EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
FALL 2014 MEETING

BAKER PATTILLO STUDENT CENTER
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

OCTOBER 2 - 4, 2014
PROGRAM

THURSDAY, October 2, 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ................................................................. 10:00 A.M.
Holiday Inn Express

REGISTRATION – BPSC Foyer, 2nd Floor ......................................................... 1:00 P.M.
Silent Auction (Regent’s Suite A), ................................................................. 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Exhibitors (Regent’s Suite A), ................................................................. 1:00-5:00 P.M.

SESSION I: ..................................................................................................... 1:30 – 2:45 P.M.
Multimedia Room (2.106)
Remembering Archie McDonald: A Panel of Friends Reminisce
Patrick Cox, Wimberley, TX, Presiding

Panelists:
   Portia Gordon, Stephen F. Austin State University (ret.)
   Dan K. Utley, Texas State University
   Cary D. Wintz, Texas Southern University

SESSION II: ..................................................................................................... 1:30 – 2:45 P.M.
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Land of Untamed Beauty and Biological Splendor:
The Big Thicket of Texas
Penny Clark, Lamar University, Presiding

Maxine Johnston, Big Thicket Association
Preservation History: 1936-2013

Pete A.Y. Gunter, University of North Texas
Maps of the Big Thicket: A Single Final Location

David Lewis, Gulf State Mycological Society
Big Thicket National Preserve All Taxa Biological Inventory: Fungi in the Preserve
Penny Clark, Lamar University
Archiving a Texas Treasure: Lamar University’s Big Thicket Collections

SESSION III: 1:30-2:45 P.M.  
Tejas Room  
*Texas and the “War to End All Wars”: A 100 Year Retrospective*

James Maroney, Baytown, Presiding

Abbie Grubb, San Jacinto College
*The Great War in the Lone Star State*

Heather Green Wooten, San Jacinto College South
*A Plague So Deadly: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918 in East Texas*

Brent Turnbough, Texas A&M University-Commerce
*Examining the United States Military Trial and Execution Following The 1917 Houston Race Riot*

SESSION IV: 3:15-4:30 P.M.  
Multi-Media Room (2.106)  
*Texas Politics Through Four Careers*

Patrick Cox, Wimberley, TX, Presiding

Donald R. Walker, Texas Tech University, Emeritus
*Beauford Jester and Allan Shivers Present the Peoples Path*

Gary Keith, Incarnate Word University
*Congressman Bob Eckhardt*

Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University
*Congressman Charlie Wilson, The Unique Career of a Texas Democrat*

SESSION V: 3:15-4:30 P.M.  
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)  
*Digitization, The Internet, and Historical Research*

Laura McLemore, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, Presiding

Panelists
- **Chris Brown**, Centenary College of Louisiana
- **Tara Carlisle**, Portal to Texas History
- **Linda J. Reynolds**, East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University
SESSION VI: 3:15-4:30 P.M.
Tejas Room
Jim Crow Segregation: Building and Breaking in Denton, Tyler, and Beaumont
Robert Robertson, Lamar University, Presiding

Chelsea Stallings, University of North Texas
Relocation and Resistance: The 1920s Forced Relocation of an African American in Denton, TX

Vicki Betts, University of Texas, Tyler
African Americans and the NAACP (1949) campaign to Desegregate Tyler State Park

Robert Robertson, Lamar University
The Summer of 1956: Civil Rights vs. States’ Rights in Beaumont, Texas

MAX AND GEORGINA LALE LECTURE SERIES 7:00 P.M.
Stephen F. Austin State University, Baker Pattillo Student Center, Grand Ballroom
Paul Carlson, Texas Tech University, Emeritus
Painting Tom Sawyer’s Fence: Lessons from Literature, History, Sports, and the Humanities

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

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

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 VII: Multi-Media Room (2.106) 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Must Every Status Be Quo: The Life and Civil Rights Career of Wendell H. Baker
Joreen Weddell, RN, Huntsville High School (Ret.), Presiding

Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University
Wendell H. Baker and a Family’s Legacy

Jeff Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University
Wendell Baker, The Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and School Desegregation in Huntsville, TX

Milton Jordan, Georgetown, TX
A Friendship Renewed After Forty Years: Remembering Wendell Baker

SESSION VIII: Tiered Meeting Room (2.201) 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Now Hear This: A Celebration of Naval History in Texas
Heather Green Wooten, San Jacinto College, South, Presiding
Kevin C. Wooten, University of Houston, Clear Lake
The Original Battleship Texas: A Confluence of Technologies and Tenacity

Kenneth Grubb, Wharton County Junior College
The Battleship Texas: A Century of Service

Richard L. Scheer, Beaumont, TX
The Resurrection of the Blue Ghost, The USS Lexington

SESSION IX: 9:00-10:15 A.M.  
Tejas Room
Joseph Bonnell: Unsung Hero of the Texas Revolution  
Seldon B. Graham, Jr., Austin, Presiding and Commentating

Stanley Bacon, Jr., Austin  
Captain Joseph Bonnell, Unsung History of the Texas Revolution

Dan W. Hickox, Jr., Leander  
Reunion and Recognition: A Lasting Tribute to the Bonnell Legacy

Frederick C. Bothwell, III, Georgetown  
Documentary Video, Discussion, Q&A: The Joseph Bonnell Story

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

SESSION X: 10:45-12:00 P.M.  
Multi-Media Room (2.106)
Black Women Historians in the Texas Academy: Living, Teaching, and Writing for Future Generations, Part 2  
Karen Kossie-Chernyshev, Texas Southern University, Presiding and Commentating

Yvonne Davis Frear, San Jacinto College  
Fighting the Good Fight: The Emancipation Experience of a Beautiful African American Mind

LaGuana Kachet Gray. University of Texas, San Antonio  
Close to My Heart

Mickie Koster-Mwanzia, University of Texas, Tyler  
Climbing the Ladder When it is Broken: Journey Up Despite Race, Class, and Gender

Antrece Bagget, Houston Community College, Southeast  
A College Administrator’s Life Journey from Home: From Mississippi to Texas

Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University  
The Double Consciousness of a Beautiful Soul
SESSION XI: 10:45-12:00 P.M.
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Joint Session with South Texas Historical Association:
New Perspectives on the New Deal in Texas
Pat Parsons, South Texas Historical Association President, Presiding

Mary Jo O’Rear, Corpus Christi
Seawall Struggle: Part One: Dams, Dames, and Depression, Corpus Christi on the Brink of the New Deal

George M. Cooper, Lone Star College
The Texas Gang: Part One: South Texans in Washington During the New Deal

Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, Somerville
Turning the Lights on in Texas: How the New Deal Programs Advanced the Quality of Life in Rural Texas

SESSION XII: 10:45-12:00 P.M.
Tejas Room
Texas Historical Commission Session: 1936 Centennial Markers: Past, Present, and Future
Dan K. Utley, Center for Public History, Texas State University, Presiding

Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Commission
Celebration

Sarah McCleskey, Texas Historical Commission
Commemoration/Deterioration

Sunny Howard, Texas Historical Commission
Restoration

ASSOCIATION FRIDAY BUFFET Twilight Ballroom: 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.
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.

Speaker:
Carol Wilson, Independent Scholar, Temple, Texas
The Fergusons of Texas; “A Retrospective Look at Ferguson in mischief or maleficence”

SESSION XIII: 1:30-2:45 P.M.
Multi Media Room (2.106)
Texans and Southern Music in the Great Depression
Anne Jordan, Georgetown, Presiding

Kevin S. Fontenot, Austin ISD
Voices Unheard: William Owens’ Cajun Field Recordings and Their Forgotten Legacy

Caroline Gnagy, Texas State University
Pardon Me If I am Sentimental: Radio and East Texas Prison Bands in the New Deal Era

