



**THURSDAY OCTOBER 5, 2023**

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

**10:30 am**

REGISTRATION | SILENT AUCTION | EXHIBITORS  
Convention Center B | 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Session 1: Convention Center A 1:00-2:15 pm**

**Three Counties in Crisis in Reconstruction and Jim Crow Era Texas**  
**John Lundberg, Tarrant County Community College Presiding**

*Two Counties in Crisis: Measuring Political Change in Reconstruction Texas*  
*Robert J. Dillard, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi*

*Local Decision Making and the Rise of Dual School Systems*  
*in Upshur County: Early Historical Contexts*  
*Patricia Stephens, Curry College*

**Session 2: Banita Room 1:00-2:15 pm**

**The Feminine Mystique: 1963-2023, Reaction and Results**  
**Katherine Kuehler Walters, San Antonio, Presiding**

*The Feminine Mystique: One Book's Legacy*  
*Sally Langston, Garrison*

*Private Matters of Choice: Contextualizing Contraception in Twentieth Century Texas*  
*Mari Nicolson-Preuss, Honors College, Lone Star College-Kingwood*

*Public Matters of Abuse: Creating Rape Crisis Centers in Texas*  
*Richard Orton, Nacogdoches*

*Bridging the Gap: Historical Female Leadership in the Legacy of*  
*Texas Southern Univ. College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*  
*Shirlette Glover Milton, Texas Southern University*

**Session 3:**

**Rusk Room**

**1:00-2:15 pm**

**Austin's Colony, Stephen F. Austin's Memory and Immigration  
Public Memory and Social Political History in Mid-Nineteenth Century Texas  
Bryan McAuley, Site Manager, San Felipe De Austin SHS, Presiding**

*The Fredonian Rebellion in Public Memory: Commemoration and Memorialization*  
Patrick Bassett, Texas Historical Commission

*What the Know-Nothing Party Knew*  
Lee Parsons, Independent Scholar

*Memory in Paint, Stone, and Paper: Guy M. Bryan and Memorializing the "Father of Texas"*  
Ariel "Allie" Kelley, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

*An Evaluation of Public Records, Personal Papers, and Private Letters from Pedigo Descendants*  
Amy Ackman, Independent Scholar

*Daily Life in Pedigo Based on Recorded Interviews and Written Transcripts*  
Jeremy Pedigo, San Jacinto Community College

*A Visual Story of Pedigo Told by Artifacts and Photographs*  
Judy Pedigo Shipp, Independent Scholar

**BREAK**

**2:15-2:30 pm**

**Session 4:**

**Convention Center A**

**2:30-3:45 pm**

**Innovation and Challenges in Producing Texas Digital History  
John C. Mulligan, Rice University, Presiding**

*Working With Data with Limited Technological Training*  
Deborah Liles, Tarleton State University

*Digital History in Texas Museums*  
Cecilia Abad, San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association

*The Museum of Undertold Texas History*  
Dionne Babineaux, Rice University

*From Database to Data Analysis and Website Building*  
Serena Barbieri-Willhite, Rice University

**Session 5:**

**Banita Room**

**2:30-3:45 pm**

**Documenting, Preserving, and Interpreting Old North Church Cemetery**  
**Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State Univ., Presiding**

*Documenting Old North Church Cemetery*  
*Savannah Peterson, Stephen F. Austin State University*

*Preserving Old North Church Cemetery*  
*Clayton Jones, Stephen F. Austin State University*

*Interpreting Old North Church Cemetery*  
*Madeline Wheeler, Stephen F. Austin State University*

*Jordan Coleman, Stephen F. Austin State University, Commenting*

**Session 6:**

**Rusk Room**

**2:30-3:45 pm**

**Discovering East Texas History and Community: A Roundtable**  
**Penny Clark, Lamar University, Presiding**

*Documenting Lamar's History: A Centennial Oral History Project*  
*Vidisha Barua Worley, Lamar University*

*The History of Obstetric Care in Rural Southeast Texas, 1850-1950*  
*Jessica Nava, Lamar University*

*An East Texas Horatio Alger Story: The Life of J.M. Combs*  
*Penny Clark, Lamar University*

*The Mighty Pen: Understanding Our Past in East Texas*  
*Kim Richardson, Univ. of South Carolina-Lancaster*

*Ruth Mays: SFA's First Dean of Women*  
*Ken Untiedt, Stephen F. Austin State University*

