so to sit with someone in your own family. Also, if you do so, please move them back to their original position. We also greatly urge that all **attendees who have not received the full round of COVID-19 vaccine to please, in consideration of others, wear a face mask or covering of some kind.** We would like to further encourage all attendees, when in a public setting and not eating or drinking, to also wear a face covering. We thank you for all your support in making our meeting as safe as possible under the circumstances.

Thank you so much and enjoy our Fall Meeting!

**EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
FALL PROGRAM  
The Fredonia Hotel  
Nacogdoches, TX**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Raguet Room, Fredonia Hotel**

**5:30 P.M.**

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**FRIDAY OCTOBER 15, 2021**

**THEODORE M. "TED" LAWE BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST  
Convention Center B  
REGISTRATION—Convention Center B  
SILENT AUCTION—Convention Center B  
EXHIBITORS—Convention Center B**

**7:00 A.M.**

**7:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.**

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**Session I:  
Empire and Exceptionalism on Display:  
The 1936 Texas Centennial  
Light Cummins, Austin College, Presiding**

**Convention Center A  
8:00-9:15 A.M.**

*Art Against Empire: Aaron Douglas and the 1936 Texas Centennial*  
Ed Sebesta, Independent Scholar

*The Cavalcade of Texas: The 1936 Texas Centennial's Grand Pageant*  
Keith Volanto, Collin College

Commentator: Light Cummins, Austin College

**Session II:  
Preserving and Using Local African American History Collections  
Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University, Presiding and Moderator**

**Banita Room  
8:00-9:15 A.M.**

**Panelists:**

Joleene Maddox Snider, Texas State University (retired)  
Herman Wright, Independent Scholar  
Jamie Bollich, Independent Scholar  
Richard Orton, Independent Scholar  
Peyton Paulette, Independent Scholar

**Session III:**  
**A Star is Born: Dana Andrews' Life in East Texas**  
**And Its Influence on His Hollywood Career: A Roundtable Discussion**

**Rusk Room**  
**8:00-9:15 A.M.**

**Panelists:**

Stacy Johnson, Sam Houston State University  
Dianna Kim, Sam Houston State University  
Trent Shotwell, Sam Houston State University

**Break: Enjoy coffee and pastries in Convention Center B**

**9:15-9:30 A.M.**

**Session IV:**  
**Joint Session with the Texas New Deal Symposium**  
**Failure, Labor, and Hope: The Great Depression and New Deal in Texas**  
**Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University, Presiding**

**Convention Center A**  
**9:30-10:45 A.M.**

*"The Depression Did Indeed Overwhelm Them:" Bank Failures in Texas, 1929-1933*  
George M. Cooper, Lone Star College-Montgomery

*Sharecroppers and Campesinos: South Texas and Mexico, Agriculture During the 1930s*  
Carroll Scoggin-Brincefield, Independent Scholar

*The Port City on Relief: The WPA in Houston*  
Michael Mitchell, Houston Community College

*Thank You Mr. President: Surviving the Winter of 1933 With the CWA*  
Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University (retired)

**Session V:**  
**Race, Sex, and Violence in East Texas**  
**Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

**Banita Room**  
**9:30-10:45 A.M.**

*Anti-Miscegenation Law and the Lynching of Walter Dering in 1878*  
Heather Howsmon, Sam Houston State University

*Race, Rape, and Injustice in East Texas: The Case of Nannie D. Harris*  
Jeffrey L. Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University

*Murdered in a Conroe Courtroom: The Horrifying Case of Robert "Bob" White*  
Stephanie Jensen, Sam Houston State University

**Session VI:**  
**Convict Leasing and Prisoners' Resistance in Postbellum Texas**  
**Deborah M. Liles, Tarleton State University, Presiding**

**Rusk Room**  
**9:30-10:45 A.M.**

*From the Docks to the Stocks: Crime, Race, and Punishment in Postbellum Galveston*  
Serena Barbieri, Rice University

*Convicts' Sugar: Beyond Sugarland's 95*  
Ingrid Patino, Independent Scholar

*Resisting Incarceration in Texas and the U.S. South*  
Nina Nevill  
Rice University

