

**EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
FALL PROGRAM**

**The Fredonia Hotel
Nacogdoches, TX**

THURSDAY, October 10, 2019

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

10:00 A.M.

**REGISTRATION – Convention Center B
Silent Auction (Convention Center B)
Exhibitors (Convention Center B)**

**1:00-4:00 P.M.
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**Session I:
Labor in the Rise and Decline of Industrial Texas:
Jeffrey Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

**Convention Center A
1:30-2:45**

The Galveston Screwmen and Their Vision of a Workingmen City
Serena Barbieri, Rice University

The Texas Death Warrant Strike, 1872
George Norris Green, University of Texas, Arlington

When the Plant Closes
Zachary A. Montz, San Houston State University

**Session II:
The Texian Response to the Mexican Invasion of 1836
Roger Raney, Independent Scholar, Yoakum, Presiding**

**Banita Room
1:30-2:45**

*The Long Road from the Alamo to the Texas State Archives:
The Story of the Famous Travis Letter*
Donaly E. Brice, Texas State Archives (Retired)

The Flight to the Sabine: Memoirs of the Runaway Scrape, Part One
Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, South Texas Historical Association

The Flight to the Sabine: Memoirs of the Runaway Scrape, Part Two
Doug Kubicek, Lavaca County Historical Commission

Session III:
Education for Success: Curriculum Offerings in
Mid-20th Century Texas High Schools
Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University, Presiding

Rusk Room
1:30-2:45

“Negro History” in Accredited Black High Schools—A Study of History and Contributions
Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University

The Development of Vocational Education in Conroe ISD
R. Matthew Clark, Conroe Independent School District

Modern and Classical Languages for the Children of Texas
Karla Adelina Garza, Texas A&M University

Session IV:
Taking the Higher Road to Higher Education:
Colleges and Universities in Twentieth Century Texas
Ronald E. Goodwin, Prairie View A&M University, Presiding

Convention Center A
3:00-4:15

Samuel H. Whitley and East Texas State Teacher’s College, 1924-194
Joshua V. Chanin, Texas A&M-Commerce

Texas Southern University: From Emergency to Adam v. Richardson
Merline Pitre, Texas Southern University

“Universities of the First Class:” Higher Education in Texas from Access to Excellence
Gene B. Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown

Session V:
Scandals, Skullduggery, Murders, and Suicide: Texans and Their Money
Bill O’Neal, Past Texas State Historian, Presiding

Banita Room
3:00-4:15

Houston, We Have a Problem, Or Maybe Not:
The Southern Motor Manufacturing Company of Houston
George M. Cooper, East Texas Historical Association

The First State Mercantile: Saloon or Bank?
Roger S. Raney, Central Texas Historical Association

The Murder of William Marsh Rice
Paul N. Spellman, Wharton County Junior College

Session VI:
Joint Session with The Texas Folklore Society
Darrel McDonald, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding

Rusk Room
3:00-4:15

Folklore in Medical Anthropology and Ethnobiology
Karol Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University

Amada Cardenas: A Blessing in South Texas
Darrel McDonald, Stephen F. Austin State University

Horse Sayings and Horse Sense
Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session VII:
Spreading the Word in Turn-of-the-Century Texas:
Missionaries, Educators, and African Americans
Christine Reiser Robbins, Texas A&M-Kingsville, Presiding

Banita Room
4:30-5:45

The Sisters of the Holy Spirit: Pioneers of Black Catholic Education in Texas, 1893-1954
Cecilia Gutierrez Venable, Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate Archives

Texas Chapters of the African American YMCA and Early 20th Century
Home Missions Movement
Kimberly D. Hill, University of Texas-Dallas

Commentator: Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University

Session VIII:
Preserving the Story of Texas:
Joint Session with the TSHA Archives Committee
Monte Monroe, Texas Tech University and Texas State Historian, Presiding

Rusk Room
4:30-5:45

Rare Book Room to the East Texas Research Center: A History of Archives at SFASU
Alexandra Schutz, East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University

The Story Behind the Sam Houston Center and Other Regional Repositories in Texas
Alana Inman, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center

Archives, Personal Papers, and Cornbread Whistles:
The History Center and East Texas Memory
Jonathan Gerland, The History Center

MAX AND GEORGINA LALE LECTURE SERIES **7:00 P.M.**
Stephen F. Austin State University, Baker Pattillo Student Center, Grand Ballroom
Joan C. Browning

A Hell of a Disturbance: A Homegrown Freedom Rider

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

THEODORE M. "TED" LAWE BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST **7:30 A.M.**
CONVENTION CENTER B

REGISTRATION—Convention Center B **7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

SILENT AUCTION—Convention Center B **7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

EXHIBITORS—Convention Center B **7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Session IX: **Convention Center A**

Brazoria County: A Snapshot of Schooling in the Early 20th Century **9:00-10:15**

A Texas A&M University Student Session

Karla A. Garza, Texas A&M University, Presiding

Where, When, and Who Was Attending School?