**Session 7:**

**Convention Center A**

**4:00-5:15 pm**

**Finding Their Voices: Racial, Political, and Religious Autonomy  
in Jim Crow and Post Jim Crow, Cold War Texas, 1880-1980  
Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

*Separate but Unequal: Comparing Fort Worth High School and Fort Worth Colored High School*  
Brianna Wilcox, Sam Houston State University

*The Struggle for Ballot Equality: Texas's All-White Primary*  
James Goode, Sam Houston State University

*Vital Voices of Baylor: The Experienced History of the First African American Students at Baylor*  
Kara Nelson, Baylor University

*Texas Evangelicals and Cold War Nuclear Policy in the 1970s*  
David Nanninga, Baylor University

**Session 8:**

**Banita Room**

**4:00-5:15 pm**

**Visiting Texas: Airports and Highways and a Visit with Hatton Summers:  
A Texas New Deal Symposium | George Cooper, Lone Star College-Montgomery, Presiding**

*"Where Do We Land?": A Survey of Airports and Airfields in Texas*  
Lynn Burlbaw, Texas A&M University (Emeritus)

*Along the State's Highways: The WPA Guide to Texas, 1940*  
Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

*Hatton Summers: Red-baiting, Xenophobia, Unions, and Saracenic Blood*  
Edward H. Sebesta, Independent Scholar, Dallas

**Session 9:**

**Rusk Room**

**4:00-5:15 pm**

**Family Legends, Outlaw Legends, and Legendary Texans  
Richard Orton, Nacogdoches, Presiding**

*Genealogy, why? Migrating and Merging Families*  
Scott Hill Bumgardner, Houston

*Henry Stringfellow, Gulf Coast Sage: A Post-Civil War Horticulturalist and Humanitarian*  
Darrel McDonald, Stephen F. Austin State University

*Texas's Not-Dead Outlaw Legends*  
Kristina Downs, Tarleton State University

<b>LALÉ LECTURE</b>	<b>Grand Ball4oom</b>	<b>7 :00 pm</b>
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**Georgiana and Max Sims Lale Memorial Lecture**  
**Grand Ballroom | SFASU | 7:00 P.M.**

*An Address from Rebecca Sharpless, Ph.D.*  
*Professor of History, Texas Christian University*

"Fierce and Fearless: Ruth Alice Allen and Her Studies of Texas Workers"

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2023**

**THEODORE M. "TED" LAWE BLACK HISTORY BREAKFAST**  
**Convention Center B | 7:00 A.M.**

REGISTRATION | SILENT AUCTION | EXHIBITORS  
Convention Center B | 7:30am – 3:00pm

<b>Session 10:</b>	<b>Convention Center A</b>	<b>9:00-10:15</b>
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**All History is Local: Challenges and Opportunities for County Historical Commissions**  
**Gary L. Pinkerton, Presiding**

*Nano Calderon, CHC Coordinator, Texas Historical Commission, Panelist*  
*Kay Timme, Allan Shivers, Library and Museum, Woodville, Panelist*

<b>Session 11:</b>	<b>Banita Room</b>	<b>9:00-10:15</b>
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**Research of the Workforce**  
**Dana Cooper, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

*From the Kitchen to the Professional: East Texas Women's Fight for Equality*  
*Emily Smith, Temple Children's Museum*

*Domestic Workers: New Research of Servants at the Sam Bell Maxey House, 1868-1920*  
*Alysha Richardson, Texas Historical Commission/Sam Bell Maxey House SHS*

*Rebecca Sharpless, Texas Christian University, Commenting*

**Session 12:**

**Rusk Room**

**9:00-10:15**

**Modulations in East Texas Music Culture**  
**Trent Shotwell, Sam Houston State University Presiding**

*"A Catch in your Throat:" Tuvan Throat Singing from the Far East and Texas Country Yodeling*  
Robert Reitz, Dallas

*A Good Thing: Barbara Lynn and the Gulf Coast Sound*  
Kevin S. Fontenot, Ann Richards School YML

*The Sir Douglas Quintet and the "British" Invasion in Texas*  
Stephen Davis, Lone Star College

*Whoopin' and Hollerin': The Forgotten History of the Blues in Houston*  
Barrie Homer, Spring

