



# 2023 NEW DEAL SYMPOSIUM

June 1, 2024 | Sam Houston Memorial Museum | Sam Houston State University

**8:30 – 8:45**

Registration, Coffee, Donuts

**8:45 – 9:00**

Welcome and Introductions: Scott Sosebee - East Texas Historical Association  
Sam Houston State University  
George Cooper - Lone Star College

**9:00 – 10:15**

*“You Want Me to Move Where? Resettlement Communities in Texas”*  
Carroll Scogin-Brincefield, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville

*“A Travesty of Justice: The Rape of Nannie Harrison, the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and the Failure of the Texas Justice System”*  
Jeffrey L. Littlejohn, Ph.D. - Sam Houston State University - Huntsville

*“The Political Insiders Knew Which Side They Were on: Lyndon Johnson, Coke Stevens, the Stolen Primary, and New Deal Politics in Postwar Texas”*  
Aaron D. Hyams, Ph.D. - Sam Houston State University - Huntsville

**10:15 – 10:30**

Break

**10:30 – 11:45**

*Politics, Food, and Memory: The New Deal Then and Now*  
Chair: Mary Jo O’Rear - Independent Scholar, Corpus Christi

*“The Politics of Transportation Infrastructure and the WPA in Zapata County”*  
Richard B. Wright, Ph.D. - Texas A & M International University

*“Feeding the Future: School Lunch Programs in the New Deal”*  
Lynn Burlbaw, Ph.D. - Professor Emeritus, Texas A & M University

*“The New Deal in Texas Historical Memory”*  
Keith Volanto, Ph.D. – Collin College – Plano Campus

**12:00 – 1:00**

Lunch

**12:30 – 1:15**

*“African American Women in the Houston Workforce: African American Women Seek Welfare Assistance, A Dual Determination to Survive Both the Great Depression and Systemic Racism”*  
Bernadette Pruitt, Ph.D. – Sam Houston State University,  
President - East Texas Historical Association.

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