**Break:**

**10:45-11:00 A.M.**

**Session VII:**  
**Book Roundtable: "Red Tom" Hickey" The Uncrowned King of**  
**Texas Socialism**  
**Kyle Wilkison, Collin College, Presiding**

**Convention Center A**  
**11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

Panelists:  
George N. Green, University of Texas, Arlington (Emeritus)  
Milton Jordan, Independent Scholar

Commentator: Peter Buckingham, Linfield College (Emeritus)

**Session VIII:**  
**Farmers, Punks, Prisoners, and Swing: Disparate Spaces of**  
**Musical Performance in East Texas**  
**Jason Mellard, Texas State University, Presiding**

**Banita Room**  
**11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

*The Cat Spring Agricultural Society and the German Dance Halls of Austin County*  
Helen Johnson, Texas State University

*Bob Wills to the Bullocks: The Longhorn Ballroom and the Concert That Changed Texas*  
Jake Dromgoole, Texas State University

*"We Never Had No Payday Here:" Folk Song, Forced Labor, and the Carceral State in Texas*  
Jason Mellard, Texas State University

**Session IX:**  
**East Texas Cattle Drives from the Spanish Era Through  
The Civil War**  
**Francis X. Galan, Texas A&M-San Antonio, Presiding**

**Rusk Room**  
**11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

*Establishing Eastward Cattle Trails from Texas: Cattle Trade to Louisiana in the Spanish Era*  
William V. Scott, Texas Tech University

*Eastward Cattle Drives of the Antebellum Period*  
Paul Noack, Independent Scholar

*William Berry Duncan: Early Cattleman and Soldier of East Texas*  
David J. Vickers, Independent Scholar

**Association Lunch** **Convention Center B, 12:15-1:30 P.M.**  
*Please join us for a buffet lunch at the hotel. If you have not pre-purchased you may buy lunch on-site at the registration desk. Limited quantities do apply.*

**Session X:** **Convention Center A**  
**Joint Session with South Texas Historical Association: Finding the Story,  
Mapping the Story, and Living the Story in 1836 Texas** **1:30-2:45 P.M.**  
**Roger Raney, Lavaca County Historical Commission, Presiding**

*From Family Myth to Historical Fact*  
Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, Independent Scholar

*Historical Mapping of the "Runaway Scrape"*  
Doug J. Kubicek, Independent Scholar

*Rebuilding History: Living Histories of San Felipe de Austin*  
Bryan McAuley, Site Manager, San Felipe de Austin

**Session XI:** **Banita Room**  
**It's Not Lost, We Just Can't Find It:**  
**Rediscovering Spanish Colonial East Texas** **1:30-2:45 P.M.**  
**George Avery, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

*French, Spanish, and Hasinai Relations: Early 18<sup>th</sup> Century Archaeology*  
Tom Middlebrook and Morris Jackson, THC Archaeological Stewards

*Bucareli: The Trinity River Village Before Nacogdoches*  
Gary Pinkerton, Independent Researcher

*Los Adaes: 300 Years of History*  
Francis X. Galan, Texas A&M-San Antonio

**Session XII:** **Rusk Room**  
**New Perspectives on Texas Democratic Leaders:**  
**Race and Party Faction, 1892-1960** **1:30-2:45 P.M.**  
**Zachary Montz, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

*Convicts and Kingmaker: Colonel E.M. House, Convict Leasing, and the Democratic Party*  
Zachary Montz, Sam Houston State University

*"Texas for Texans Only:" Governor William P. Hobby and the Democratic Campaign  
Against the NAACP."*  
Kristin Henze, Sam Houston State University

*Sam Rayburn vs. the "Millionaires of Texas:" The Politics of Labor and Race in East Texas*  
Aaron Hyams, Sam Houston State University

**Break** **2:45-3:00 P.M.**  
*Please join a number of authors in the Exhibit Hall for book signings*

**Session XIII:** **Convention Center A**  
**"Hear That Lonesome Whippoorwill: Country Music from East Texas** **3:00-4:15 P.M.**  
**Katherine Kuehler Walters, Texas State Historical Association, Presiding**

*"I Dreamed of a Hillbilly Heaven:" The Musical Legacy of East Texan Tex Ritter*  
Robert Reitz, Independent Scholar