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**10:15-10:30**

**Session 13:**

**Convention Center A**

**10:30-11:45**

**Policing Houston: Chicanos, Law Enforcement, and Third Coast Activism**  
**Jesse Esparza, Texas Southern University, Presiding**

*Mexican American Youth in Trouble: A History of Policing Houston Public Schools, 1960s-2000*  
Carlos Cantu, Texas Southern University

*The Chicano Squad: Community Policing in Houston, 1979-2010*  
Natalie Garza, Houston Community College

*"I've Been Pulled Over By Them Laws:" A Hip-Hop Critique of Houston Policing in the 1990s*  
Jimmy Patino, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**Session 14:**

**Banita Room**

**10:30-11:45**

**Public History Transformed: Transcription, Transformative Learning**  
**and the Lone Star Slavery Project**  
**Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State University**

Student and Volunteer Engagement on the Lone Star Slavery Project  
Kyle Ainsworth, Stephen F. Austin State University

Accessing Hidden Histories: Transcribing Slavery Records  
Candice Cloud, Stephen F. Austin State University

A Different Kind of Final Exam: A Transcription of Brazoria County Slavery Deeds  
Maria Hammack, University of Pennsylvania

**Session 15:**

**Rusk Room**

**10:30-11:45**

**The Arts and Letters of Texas (Part 1): A Texas New Deal Session  
George M. Cooper, Lone Star College-Montgomery Presiding**

*Federal One: A Snapshot of Fine Arts of the New Deal*  
Carroll Scoggin-Brincefield, Independent Scholar Hallettsville

*Kathleen Blacksheer of Navasota, 1889-1988*  
Vicki H. Cummins, Austin College (Emeritus)

*Keith Volanto, Collin College, Commenting*

**Association Lunch**

**Convention Center B**

**11:45-1:00**

*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. Limited quantities do apply.*

**Session 16:**

**Convention Center A**

**1:00-2:15**

**Racial Violence and Injustice: It's a Hard-Knock Life  
James T. Jones, III, Prairie View A&M University, Presiding**

*East Texas Chaos: The Violence After the Peace*  
Ronald E. Goodwin, Prairie View A&M University

*The Longview Riots*  
James T. Jones, III, Prairie View A&M University

*Reconstruction and Violence in East Texas*  
John Gorman, Prairie View A&M University

**Session 17:**

**Banita Room**

**1:00-2:15**

**Civil War in East Texas: From Micro-History to the Transnational Perspective  
Serena Barbieri-Willhite, Rice University, Presiding**

*Three Years of Change*  
Isaiah Tadlock, Lone Star College-University Park

*The John Honeycutt Expedition*  
Marc Coker, Independent Scholar

*"An Awful Exodus from Our Land:" Civil War Texas in the Atlantic World*  
Noah Crawford, Texas A&M University

**Session 18:**

**Rusk Room**

**1:00-2:15**

**Civil Rights Perspectives Throughout 20th Century Texas**  
**Mylynka Cardona, Texas A&M-Commerce, Presiding**

*Keeping the Peace: Houston's Political Establishment and the  
Role of Black Houstonians, 1963-1971*  
August Rodney Mancuso, Texas A&M-Commerce

*1917: Houston, Racism, and a Panic*  
Colton Heath Garrett, Texas A&M-Commerce

*Islam in Texas Prisons: A Civil Rights Struggle for Religious Freedom, 1970-2000*  
Hannah Shepherd, Texas A&M-Commerce

*Gene Rhea Tucker, Temple College, Commenting*

**BREAK**

**2:15-2:30**

**Session 19:**

**Convention Center A**

**2:30-3:45**

**Black Texans in Motion, Black Texans on Film**  
**Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University, Presiding**

*Establishing and Preserving Communities Created After Slavery: Stories from Descendants*  
Richard Orton, Nacogdoches

*"They Will Talk About Us:" The Charlton-Pollard Story*  
Gordon S. Williams, Lamar University

*"Spurrin' Change:" The Myrdis Dightman Story*  
Gretchen Jackson, Houston Community College

**Session 20:**

**Banita Room**

**2:30-3:45**

**Officers of the Texas Frontier**  
**Judy O'Neal Smith, Lampasas County Commission, Presiding**

*Albert Sidney Johnston, Soldier of the Lone Star Frontier*  
Chris Smith, Liberty University

*John S. "Rip" Ford: Texian Hero*  
Bill O'Neal, Panola College (Emeritus)



