



# WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

*Public History and Citizen Historians  
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91st Annual Meeting, April 4-5, 2014

Odessa, Texas



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Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 2013  
MCM Grande Hotel, Odessa, Texas**

Friday, April 4

Session I, 8:30-9:45 AM

*Twentieth Century Texas Rangers: A Panel Discussion* (Room A)

Session Chair: Donaly Brice, Texas State Library

Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Texas

Chuck Parsons, Luling, Texas

Harold J. Weiss, Leander, Texas

*Public Education through Art, a College, and a Trail* (Rooms 3-4)

Session Chair: Kevin Sweeney, Wayland Baptist University

Bryan Wheeler, Texas Tech University, "O Pioneers!: Peter Hurd's Big Spring Post Office Mural in Context"

Zach Dowdle, Angelo State University, "In the Land of Sandstorms and Sand: Locating Texas Technological College in 1923"

Holle Humphries, