**THE EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**2017 FALL MEETING PROGRAM**

**Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa, and Convention Center**

**Galveston, Texas**

**Please Call 1-888-388-8484 for reservations**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11**

**BOARD OF DIRCTORS MEETING—BOARD MEETING ROOM 4:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 12**

**REGISTRATION—MOODY BALLROOM FOYER 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**SILENT AUCTION—MOODY BALLROOM FOYER 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**EXHIBITORS—MOODY BALLROOM FOYER 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

**SESSION I Salon A**

**The Impeachment of Governor James E. Ferguson: A Retrospective 9:00-10:15**

**Bruce R. Glasrud, California State University East Bay, Emeritus Presiding**

Panelists

Jessica Branon-Wranosky, Texas A&M-Commerce

John R. Lundberg, Tarrant County College, South

Mark Stanley, University of North Texas, Dallas

Kay Arnold, St. Edwards University

***Galveston Bay and Galveston Island were both named in honor of Bernardo de Galvez, the Viceroy of Mexico, in 1785***

**SESSION II Salon B**

**Schools and Farms in East Texas 9:00-10:15**

**Gwendolyn Lawe, Independent Scholar, Presiding**

*“Freedom of Choice” As Antidote: The Slow and Wary Process of School Desegregation*

*in the Gilmer Independent School District*

Patricia Stephens, Curry College, Massachusetts

*Not Farm Women, But Farmer Women*

Paul Sturdivant, Paris Junior College, Greenville

**SESSION III Salon C**

**The National Register of Historic Places in Nacogdoches County 9:00-10:15**

**Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

*The Fredonia Hotel*

Conor Herterich, Allison Grimes, Jennifer Kellum, and Shelby Winthrop, SFA

*McIlwain’s General Store*

Chris Cotton and Laura Turner, SFA; Hayley Hasik, Southern Mississippi University

*The Stone Fort Museum*

Kathryn Shieferstein, Kris Moffett, Katherine Jackson, SFA

**COFFEE BREAK—FOYER 10:15-10:30**

***Michael Menard founded the modern city of Galveston in 1838, and by the 1840s it had become one of the largest cities in Texas. On the eve of the Civil War its population neared 40,000.***

**SESSION IV Salon A**

**Joint Session with Central Texas Historical Association 10:30-11:45**

**Charles Swanlund, Blinn College, Presiding**

*Poisoned Dreams: Reconstruction Violence in Central Texas, 1865-1872*

John Gorman, Prairie View A&M University

*“West of the Mississippi to us is nearly a sealed book:” Texans and the Fall of Vicksburg*

Charles D. Grear, Central Texas College

*Where Do We Go From Here: Reconstruction Texas and the Search for New Perspectives*

Kenneth W. Howell, Blinn College

**SESSION V Salon B**

**Stories of East Texas 10:30-11:45**

**Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

*Revisiting the Neutral Zone: “Redbone” Stories and Texian Connections*

Troy Marler, Independent Scholar, Montgomery

*Goin’ Up the Country: The East Texas Roots of Songster and Bluesman*

*Henry “Rag-Time Texas” Thomas*

Robert Reitz, Independent Scholar, Dallas

Comments: Scott Sosebee

***Galveston in the 1840s and 1850s was one of the nation’s—and the world’s—largest and most profitable cotton ports.***

**SESSION VI: Salon C**

**Army, Navy, and “War” With Oklahoma, Too 10:30-11:45**

**Gene Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding**

*The Naval Air Station at Hitchcock in World War II to Present*

Brandon Franke, Blinn College

*Shift Trauma in Revolutionary Texas*

Brenda Godoy, Northeast Texas Community College

*The Red River Bridge War—The Depression Era Border Battle Between Texas and Oklahoma*

Rusty Williams, Independent Scholar/Author, Dallas

**Lunch Break: There is no scheduled Association Lunch, but Moody Gardens has a convenient dining choice, The Cafè in the Park.**

