

**West Texas Historical Association  
87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**East Texas Historical Association  
Spring Meeting 2010**

**February 25-27, 2010  
DFW Marriott at Champion's Circle  
Fort Worth, Texas**

**Reservations by January 21, 2010, please: 817-961-0800**

**PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** **Trinity 2  
2:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** **Trinity 3  
2:00 P.M.**

**REGISTRATION—MEETING AREA FOYER** **2:00 P.M.**

**SILENT AUCTION—SABINE AND SAN ANTONIO RMS.** **2:00-5:00 P.M.**

**SESSION I: "WHITHER TEXAS HISTORY?: THE STATE  
OF TEXAS HISTORY AND ITS FUTURE:"** **PECOS  
4:00-5:30 P.M.**

**A PANEL DISCUSSION**

Page Foshee, Moderator  
Austin, TX

**Panelists**

Gene Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown  
Ty Cashion, Sam Houston State University  
Janet Lawrence, Tarrant County College  
Dan Jones, Texas A&M-Commerce

**WELCOME RECEPTION  
5:30-7:00**

**CONVENTION CENTER TERRACE**

**CASH BAR AND HORS D'OEUVRES**

**Sponsored by the East Texas Historical Association in honor of the West Texas  
Historical Association.**

**\*In the event of inclement weather, reception will move to the Blue Moon Lounge**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**PRESIDENTIAL BREAKFAST—TRINITY 3** **7:00 A.M.-8:00 A.M.**

**REGISTRATION—MEETING AREA FOYER** **7:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.**

**SILENT AUCTION—SABINE AND SAN ANTONIO RMS.** **8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.**

**SESSION II: TEXAS LAND, WATER, AND SKY: PECOS**  
**THE HISTORY AND IMPACT OF MAN’S ATTEMPT 8:00-9:15**  
**TO HARNESS AND USE THE ENVIRONMENT**

Diane Warner, Chair

Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University

Dixie Hoover, Confederate Reunion Grounds, S.H.S., Mexia  
“The Legacy of the Mexia Oil Fields”

Leslie Meyer, The Petroleum Museum, Midland  
“The Interconnection of the Oil and Gas Industries and the Railroad”

Lynn Whitfield, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University  
“Racing for the Sun: The Rise and Fall of the Crosbyton Solar Power Project”

**SESSION III: UNITED STATES BORDER PROBLEMS: SAN MARCOS**  
**1846-1848, 1861-1865, 1924-1928** **8:00-9:15**

Tai Kreidler, Chair

Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University

Harry P. Hewitt, Midwestern State University  
“James ‘Santiago’ Kirker: A No Show at the Battle of Temascalitos (Brazito)  
December 25, 1846: The Mexican Perspective”

Michael Collins, Midwestern State University  
“The Devil’s Horsemen: Colonel James Duff’s Thirty-Third Texas Cavalry, C.S.A.”

Donald Booth, Midwestern State University  
“Calles and Morrow: The Breakfast Club and the Forging of a New Mexico, 1924-1928”

**SESSION IV: LUBBOCK: FROM THE NEW DEAL AND BRAZOS**  
**WORLD WAR II TO BUDDY HOLLY AND MORE** **8:00-9:15**

Garry L. Nall, Chair

Panhandle-Plains Historical Review

Sarah J. Barwinkel, Lubbock  
“Breaking Ground to Keep from Breaking Down: How the New Deal Kept the  
Texas Tech Campus Moving Forward in the 1930s”

Jennifer Paxton, Texas Tech University  
“Silent Wings Over the South Plains”

Richard Driver, Texas Tech University  
“Down the Line’: Buddy Holly and the Legacy of West Texas in the British Invasion”

**SESSION V: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL IMPACT  
OF THE NEW DEAL IN TEXAS**

**PECOS  
9:30-10:45**

**A PANEL DISCUSSION**  
George Cooper, Moderator  
Lone Star College

Panelists

Keith Volanto, Collin College  
Kathy Flynn, Executive Director, National New Deal Preservation Association  
Light Cummins, Austin College  
Victoria Cummins, Austin College  
Bob Binkman, Texas Historical Commission  
Lisa Jackson, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum

**SESSION VI: RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF TEXAS**

**SAN MARCOS  
9:30-10:45**

Paul Sturdevant, Chair  
Paris Junior College, Greenville

Judy Falls, Cooper  
“Charles Alexander: Searching for Saints and Sinners”

Patrick Foley, Azle  
“Father Jean-Marie Odin: The First Catholic Bishop of Texas”

June Guzman, Dallas  
“Rabbi David Lefkowitz”