*"Blood on the Strings:" Lewis "Lefty" Franklin: Texas Fiddle Champion and Murderer*  
Caroline A. Gnagy, Independent Scholar

*"Ain't the Reaping Ever Done:" Eddie Novack and the Dark Heart of Country Music*  
Kevin Fontenot, Independent Scholar

**Session XIV:** **Banita Room**  
**Filming the Black Past: Historians and Documentary Filmmaking** **3:00-4:15 P.M.**  
**Gene B. Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding**

Panelists  
Lindell Singleton, Filmmaker  
Nick Jones, Filmmaker  
Gordan S. Williams, Lamar University

**Session XV:  
Moments in the Fight for Equality in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Kelly Waltman-Payne, Paris Junior College, Presiding**

**Rusk Room  
3:00-4:15 P.M.**

*The Bricker-Cain Amendment, A Maceo Smith, and a Texas Public Housing Controversy*  
Ty Welborn, Maricopa System, Phoenix College

*Liz Carpenter: The Life, Times, and Impact of a Texas Legend*  
Billy Totty, Paris Junior College

*The Soldier's Riot of 1943: The Birth of a "Hot" Summer in East Texas*  
D'Lynn Bueno, Paris Junior College

**FELLOWS OF THE ASSOCIATION RECEPTION 6:30-7:30 P.M.**

**Garden Terrace, Convention Center A&B**

**Please join us for a pre-banquet reception and cocktail hour to honor the Association's Fellows and induct our newest Fellows for the Association's highest honor. There will be a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BANQUET**

**Convention Center A**

**SPONSORED BY: LESLIE DANIEL & MARY JO O'REAR**

**Jeffrey L. Littlejohn, Association Vice-President, Presiding**

**7:30**

**Mary Jo O'Rear, President, East Texas Historical Association**

*Golden Moments and Hidden Heroes:*

*John Clark, David Medlock, and the Southern Baptist Convention*

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**Saturday October 16**

**WOMEN'S HISTORY BREAKFAST - SPONSORED BY DEBORAH LILES**

**7:00 A.M. CONVENTION CENTER B**

**REGISTRATION—Convention Center B**

**7:30-11:00 A.M.**

**SILENT AUCTION—Convention Center B**

**7:30-11:00 A.M.**

**EXHIBITORS—Convention Center B**

**7:30-11:00 A.M.**

*The Silent Auction will end at 11:00 A.M. All bids must be complete at that time. You may begin to pick up winning bids at 11:45. If you win a bid and cannot retrieve your items we will mail them to you (please provide address) and bill you.*

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**Session XVI:**

**Convention Center A**

**Issues in Modern Medicine**

**8:00-9:15 A.M.**

**Aaliyah Avellaneda, Northeast Texas Community College, Presiding**

*The Decline of Rural Veterinarians*  
Maxime Risner, Northeast Texas Community College

*The Progression of Medical Maintenance: Two Texas Nurses, 1980-2010*  
Dorali Hernandez, Northeast Texas Community College

*The Sudden Surge of the 1970s and the Brave New World of Medicine*  
Jessie N. Parchman, Northeast Texas Community College

**Session XVII:**

**Traveling Through Time: Texas Ranger Bicentennial Publication**  
**Jody E. Ginn, Texas Rangers Heritage Center, Presiding**

**Banita Room**  
**8:00-9:15 A.M.**

*James H. Callahan in 1855: Protecting a Real Estate Investment*  
Thomas O. McDonald, Independent Scholar

*William L. Wright in the Frontier Battalion*  
Richard B. McCaslin, University of North Texas

*Texas Rangers in the East Texas Oil Fields*  
Darren L. Ivey, Independent Scholar

*Please join the members of this session during the break in the Convention Center B at the UNT Press table for book signings and further discussion with publication authors*

**Session XVIII:**

**Civil Rights Protest and Struggle During the Jim Crow Era**  
**Light Cummins, Austin College, Presiding**

**Rusk Room**  
**8:00-9:15 A.M.**

*Jim Crow and Jury Selection in Texas*  
Candace Gray, Morgan State University

*The Role of African Americans in the Development of CCC Camps in East Texas*  
Troy Marler, Independent Scholar