**SESSION VII Salon A**

**Making History Come Alive in the Classroom: 1:00-2:15**

**An ETHA K-12 Educators Session**

**Mary Jo O’Rear, Corpus Christi ISD (retired), Presiding**

*History Comes Alive in a Texas History Classroom*

Doug Kubicek, Hallettsville Junior High (retired)

*History Comes Alive in a U.S. History Classroom*

Stephen J. Wright, Mount Enterprise Junior High

***Union naval ships blockaded Galveston Island during the Civil War, and U.S. troops briefly occupied the town until the Confederate victory in the Battle of Galveston on New Year’s Day 1863 drove them from the city.***

**SESSION VIII Salon B**

**Remembering the Unspeakable: The 1918 Cabiness 1:00-2:15**

**Family Lynching Near Huntsville, Texas**

**Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

*Historicizing the Cabiness Family Lynching*

Jeffrey Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University

*Newspaper Coverage of the Cabiness Family Lynching*

Jami Horne, Sam Houston State University

*Bessie Cabiness and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*

Briana Weaver, Sam Houston State University

**SESSION IX Salon C**

**The New Deal in Texas: A Texas New Deal Symposium Session 1:00-2:15**

**George Cooper, Lone Star College, Presiding**

*Cass County, Texas: Local Views on FSA and WPA Work*

Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

*Caddo Lake and the CCC*

Milton Jordan, Independent Scholar, Georgetown

*The Lone Star on Relief: The Story of the Federal Writers Project*

Michael W. Mitchell, Houston Community College

**SESSION X (Plenary Session) Salon A**

**New Directions in Texas Historiography: 2:30-3:45**

**Books That Haven’t Been Written Yet (But Need to Be)**

**Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

Panelists:

Ty Cashion, Sam Houston State University

Nancy Baker Jones, Ruthe Winegarten Memorial Foundation

Jessica Branon-Wranosky, Texas A&M-Commerce

**WELCOME RECEPTION 5:30-7:00**

**The Bryan History Museum 1315 21st Street**

**Please join us for a reception at the exceptional Bryan Museum, which houses over 70,000 items, including some of the most impressive pieces of western and Texas art in one collection. Members will have access to the museum as well as a cash bar and light hors d’oeuvres. There is ample parking at the site near the rear of the building.**

**Reception sponsored by The Distinguished Professor of Humanities and History, Texas A&M University-Commerce**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 13**

**THEODORE M. “TED” LAWE BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST 7:30 A.M.**

**GARDEN CAY ROOM**

**REGISTRATION—BALLROOM FOYER 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

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***Galveston can claim many Texas “firsts,” such as first structure with electricity, the first telephone, and the first baseball game in the state.***

**SESSION XI Salon A**

**Studying African American Landmarks in Houston: 9:00-10:15**

**Emancipation Park and Olivewood and College Park Cemeteries**

**Yvonne Davis Frear, San Jacinto College-Central, Presiding**

*Listening to Voices of Those Gone By: Houston’s Oakwood and College Park Cemeteries*

Tomiko Meeks, Texas Southern University

*Freedom Has Come and So Did Re-purposing: A History of Third Ward’s Emancipation Park*

Shawna Williams, Texas Southern University

Comments by Yvonne Davis Frear

**SESSION XII Salon B**

**What They Were Teaching Our Children: 9:00-10:15**

**Teacher Knowledge and Certification Tests**

**Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University, Presiding**

*Know Your Texas History*

Rachel Turner, Texas A&M University

*Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geometry: Expectations for Teachers’ Content Knowledge*

*In the Early 20th Century*

Katherine Vela, Texas A&M University

*Knowing More Than Your Students: Teachers’ Subject Matter Tests and Textbook Content*

Danielle Bevan, Texas A&M University

**SESSION XIII Salon C**

**Dementia, Drag, and Death: Twentieth Century Texas Social History: 9:00-10:15**

**A Project of the University of Houston-Downtown Honors Program**

**Mari-Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding**

*The Tragedy of Railroad Laura: Mental Health and Old Age at the Turn of the Century*