**SESSION VII: TEXAS DEMOCRATIC POLITICS  
IN THE 1930S AND 1940S**

**BRAZOS  
9:30-10:45**

Donald Walker, Chair/Commentator  
Texas Tech University

Nancy Beck Young, University of Houston  
“Governor Ross Sterling”

L. Patrick Hughes, Austin Community College  
“James Allred Versus the Texas Regulars”

Charles Waite, University of Texas-Pan American  
“W. Lee O’Daniel: Anti-New Dealer and Texas Regular”

**SESSION VIII: DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY IN  
WALKER COUNTY: A DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT  
AT SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COLORADO  
9:30-10:45**

Yvonne Davis Frear, Chair/Commentator  
Sam Houston State University

Katherine Pierce, Sam Houston State University  
“From Secession to Segregation: Walker County, Texas, 1860-1900”

Jeff Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University  
“Samuel Walker Houston and the African American Training School at Galilee,  
1906-1930”

Bernadette Pruitt, Sam Houston State University  
“Wendell Baker and the Civil Rights Movement in Huntsville, 1954-1969”

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45-11:00**

**SESSION IX: TEXAS RANGERS: REAL, REEL, AND MEDIA**

**PECOS  
11:00-12:15**

Pat Parsons, Chair  
Luling

Chuck Parsons, Luling  
“Real Rangers”

Bill O’Neal, Panola Community College  
“Reel Rangers”

Harold Weiss, Leander  
“Bill McDonald and the Media Show”

**SESSION X: A SENSE OF PLACE IN WEST TEXAS ART**

**SAN MARCOS  
11:00-12:15**

Rob Fink, Chair  
Hardin-Simmons University

Sarah Casselberry, Abilene  
“A West Texas Poet Discusses Her Work”

Mary Fink, Abilene  
“A West Texas Artist Discusses Her Work”

Larry Fink, Hardin-Simmons University

“A West Texas Photographer Discusses His Work”

**SESSION XI: HISTORICAL VIGNETTES OF THE  
NORTH TEXAS FRONTIER**

**BRAZOS  
11:00-12:15**

Charles A. Rodenberger, Chair  
Baird

Earl Elam, Hillsboro

“The Indian Villagers of the Brazos River: Their Last Decade, 1849-1859”

Judge Steve King, Fort Worth

“Fort Belknap: A Frontier Reminiscence”

Grady Box, Arlington

“Recollections of the Box Family Tragedy”

**SESSION XII: THE PAST PREPARES US FOR THE  
FUTURE: BOY SCOUTING IN WEST TEXAS**

**COLORADO  
11:00-12:15**

Anita Mills, Chair  
Harbin Scout Museum, Dallas

Robert Reitz, Harbin Scout Museum, Dallas

“The Founding of Scouting in England and the United States”

Frank T. Hilton, West Texas Scouting, Brownwood

“The First Scout Troops in West Texas”

Patrick Welding, Circle Ten Boy Scout Council, Dallas

“The Continuing Relevance of Boy Scouting in West Texas”

**LUNCH BREAK**

**12:15-1:15**

\*The DFW Marriott at Champion’s Circle’s Creekside Café is open for lunch. Another on-site option is the grill in the clubhouse at the golf course. Other eateries are located within easy driving distance in Roanoke (just east on Hwy 114), and in the Alliance Airport and Fossil Creek area of Fort Worth (south on I-35).

**SESSION XIII: CATTLE RANCHING AND AGRICULTURAL  
TRANSFORMATION IN WEST TEXAS**

**SAN MARCOS  
1:15-2:30**

J’Nell L. Pate, Chair  
Azle

Damon Kennedy, Midland College

“From Cowboy to Cattleman: Samuel Burk Burnett and the 6666 Ranch”

Jack Becker, Texas Tech University

“Cattle Ranching During the Great Depression of the 1930s”

Leland Turner, Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
“Wind Wheels and Ledgers: Wind Energy Technology and Rangeland Income  
On the Southern Plains”

**SESSION XIV: THREADS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
RESEARCH IN THE TRANS-PECOS**

**BRAZOS  
1:15-2:30**

William A. Cloud, Chair  
Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University

Melissa Kane, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University  
“Victor J. Smith, Teacher, Archaeologist, Architect, and Human Dynamo”

Reeda Peel, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University  
“Fine Arts and Unique Features: Pictographs and Petroglyphs of the Tablecloth Shelter”

Richard W. Walter, Center for Big Ben Studies, Sul Ross State University  
“A Historic Indian Cache from Pecos County”