Emily Hardin, Lindsey Lawson, and Karen McIntush, Texas A&M University

Being a Teacher in Rural Texas

Lindsey Lawson, Emily Hardin, and Karla Garza, Texas A&M University

Administering Rural Schools

Karla Garza and Karen McIntush, Texas A&M University

Session X: **Banita Room**

The New Deal in Texas and Elsewhere **9:00-10:15**

Joint Session with the Texas New Deal Symposium

George M. Cooper, Lone Star College-Montgomery, Presiding

FSA Communities in Texas: Experiments in Resettlement

Brenda Taylor-Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

And FDR Blinked: Executive Order 8802 and the Committee on Fair Employment Practices

Dan K. Utley, Texas State University

National Youth Administration in Texas: Renovating the Segregated Places

Candace Jackson Gray, Morgan State University

Session XI: **Rusk Room**
Race, Rights, and the University of Texas in an Era of Transition, 1940-1970 **9:00-10:15**
A Northeast Texas Community College Student Session
Miguel Paco, Northeast Texas Community College, Presiding

Bureaucratic Racialism and the University of Texas, 1946-1968
Jacob Lambie, Northeast Texas Community College

How Barbara Conrad Made It: Hafting Discrimination at the University of Texas, 1956-59
Verania Leyva, Northeast Texas Community College

The Battle for Academic Freedom: Homer Rainey vs. Texas Governor Pappy O'Daniel
Rebecca Mercedes Collins, Northeast Texas Community College

Morning Coffee and Pastries Break

Convention Center B, 10:15-10:30

Session XII:
Food and The Construction of Texan Identity
Kay Arnold, Independent Scholar, Austin, Presiding

Convention Center A
10:30-11:45

Wheat Bread vs. Corn Bread: A Texas Debate
Rebecca Sharpless, Texas Christian University

Scott Sosebee Has Never Made Chili: Do Beans Belong in Texas Chili?
Gene B. Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown

Despite What He Thinks, Gene Preuss Knows Nothing About Texas Chili:
How Food Serves Texas Nationalism
Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University

Session XIII:
Texas School of the Air: A Texas A&M University Student Session
Lauren G. Santarelli, Texas A&M University, Presiding

Banita Room
10:30-11:45

Stories Plus: Education for a Civil Society
Lauren G. Santarelli, Texas A&M University

Open Your Eyes: The World Around
Cherilyn Porter, Texas A&M University

Reading Adventures: Expanding the Literature Background of Texas Youth
Maro Graham, Texas A&M University

**Session XIV:
Place, Power, and Politics in Houston, Texas
Tomiko Meeks, Texas Southern University, Presiding**

**Rusk Room
10:30-11:45**

Challenging the Good Ol' Boy System: Latino Firefighters in Houston
Jesus Jesse Esparza, Texas Southern University

History in the Making: Judge Linda Hidalgo and Politics in Houston
Robert Reese, Texas Southern University

Tomiko Meeks, Commentator

Association Lunch

Convention Center B, 11:45-1:30

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 at the entrance to Convention Center B

**Session XV:
Breaking the Mold in East Texas: Actors, Activists, and Prison Reformers 1:30-2:45
Kevin Scott Fontenot, Tulane University, Presiding**

Convention Center A

As Time Goes By: The Iconic Song From the Movie Casablanca
Sung by Tyler-born Dooley Wilson
Robert Reitz, Independent Scholar, Dallas

Maud Cuney Hare: Bridging the Racial Divide from Galveston to Boston
Cynthia Davis, San Jacinto College

Austin MacCormick: A Champion for Texas Prisoners
Sam Houston State University

**Session XVI:
Revolutionaries and Renaissance Men:
Unique Photographers of Texas
Richard Orton, Documentary Photographer and Oral Historian, Presiding**

**Banita Room
1:30-2:45**

Adolphe Gouhenant: French Artist and Texas Photographer
Paula Selzer, Independent Scholar and Researcher, Dallas

The Renaissance Man of East Texas: Larry Fisher's Unique Life and Talents
Penny L. Clark, Lamar University