*Air Conditioning, Hamburgers, and a Coke:  
The College Coffee Shop and the Café Culture of Nacogdoches from 1928-1953*  
Jayden E. Franke, Stephen F. Austin State University

**Break: Enjoy coffee and pastries in Convention Center B**

**9:15-9:30 A.M.**

**Session XIX:**

**Women, Orphans, Orphans, and Flight in East Texas**  
**Thomas Cox, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

**Convention Center A**  
**9:30-10:45 A.M.**

*Sit at the Wash Tub Without Community and Separate Property Rights: The Texas Model*  
Cynthia Devlin, Stephen F. Austin State University (retired)

*The Grøgaard Orphans in East Texas, 1848 and Beyond*  
Lee Parsons, Independent Scholar

*Wings Over the Gulf: Beaumont's Civil Air Patrol in World War II*

Penny Clark, Lamar University

**Session XX:**

**Placing a Magnifying Glass on Underrepresented Groups**  
**Meredith May, Kilgore College, Presiding**

**Banita Room**  
**9:30-10:45 A.M.**

*The "Diaz Doctrine," The Great Texas Fruit Palace, Tyler, and the Cotton States and International Exposition, Atlanta, 1895: Mexico in the New South*  
Charles V. Heath, Sam Houston State University

*Desegregation, the Fight For Bilingual Education, and the Rise of Mexican American Political Agency in Dallas, 1972-1987*  
Ian McDowell, Texas Tech University

*Juneteenth: Myths and Realities*  
John R. Lundberg, Tarrant County College, South

**Session XXI:**

**Life, Logistics, and Law: A Lone Star Tradition**  
**Patricia Richey, Jacksonville College, Presiding**

**Rusk Room**  
**9:30-10:45 A.M.**

*Trammels Trace: Transforming Texas*  
Molly Richey, Jacksonville College

*The Freedom of the First Amendment: Mary Louise Serfine's Quest*  
Victoria Fagan, Jacksonville College

*Improving Police Relations: Reflections from Emmett Leroy Herring*  
Jocelyn Herring, Jacksonville College

Commentator: Brett Eckles, Jacksonville College

**Break**

**10:45-11:00 A.M.**

**Session XXII:**

**Telling Untold Stories: Freedom Colonies and More**  
**Joint Session with Texas Folklore Society**  
**Kay Arnold, Texas Folklore Society, Presiding**

**Convention Center A**  
**11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

*Statues and Cemeteries as Interpretation Opportunities: Friends of Historic Nac. Inc.*  
Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State University

*Houston County Historical Commission's Untold Stories Program*  
Wanda Jordan/Barbara Wooten, Houston County Historical Commission

*The East Texas Research Center's Outreach Program*  
Linda Reynolds, Stephen F. Austin State University

**Session XXIII:**

**Integrating Primary Sources in the History Survey Classroom**  
Mary Jo O'Rear, President, East Texas Hist. Assoc., Presiding

**Banita Room**  
**11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

*Seeing Through the Eyes of a Historian: The Feature Film as a Primary Source*  
Matthew Ware Coulter, Collin College

*Perusall: Using Social E-Readers to Build Community*  
Rachel Michelle Gunter, Collin College

**Session XXIV:**

**Understanding the Present By the Past: The Texas Prison System**  
**From Convict Leasing to Mass Incarceration—A Roundtable**  
Serena Barbieri and Nina D. Nevill, Rice University, Presiding

**Rusk Room**  
**11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.**

Panelists:

Portia Hopkins, Rice University  
Deborah Liles, Tarleton State University  
Jeffrey L. Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University  
John R. Lundberg, Tarrant County College, South  
Zachary A. Montz, Sam Houston State University  
Michael Phillips, Collin College  
Lora Wildenthal, Rice University

**ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON** 12:15-1:45 P.M.  
**Convention Center B**

**Mary Jo O'Rear, President East Texas Historical Association, Presiding**

**Presentation of Awards**

**Business Meeting of the Association**

**“Passing of the Gavel”**

**Call for Spring Symposium**

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**The Department of History, Stephen F. Austin State University**

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