**SESSION XV: LOST AND FOUND: REDISCOVERING ART  
TRAILS THROUGH WEST TEXAS**

**COLORADO  
1:15-2:30**

Christina Ainsworth, Chair  
El Paso

Delores Mosser, Slayton  
“Train Magic in the Arts: The Days When the Circus Came to Town by Rail”

Holle Humphries, Lubbock  
“Tracing Historic Tracks of Land, Space and Light Imprinted in the Visual  
Arts Trail of West Texas”

Troy Ainsworth, El Paso  
“Ghosts of the Past: Architectural Masterpieces Now Vanished from the  
Landscape of El Paso, Texas”

**SESSION XVI: RELIGION IN TEXAS**

**PECOS  
1:15-2:30**

John Storey, Chair  
Lamar University

Jerry Hopkins, East Texas Baptist University  
“The West Texas Meetings of Mordecai Hamm”

Joseph Early, Campbellsville University  
“B.H. Carroll: His Life and Legacy”

Ron Ellison, Beaumont  
“Who Were the Crockett Baptist Pastors from 1900-1908?”

**SESSION XVII: PHI ALPHA THETA SESSION**

**SAN MARCOS**

Dana Cooper, Chair

**2:45-4:00**

Stephen F. Austin State University

Nathan Copling, Stephen F. Austin State University

“On Our Own: East Texas Freedmen Towns and Economic Development”

Chris Elzen, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Tudor Style Homes of Tyler, Texas: A Study of Residential Development  
Resulting from the East Texas Oil Boom”

Ryan Gullett, Stephen F. Austin State University

“The Borderlands of the Sabine During the Timber Wars of 1911-1913”

**SESSION XVIII: BYWAYS, BROADWAY, AND BOOZE:**

**BRAZOS**

**THREE CHARACTER STUDIES FROM ACROSS**

**2:45-4:00**

**THE REGIONAL MAP**

Thomas Alexander, Chair

Texas Historical Commission

Dan K. Utley, Texas State University-San Marcos

“Panhandle Pyramids on the Road to Monte Ne: William Hope “Coin”  
Harvey and the Ozark Trails”

Cynthia Beeman, Austin

“A Rare Surround of Magic and Wonderment: Margo Jones and  
American Regional Theater”

T. Lindsey Baker, Tarleton State University

“The Story of Lynn Stephens, The Rum King of San Antonio”

**SESSION XIX: TEXAS SPEAKERS OF THE U.S.**

**COLORADO**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**2:45-4:00**

Steven W. Short, Chair

Collin College

Patrick Cox, University of Texas

“John Nance Garner”

Anthony Champagne, University of Texas-Dallas

“Sam Rayburn”

Jim Riddlesperger, Texas Christian University

“James Wright”

**SESSION XX: RECONSTRUCTION AND VIOLENCE IN TEXAS**

**PECOS**

Charles Grear, Chair/Commentator

**2:45-4:00**

James M. Smallwood, Gainesville

“The Emergence of the Ku Klux Klan in Reconstruction Texas:  
A Bloody Ordeal, 1865-1972”

Kenneth W. Howell, Prairie View A&M University

“Gov. James Throckmorton and the Question of Frontier Violence in  
Reconstruction Texas, 1866-1867”

**SESSION XXI: PARKS, POLITICS, AND WORLD WAR II**

**SAN MARCOS**

Gregg Fehr, Chair

**4:15-5:30**

Lubbock Christian University

Cecilia Gowdy-Wygant, Front Range Community College, Westminster Campus

“Debating the Farm Front: Gender and Racial Challenges in Agricultural Labor  
During World War II”

June Steele, Lubbock Independent School District

“Phebe Warner and Palo Duro Canyon State Park”

Rusty Hawkins, West Texas A&M University

“The Mountain by Night, The Valley by Day’: A West Texas P.O.W.’s  
Daring Escape During World War II”

**SESSION XXII: THE BIG BEND, SOUTHWESTERN ARCHITECT  
AND COMANCHES AND ROCK ART**

**BRAZOS**

Monte Monroe, Chair

**4:15-5:30**

Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University

Francisco Ochoa, *Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez*

Roy Brown, *El Museo Historico de Ciudad Juarez*

Troy Ainsworth, Historic Preservation Officer, El Paso

“George Edward King: An English Architect in El Paso and Northern Mexico”

Linda Pelon, McLennan Community College

“Some Comanche Interpretations of Texas Indian Rock Art”

Paul Wright, Sul Ross State University

“Oriental Skullduggery in the Big Bend”