Alondra Morillon, University of Houston-Downtown

*Big Hair, Rhinestone Tiaras, and Duct Tape: The Other Pageant Scene in Texas*

Juan Leija, University of Houston-Downtown

*Las Mujeres de la Muerte: Hispanic Women and South Texas Funeral Homes*

Aimee Garcia-Soto, University of Houston-Downtown

**COFFEE BREAK—FOYER 10:15-10:30**

**SESSION XIV Salon A**

**The Chicken Ranch: Not Perdue or Sanderson Farms 10:30-11:45**

**Erin Singer, Texas A&M University, Presiding**

*The Soiled Doves of the Old West*

Sarah Macha, Texas A&M University

*Crime and Prostitution in Western History*

Kayla Daughtery, Texas A&M University

*Sociological Aspects of Prostitution in the Old West*

Erin Singer, Texas A&M University

**SESSION XV Salon B**

**Right Side Up: Soil and Water Conservation in Texas 10:30-11:45**

**Jay Dew, Texas A&M University Press, Presiding**

*Rescue a Tired and Broken Land: Henry Howard Finnell and “Operation Dust Bowl”*

Heather Green Wooten, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

*And the Land Will Take Care of You: Hugh Hammond Bennett*

*And the Roots of Soil Conservation*

Dan K. Utley, Texas State University

Comments: Jay Dew

**SESSION XVI Salon C**

**Preserving Latino History: Stories from LULAC’s Council 60 Clubhouse 10:30-11:45**

**A Project of the University of Houston-Downtown Honors Program**

**Mari Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding**

*Historic Council 60 and the Politics of Place: The Clubhouse Era*

Katy De La O and Faryal Gul, University of Houston-Downtown

*The Women on the Second Floor: LULAC Women’s Activism in Houston*

Evelyn Garcia, University of Houston-Downtown

*Baseball and Boy Scouts in the Barrio: Houston’s Mexican American Middle Class*

Carlos Guajardo, University of Houston, Downtown

**ASSOCIATION FRIDAY LUNCH Salon D**

**11:45-1:00**

**Please join us for a plated lunch.**

**Book signing for** *T*he Presidents Speak, allroom Foyer

“This new book collects 14 of the 16 Presidential Addresses delivered at the ETHA Fall Meetings since the practice began in 2001. Most of the past presidents represented in the collection will be present to sign their address.”