Commentating: Court Carney, Stephen F. Austin State University
SESSION XIV: 1:30-2:45 P.M.
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
Religion in East Texas: An Institution’s Legacy, A Preacher’s Mission
John Storey, Lamar University, emeritus, Presiding

Jerry Hopkins, East Texas Baptist University
A Scholarly Trinity: East Texas Baptist College Historians’ Scholarly Contributions

Joseph E. Early, Jr.
The Unyielding Ministry of Lester Leo Roloff

SESSION XV: 1:30-2:45 P.M.
Tejas Room
New Approaches to Spanish Borderlands, Part I
Don Chipman, University of North Texas, emeritus, Presiding

Matthew Babcock, University of North Texas, Dallas
Territoriality and the Historiography of Early North American Borderlands

Francis X. Galan, Texas A&M University, San Antonio
“I Thought We Came From Mexico”: The Mora Family and Other Spanish Pioneers in the East Texas Borderlands from Exodus to Revolution, 1773-1813

David Rex-Galindo, Stephen F. Austin State University
Baptism, C-Sections, and Salvation: Missionaries and Early Obstetrics
On the Spanish Borderlands

SESSION XVI: 1:30-2:45 P.M.
Ladyjack Room
The Desegregation of Huntsville, Texas: A Roundtable Discussion
Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Linda Broussard, Huntsville Action for Youth
Milford Hawkins, Huntsville Action for Youth
Roy Moten, Huntsville Action for Youth
Linda Moten, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Retired
Billy Roy Murray, Huntsville
Jaspyr Sanford, Sam Houston State University
Joreen Waddell, Huntsville Action for Youth

SESSION XVII: 3:15-4:30 P.M.
East Texas Historical: A Mobile App and Website
Multi-Media Room, (2.106)
Wesley Phelps, Sam Houston State University, Presiding

Jeffrey L. Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University
The East Texas Historical Mobile App and Website
Lila Rakoczy, Sam Houston State University  
Teaching Public History with the East Texas Historical App

Chelsea Branch, Sam Houston State University  
African American Sites in Walker County

Elizabeth Neucr, Sam Houston State University  
Prisons in Walker County

Katherine Gaskamp, Sam Houston State University  
Civil War Sites in Walker County

SESSION XVIII: 3:15-4:30 P.M.  
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)  
The Portia Gordon Student Series Session: Southeast Texas in War, Oil, and Peace  
Mary L. Scheer, Lamar University, Presiding

Tyler Linder, Lamar University  
Jefferson County: Decade of Change, 1850-1861

Tyler Quibodeaux, Lamar University  
Pilgrimage of Perseverance: The Story of Anthony Lucas

Jordin Fenner, Lamar University  
Mary Fenner: A Rural Woman’s Life

SESSION XVIX: 3:15-4:30 P.M.  
Tejas Room  
New Approaches to the Spanish Borderlands, Part II  
George Avery, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding

Joquin Rivaya-Martinez, Texas State University  
The Comanches Viewed by the Spanish: A Linguistic-Ethnohistorical Reflection on the Independent Indians of New Spain’s Northern Borderlands

Jeffery E. Roth, Stephen F. Austin State University  
A Cartographic Reconstruction of the Nacogdoches Plaza and the Process Of “Americanization,” 1779-1846

Samuel Tadlock, Stephen F. Austin State University  
Reinterpreting the “Oldest Town in Texas:” A Review of the Public Memory Of the Spanish Past in Nacogdoches
SESSION XX: ................................................................. 3:15-4:30 P.M.
Ladyjack Room
The Mary Perry Show Quilt (circa 1860): Catalyst for Historical Research from Texas
   To Louisiana’s West Florida Parishes, 2010-present
Terrie Gonzales, Rusk, Presiding

Deborah Burkett, Troup
Quilt Analysis

Mary Charlotte Decker, Jacksonville
Establishing the Provenance for the Mary E. Perry Quilt

Please join us for our special Friday evening “down home” Fellows Reception, Presidential Address, and barbeque supper at historic Millard’s Crossing. Wear your comfortable “duds” and come enjoy some special country music entertainment by Brad Maule, as well as a cash bar. Because of limited parking and to encourage safety, we greatly encourage all attendees to take advantage of our special bus transportation to Millard’s Crossing. Buses will leave the Comfort Suites at 6:00 P.M., the Hampton Inn at 6:10 P.M., and Holiday Inn Express at 6:20 P.M. Buses will return to all hotels at approximately 9:30 P.M.