**SESSION XXIII: POLITICS AND PROHIBITION IN  
WEST TEXAS**

**COLORADO**

Mike Whitley, Chair

**4:15-5:30**

Lubbock Christian University

Billy Hathorn, Laredo Community College  
“Ernest Angelo, Jr. and the 96-0 Reagan Sweep of Texas, May 1, 1976”  
Matthew D. Tippens, Austin  
“When Bratwurst Met BBQ: West German Chancellors in LBJ’s Hill Country”

Stephen D. Bogener, West Texas A&M University  
“High and Dry on the Llano Estacado: Religion, Morality, Alcohol on the High Plains”

**SESSION XIV: THURBER, BRICK WORKERS, AND WATER WELLS IN THE PANHANDLE** **PECOS**  
**4:15-5:30**

Maggie Elmore, Chair  
Texas Tech University

Joe Grimshaw, Texas Christian University  
“In the Comfort of Sunshine: Brick Plant Workers in a Coal Mining Town”

Gene Rhea Tucker, University of Texas-Arlington  
“7 o’clock and Pay Day’: The Company Store Employees of Thurber, Texas”

Stephanie S. Bowden, West Texas A&M University  
“Should the Wells Run Dry: Creating the Groundwater Conservation District  
Of Carson County

**SESSION XV: FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET** **TRINITY BALLROOM**  
**James Smallwood, Presiding** **6:00-8:00**  
**First Vice-President, East Texas Historical Association**

**Friday Evening Program**  
**“A Texas Serenade and Sing-Along,” presented by**  
**“The Distinguished Band of Renown”**

## **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27**

**REGISTRATION—MEETING AREA FOYER** **7:30 -11:00**

**SILENT AUCTION—SABINE AND SAN ANTONIO RMS.** **8:00-10:45**

**WOMEN’S HISTORY BREAKFAST—TRINITY 3** **7:00-8:00**

**SESSION XVI: BIOGRAPHY AND LEADERSHIP** **PECOS**  
**IN WEST TEXAS** **8:00-9:15**

Gene Preuss, Chair  
University of Houston, Downtown

Robin E. Clark, Mason

“F. Vandervoort: The Judge Who Wasn’t a Judge”

John B. Carraway, Cisco College/Abilene Christian University  
“Dallas Scarborough: Attorney and Abilene Civic Leader”

Diane Warner, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University  
“Rick Bass: The Texas Stories”

**SESSION XVII: UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITIES, AND  
WORLD WAR II IN WEST TEXAS**

**SAN MARCOS  
8:00-9:15**

Vernon Williams, Chair  
Abilene Christian University

Jennifer Hoover, East Texas Baptist University  
“Lubbock and the Air Force Community During World War II and the Korean War”

Marty Kuhlman, West Texas A&M University  
“West Texas State Teacher’s College and World War II”

John W. McCullough, Texas Tech University  
“CPTP/TTU Pre-Flights Program and Lubbock’s Breedlove Airport and Dagley Field”

**SESSION XVIII: TRACING TRAILS, DROUGHT AND  
WATER LAWS IN THE SOUTHWEST**

**BRAZOS  
8:00-9:15**

Suzanne Campbell, Chair  
West Texas Collection, Angelo State University

Daniel S. Kerr, University of Kansas  
“Some New Mexico, West Texas, and Kansas Relationships: On the Trail  
Of Casimiro Romero”

Kevin Sweeney, Wayland Baptist University  
“Wishful Thinking: Attempts to Create Rainfall on the Southern Plains in the 1890s”

Megan Benson, University of Oklahoma  
“The Rule of Capture: A History of Law and Water in West Texas, 1904-2004”

**SESSION XXIX: MUSIC IN WEST TEXAS...AND  
EAST TEXAS, TOO**

**COLORADO  
8:00-9:15**

Kirk Bane, Chair  
Blinn College

Dave Riser, Abilene  
“The Music Never Died: How Buddy Holly Changed Music Forever”

Joe W. Specht, Grady McWhiney Research Foundation, McMurry University

“Oil Well Blues: African American Oil Patch Songs”

Rob Weiner, Texas Tech University  
“West Texas’ Unsung Hero: The Legendary Stardust Cowboy”

**SESSION XXX: REFLECTIONS, RESTRUCTURING AND  
RESOURCES IN TEXAS MEDICAL HISTORY**

**PECOS  
9:30-10:45**

Weldon Cannon, Chair  
Temple College, Emeritus

Heather Green Wooten, History Consultants, Houston  
“The Voices of Polio in Texas: Hot Packs, Warm Springs, and Cold Facts”

Patricia Benoit, *Temple Daily Telegram*  
“Beside the Healing Waters: Rescuing Rollins Brook Community”

Sarita Oertling, Truman G. Blocker History of Medicine Collections, Moody  
Medical Library, Galveston  
“Special Collections, My Favorite Things”