**Session 21:**

**Rusk Room**

**2:30-3:45**

**Oil, and Basketball, East Texas Style**  
**Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University, Presiding**

*Mattie Castleberry: East Texas Oil Boom Legend*

*Olivia Moore, Stephen F. Austin State University/East Texas Oil Museum*

*Sue Gunter and Her Battle for Equality in Women's Sports at SFA During the 1960s and 1970s*

*Scott Allen, Stephen F. Austin State University*

**BREAK**

**3:45-4:00**

**Session 22:**

**Convention Center A**

**4:00-5:15**

**Not Quite a Roast: Taking on George Cooper, the Crustiest Curmudgeon in the ETHA**  
**A Plenary Session | M. Scott Sosebee, ETHA Executive Director, Presiding**

*George and Me*

*Bernadette Pruitt, First Vice President, East Texas Historical Association*

*George and the Victoria Secrets*

*Mary Jo O'Rear, Past President, East Texas Historical Association*

*George and the Texas New Deal Symposium*

*Keith Volanto, Past Board Member, East Texas Historical Association*

*Scott Sosebee and the audience, Commenting*

**FELLOWS OF THE ASSOCIATION RECEPTION**  
**Garden Terrace & Convention Center A & B | 6:30-7:30 pm**

Please join us for a pre-banquet reception and cocktail hour to honor the Association's Fellows and induct our newest Fellows for the Association's highest honor. There will be a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Debbie Liles, Association President, Presiding

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BANQUET**

**Convention Center A | 7:30 pm**

**Bernadette Pruitt, Association Vice-President, Presiding**

**Debbie Liles, President, East Texas Historical Association**

*William Marcellus French and the Alamo Rangers' Fight to Annex Nicaragua*



**Session 25:**

**Rusk Room**

**9:00-10:15**

**Steeped in a Culture of Violence: Murder, Racial Injustice,  
and Other Violent Crimes in Texas, 1965–2020 | A Round Table**

*Brandon T. Jett, Florida Southwestern State College*  
*Jeffrey Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University*  
*Ashley Baggett, North Dakota State University*  
*Chris Haight, Houston Community College*  
*Mitch Roth, Sam Houston State University*  
*Michael Philips, Independent Scholar*  
*Mike Tapia, Texas A&M University-Commerce*

**BREAK**

**10:15-10:30**

Please take this time to enjoy coffee and pastries in Convention Center B

**Session 26:**

**Convention Center A**

**10:30-11:45**

**Judaism and Justice: Familial, Financial and Constitutional Survival in Texas  
Joint Session with South Texas Historical Assoc.  
Cecilia Gutierrez Venable, Archivist, Sisters of the Holy Spirit, Presiding**

*Old Spain's Loss, New Spain's Gain*  
*Herbert G. Canales, Corpus Christi*

*Morris Riskind: West Texas Entrepreneur*  
*Bryan Edward Stone, Del Mar College*

*Helen Wilk: South Texas Stalwart*  
*Mary Jo O'Rear, Corpus Christi*

**Session 27:**

**Banita Room**

**10:30-11:45**

**Discovering the Past at a Southeast Texas Archives  
Alana Inman, Manager, Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center, Presiding**

*Sallie and Nadine Woods: The Fight Against Muscular Dystrophy in Southeast Texas*  
*Lisa Meisch, Archivist, Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center*

*Eliza and Celima Duncan: A Tale of Two Creole Sister-Cousins*  
*Darlene Mott, Reading Room Supervisor, Sam Houston Reg. Library and Research Center*

*The World War II Experience of Southeast Texas Soldiers*  
*Alana Inman, Manager, Sam Houston Reg. Library and Research Center*

**The Arts and Letters of Texas (Part II): A Texas New Deal Session**  
**George M. Cooper, Lone Star College, Montgomery, Presiding**

*Deep in the Art of Texas: A Survey of Texas Artist Talent*  
*Sunday Stewart and Michelle Rainey, Sam Houston State University*

*Texas Letters: John P. Sjolander, Hilton Ross Greer, and Lone Star Literature*  
*Stacy Johnson, Dianna Kim, and Hannah Melendez, Sam Houston State University*

**ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON**  
**12:00-1:30 | Convention Center B**

**Debbie Liles, President East Texas Historical Association, Presiding**

Presentation of Awards

Business Meeting of the Association

“Passing of the Gavel”

Call for Spring Symposium

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