FELLOWS RECEPTION: 6:30 P.M., Millard’s Crossing. Cash bar and light appetizers provided by the Liberty Bell Wine Bar and Bistro. All Fellows of the Association will receive special recognition, as well as the naming of new Fellows of the Association.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BANQUET
Mary L. Scheer, First Vice President
East Texas Historical Association, Presiding

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:
Gene Preuss, President, ETHA
East Texas and the Battle for Texas’ Past

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2014

WOMEN’S HISTORY BREAKFAST ................................................................. 7:30 A.M.
Regent’s Suite B

REGISTRATION – BPSC Foyer, 2nd Floor .............................................. 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
Silent Auction (Regent’s Suite A), ..................................................... 8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
Exhibitors (Regent’s Suite A), ............................................................... 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.
SESSION XXI: 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Multi Media Room (2.106)
Women’s History Session: Examinations of Gender and Sexuality
Activism in Dallas, 1937-1996
Nancy E. Baker, Sam Houston State University, Presiding

Molly Bundschuh, University of North Texas

Allison Faber, Texas A&M University-Commerce
The Half-Citizen: Dallas Women and the Right to Serve on Juries

Karen Wisely, University of North Texas
Harryette Ehrhardt: LGBT Ally Extraordinaire

SESSION XXII: 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
West Texas Historical Association Session: The Diverse Realities
of the Ranching Business in West Texas
Gerald Betty, Del Mar College, Presiding

Debbie Liles, University of North Texas
Cowboys, Indians, and Capitalism on the Northwestern Frontier of Texas

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University
Lizzie Crosson: Cattle Baron of the Trans-Pecos

Mick Miller, The Colony
From Snowstorm to Snowstorm: Texas, Montana, and the XIT Empire

SESSION XXIII: 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Tejas Room
What Regional Journal Editors Want You to Know
John Storey, Lamar University, emeritus and former editor, Presiding

Panelists:
Scott Sosebee, East Texas Historical Journal
Jimmy L. Bryan, Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record
Monte Monroe, West Texas Historical Review
Alberto Rodriguez, The Journal of South Texas

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

SESSION XXIV: 10:45-12:00 P.M.
Multi Media Room (2.106)
The East Texas War and Memory Project
Eric Gruver, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Presiding
Nick Sprenger, Texas A&M University-Commerce
All Over Europe. . .With a Taste of Pecan (Gap)

Margo McCutcheon, Texas A&M-Commerce
Brothers in Arms. . .Missing in Action

Jacob Ham, Texas A&M-Commerce
The Courage and Humility of a Vietnam Pilot

SESSION XXV: ................................................................. 10:45-12:00 P.M.
Tiered Meeting Room (2.201)
The View from the Bayou: Doing Local History in Houston
Gene Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding

Rachel MacDonald, University of Houston-Downtown

Francisco Delgado, University of Houston-Downtown
Hell in the Fifth: The Great Fire of 1912

Mari Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown
A Horrible History of Houston: Using Local History to Promote Undergraduate Research

SESSION XXVI: ................................................................. 10:45-12:00 P.M.
Tejas Room
Discovering Texas History
Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Presiding

Panelists:
Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Texas A&M-Commerce
Light T. Cummins, Austin College
Victoria Cummins, Austin College
Rebecca Sharpless, Texas Christian University
Cary D. Wintz, Texas Southern University

ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON: .......... 12:15-1:30 P.M.
Twilight Ballroom
Gene Preuss, 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 fine work:

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Please join us for the Spring Meeting, which will be held in The Woodlands at the Sam Houston State University Center at The Woodlands on February 27-18, 2015.