

THE EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

2017 FALL MEETING PROGRAM

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

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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 *The 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!