Richard Orton, Commentator

**Session XVII:
Racial Violence and Resistance in East Texas
Donna Britt, Goose Creek ISD (Retired), Presiding**

**Rusk Room
1:30-2:45**

The Education of an Activist: A. Maceo Smith in East Texas and Beyond
Ty Welborn, Maricopa County Community College System

The Forgotten Race Riot of 1943: Racial Angst and the Search for Truth in Paris, Texas
D'Lynn Bueno, Paris Junior College

Lisa Johnson, Paris Junior College, Commentator

**Session XVIII: Plenary Session
The Handbook of Texas Women's History Session
"Telling Texas Women's Stories"
Jessica Wranosky, Texas A&M-Commerce, and Handbook of Texas Women, Presiding**

**Convention Center A
3:00-4:15**

Panelists
Katherine Kuehler Walters, Texas State Historical Association
John Lundberg, Tarrant County College
Rachel Gunter, Collin College
Heather Rodriguez, Texas A&M-Commerce
M. Grace Slayter, Texas A&M-Commerce
Nancy Baker Jones, Ruthe Winegarten Foundation
Vicki Cummins, Austin College

FELLOWS OF THE ASSOCIATION RECEPTION

6:30-7:30

Garden Terrace (In the event of inclement weather, this will be moved inside to Convention Center A)

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 2018 class of the Fellows of the East Texas Historical Association. There will be a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BANQUET

Convention Center A

Mary Jo O'Rear, Association Vice-President, Presiding

7:30

Gwendolyn McMillan Lawe, President, East Texas Historical Association

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

WOMEN'S HISTORY BREAKFAST

**7:30 A.M.
Convention Center B**

REGISTRATION—Convention Center B

7:30 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION—Convention Center B

7:30 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.

EXHIBITORS—Convention Center B

7:30 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.

The Silent Auction will end at 10:30. All bids must be complete by that time

Session XIX:

Convention Center A

A Historical Look at Treasure Legends

9:00-10:15

Wes Ferguson, *Texas Monthly*, Presiding and Commenting

True Believers: How an East Texas Treasure Legend Became History

Gary L. Pinkerton, Independent Scholar/Researcher, Houston

The San Saba Treasure: Treasure Hunting in the Family Tree

David C. Lewis, Independent Scholar and Author, Amarillo

Session XX:

Banita Room

Women's History Breakfast Session

9:00-10:15

Outspoken Women: Twentieth Century Political Voices After Suffrage

Katherine Kuehler Walters, Texas State Historical Association, Presiding

A Woman of Strength and Determination: Ellen Sullivan Woodward and

The Roosevelt Administration

Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, South Texas Historical Association

Claiming Their Place and Their Influence: Alumnae of Texas' Historically

Black Colleges and Universities Tell Their Stories

Betsy Friauf, University of North Texas Health Science Center

Organizing Racism: The Texas League of Protestant Women and the 1920s Ku Klux Klan

Katherine Kuehler Walters, Texas State Historical Association

Morning Coffee and Pastries Break

Convention Center B, 10:15-10:30

Session XXI:

Convention Center A

Making History Come Alive: History in the Classroom

10:45-12:00

Mary Jo O'Rear, South Texas Historical Association, Presiding and Commenting

"Thinking through the Past: Strategies for Teaching History in a College Classroom."
Carolyn White, Stephen F. Austin State University

Cemetery Secrets and Hidden Histories
Doug Kubicek, Lavaca County Historical Commission

Session XXII: **Rusk Room**
20th Century Houston: Progressive Women, Bad Cops, and Urban Cowboys **10:45-12:00**
A University of Houston-Downtown Student Session
Mari Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding

The Life and Progressive Times of a Street Swinging Suffragist: Mary Ellen Ewing
Diana Laura Sanchez Ayala, University of Houston-Downtown

CID to HPD: A History of Chief Short and Police Abuse of Power
Lucas Whitham, University of Houston-Downtown

Gilley's: The Honky-Tonk of Houston's Boom and Bust
Andrea Casas, University of Houston-Downtown

Session XXIII: **Rusk Room**
Joint Session with West Texas Historical Association **10:45-12:00**
Kevin Sweeney, Wayland Baptist University Presiding

Billy and Olive Dixon: The Plainsman and His Lady
Bill O'Neal, Past Texas State Historian

Ranger Rocket and Shannon Davidson on the Great Pony Express Race of 1939
Tai Kreidler, Texas Tech University

ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON

Convention Center B **12:15-1:45**

Gwendolyn McMillan Lawe, President, East Texas Historical Association, Presiding

Presentation of Awards

Business Meeting

"Passing of the Gavel"

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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.