**SESSION XXXI: THE RISE AND FALL OF THE  
TUNG OIL INDUSTRY IN EAST TEXAS**

**SAN MARCOS  
9:30-10:45**

Chris Elzen, Chair  
Stephen F. Austin State University

Panelists  
Jeffrey B. Robb, Texas Women’s University  
Paul D. Travis, Texas Women’s University

**SESSION XXXII: “BUILDING HOPE:” THREE NEW DEAL  
RESETTLEMENT COMMUNITIES, ROPESVILLE,  
DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, AND SABINE FARMS: A VIDEO PROJECT  
OF THE PEOPLE’S HISTORY IN TEXAS.**

**BRAZOS  
9:30-10:45**

Cynthia Beeman, Moderator  
Austin

Panelists

Richard Croxdale, People’s History in Texas  
Keith Volanto, Collin College  
Melissa Hield, People’s History in Texas

**SESSION XXXIII: TIMBER AND TEXTILES**

**COLORADO  
9:30-10:45**

Linda Hudson, Chair  
Georgetown

Ellen Rienstra, Nelda and H.J. Lutchter Stark Foundation, Beaumont

“Oh Papa:’ Part 1: Miriam and Carrie Lutcher, from Pennsylvania to East Texas”

Jo Ann Stiles, Lamar University (retired), Beaumont

“Oh Papa:’ Part 2: The Lutcher Daughters in the East Texas Timberlands, 1877-1900”

Deborah Kilgore, University of North Texas

“The *Textile Special*: Mill Fever Rides the Rails Across Texas, May 1923”

**SESSION XXXIV: SPORTS IN WEST TEXAS**

**PECOS**

Jorge Iber, Chair

**11:00-12:15**

Texas Tech University

Bill Tynan, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University

“Weldon Bailey Chapman and the 1939 Lubbock High School  
‘Cinderella Kids’ Texas State Football Championship”

Leman Sanders, McMurry University

“Six Man Football”

Rob Fink, Hardin-Simmons University

“Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, sometimes it rains:’  
Major League Baseball Comes to Abilene”

**SESSION XXXV: RUM AND RACISM IN WEST TEXAS**

**SAN MARCOS**

Peggy Hardeman, Chair

**11:00-12:15**

Eastern New Mexico State University

Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University

“The Beginning of the African American Community in Amarillo”

Edward J. Robinson, Abilene Christian University

“The Smartest Move I Ever Made:’ Wilbert Montgomery, Abilene Christian University,  
And the Fight Against Racism in West Texas, 1973-1976”

John J. Gaines, Texas Tech University

“Nary a Drop: A Century of Prohibition in Lubbock, Texas”

**SESSION XXXVI: COMANCHES, TEXAS RANGERS, AND  
NEW INTERPRETATIONS**

**BRAZOS**

Keith Owen, Chair

**11:00-12:15**

Lubbock Christian University

Herman Camp, San Antonio

“When Texas Rangers Invaded Oklahoma: The 1858 Battle of Little Robe Creek”

Sam Watts, Granbury

“Revisiting the Battle of Blanco Canyon Through the Mind and Eyes  
Of a Professional Engineer”  
Ashley Pettiet-Richey, University of Oklahoma  
“The Battle of Adobe Walls in Shaping the Image of Quanah Parker”

**SESSION XXXVII: FROM NEW DEAL CULTURE AND  
ECONOMICS TO CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS**

**COLORADO  
11:00-12:15**

H. Allan Anderson, Chair  
Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University

J. Tillapaugh, University of Texas-Permian Basin  
“The Popular Culture Heritage of New Deal Muralists Peter Hurd and  
Tom Lea in West Texas”

Don Holdridge, University of Texas-Permian Basin  
“Surviving the Great Depression in Comanche County, Texas”

Anthony Frost, University of Texas-Permian Basin  
“God’s Valiant Few”

**SESSION XXXVIII: PRESIDENTIAL LUNCHEON**

**TRINITY BALLROOM**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

"West Texas Women: Defining Freedom Beyond the Hundredth Meridian"

**TIFFANY FINK, PRESIDENT**

**WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**BUSINESS MEETING (WTHA)**

**AWARDS PRESENTATION (WTHA)**

**TOUR OF HISTORIC FORT WORTH STOCKYARDS**

For those who have purchased the transportation option, vans will leave the hotel at approximately 2:30 P.M. We will gather for the group meal at Riskey’s Bar-B-Que at 6:00 P.M. Vans will return to the hotel at approximately 8:00 P.M. For those who wish to remain in the area for evening entertainment, arrangements for later transportation will be made.