**SESSION XVII Salon A Ghosts Towns and Wild Weather in South Texas 1:00-2:15**

**Joint Session with the South Texas Historical Association**

**George M. Cooper, Lone Star College, Presiding**

*Come Hell or High Water: Mapping a South Texas Ghost Town*

Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville

*“There Is Only Barbed Wire Between Here and There, and Its Down:”*

*The Great 1889 Blizzard of Texas*

Doug Kubicek, Lavaca County Historical Association

Comments: George M. Cooper

**SESSION XVIII Salon B**

**Galveston County: A Hotbed of History 1:00-2:15**

**Melanie Wiggins, Galveston County Historical Commission, Presiding**

*Friendswood, Texas: A Community of Friendly Folks*

Barbara J. Holt, Galveston County Historical Commission

*The Rebuilding of Galveston’s County Museum*

Jennifer Wycoff, Galveston County Historical Commission

*The 1867 Settlement and Calvin Bell*

Mary Smith, Galveston County Historical Commission

**SESSION XIX Salon C**

**Lone Stars of David: Texas Jews and Texas Cities 1:00-2:15**

**Mary Jo O’Rear, Independent Scholar, Corpus Christi, Presiding**

*“I Don’t Have a Priest, But I Do Have a Rabbi:” Henry Cohen of Galveston*

Rabbi James Kessler, Congregation B’nai Israel, The Henry Cohen Memorial Temple

*From the Shtetl to San Antonio: Alexander Gurwitz of Russia and Texas*

Bryan Stone, Del Mar Community College

*Rabbi Sidney Wolf: Harmonizing in Texas*

Helen Wilk, Nueces County Historical Association

**SESSION XX Salon A**

**The School Curriculum: A Rich Variety of Courses 2:30-3:45**

**Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University, Presiding**

*Foreign Languages in Texas High Schools, 1921-1951*

Karla Garza and Lynn Burlbaw, Texas A&M University

*Vocational Education in Texas High Schools, 1921-1951*

Robert M. Clark, Conroe ISD

*Science in Texas High Schools, 1921-1951*

Larry J. Kelly, Texas A&M University

**SESSION XXI Salon B**

**All Roads Led To. . .Or Around. . .Nacogdoches: The Stories of Place 2:30-3:45**

**Jeffrey Williams, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

*Have Those Looking for Santisima Trinidad de Salcedo Taken a Wrong Turn?*

Jim Tiller, Sam Houston State University

*TXDOT Did Not Build the First Nacogdoches Loop: Williams Settlement and a Way Around*

Gary L. Pinkerton, Independent Scholar, Houston

Comments: Jeffrey Williams

**SESSION XXII Salon C**

**Joint Session with the Texas Folklore Society 2:30-3:45**

**Lorraine Mason, Texas Folklore Society, Bellaire, Presiding**

*The Folklore of Snuff Bottles*

George Avery, Stephen F. Austin State University

*Family Trees, Family Histories, and Stories*

Dina Lopez, Texas Folklore Society, McKinney

*My Third Grade Reader, and the World it Opened Up For Me*

W. Floyd Elliott, Texas Folklore Society, Tyler

***During World War II, Galveston Municipal Airport became The Galveston Army Air Field, and Fort Crockett provided coastal defense.***

**SESSION XXIII Salon A**

**From Interview to Ink—Creating Tattooed on My Soul: 4:00-5:15**

**Texas Veterans Remember World War II**

**Stephen Sloan, Baylor University, Presiding**

*Stream of Consciousness to Published Work: Editing Oral History for Publication*

Michelle Holland, Baylor University, Baylor Institute for Oral History

*Presenting the Experience of World War II through Oral History*

Stephen Sloan, Baylor University, Baylor Institute for Oral History

**SESSION XXIV Salon B**

**Confronting Disaster: Texas Physicians, Forensics, and Technological Change 4:00-5:15**

**Heather Wooten, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Presiding**

*Doc: The Company Aid Men*

Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville

*Ten Fingers, Two Eyes: One More Day Without an Accident:*

*Industrial Safety in the Piney Woods, 1900-1950*

Mari Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown

*Forensic Identification in the 1947 Texas City Disaster Morgue*

Vicki Daniel, University of Wisconsin-Madison

***Higher Education came to Galveston in 1891 with the opening of the University of Texas Medical Branch. It was followed by The Texas Maritime Academy in 1962, now TexasA&M-Galveston, and in 1967 Galveston College***

**SESSION XXV Salon C**

**Wranglers, Whiskey, and Workers in South Texas 4:00-5:15**

**Mary Jo O’Rear, Independent Scholar, Corpus Christi, Presiding**

*Echoes in the Dust: Memories from the Cattle Trails*

Bob Kinnan, King Ranch

*The Drying of the Wild Horse Desert: Prohibition in South Texas*

James Klein, Del Mar College

*Culture, Community, and Remembrance at the Robstown Migrant Labor Camp, 1940*

Christine Reiser Robbins, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Mark Robbins, Del Mar College

**FELLOWS OF THE ASSOCIATION RECEPTION 6:30-7:30**

**South Ballroom Foyer**

**Please join us for a pre-banquet reception and cocktail hour to honor the Association’s Fellows, as well as to welcome and announce the 2017 class of the Fellows of the East Texas Historical Association. There will be a cash bar and light hors d’oeuvres.**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BANQUET Salon D**

**Heather Green Wooten, Association Vice-President, Presiding 7:30**

*Texas, Banks, and John Nance Garner*

George M. Cooper, President, East Texas Historical Association

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14**

**WOMEN’S HISTORY BREAKFAST—GARDEN CAY ROOM 7:30 A.M.**

**REGISTRATION—BALLROOM FOYER 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.**

**SILENT AUCTION—BALLROOM FOYER 8:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.**

**The Silent Auction will close promptly at 11:00. At that time all bids will be tabulated and those with the winning tenders may pick up and pay for their items at the registration table before the start of the Association Business luncheon. Those not present will receive their items via U.S. Mail along with a bill for their final offer.**

**EXHIBITORS—BALLROOM FOYER 8:00-11:00 A.M.**

**SESSION XXVI Salon A**

**Teaching African American History in East Texas: Rewards and Challenges 9:00-10:15**

**Constanze Weise, Henderson State University, Presiding**

*Beyond the Slave Trade: Integrating Africa into the US History Survey*

Jason Morgan, Collin College

*African Environmental History in the US Classroom*

Okech Oyugi, Sam Houston State University

*Teaching African Gender and Sexuality History in the US Classroom*

Constanze Weise, Henderson State University

**SESSION XXVII Salon B**

**Women’s History Breakfast Session: 9:00-10:15**

**Cannot Silence Us: Women’s Activism and Resistance Against the State**

**Meredith May, Kilgore College, Presiding**

*Militant Suffragist: The National Women’s Party in Texas*

Elaina Friar Moyer, Texas A&M-Commerce

*Now on the Mainstage: Attitudes toward Strip-Tease in 1950s Dallas*

Kelly Clayton*,* Texas A&M University- Commerce

*Resistance and Regulation: The Politics of Prostitution in Houston, 1900-1917*

Leah LaGrone Ochoa, Texas Christian University

**SESSION XXVIII Salon C**

**Joint Session with the West Texas Historical Association 9:00-10:15**

**Gene Preuss, Presiding**

“*Taurindicus tex*: Tropical Cattle in the Texas Ranchlands”.  Leland Turner, Midwestern State University

*"Wildcatter and Deal Maker:  West Texas' Cadillac Jack."* Tai Kreidler, Texas Tech University

**COFFEE BREAK—FOYER 10:15-10:30**

**SESSION XXIX (Plenary Session) Salon A and B**

***Blue Texas*: A Roundtable Discussion 10:30-11:45**

**Kyle Wilkison, Collin College, Presiding**

Discussants

Merline Pitre, Texas Southern University

George N. Green, University of Texas-Arlington (retired)

Emilio Zamora, University of Texas, Austin

**Respondent: Max Krochmal, Texas Christian University and author of *Blue Texas: The Making of a Multi-Racial Democratic Coalition in the Civil Rights Era***

***Plans for Moody Gardens began in 1983, and the first attractions opened in 1988. The Moody Gardens Hotel and Spa opened in 1999.***

**ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON Salon D**

**George M. Cooper, President, East Texas Historical Association, Presiding 12:00-2:00**

**Presentation of Awards**

**Business Meeting**

**“Passing of the Gavel”**

**The Association would like to thank the following members of the Program Committee for their service and fine work in formulating our Meeting Program:**

**Heather Green Wooten, Chair**

**Kay Reed Arnold**

**Yvonne Frear**

**John Lundberg**

**Mary Jo O’Rear**

**Dan Utley**

**Also, a huge thanks to the following, who, without their help and service this meeting would not be possible:**

**Jamie Weir and her sales staff at the Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa, and Convention Center.**

**The Graduate and Undergraduate student assistants at Stephen F. Austin State University.**

**The officers and board members of the Association who tirelessly support the Association and its endeavors.**

**And most significantly, the person who “glues” all this together, works behind the scenes to make our Meeting run seamlessly and smoothly, and handles the stress and tribulations of these things without complaint, Association Secretary Chris Gill.**

**Thanks to our members for all your support and we will see you in February at Washington-On-The-Brazos!**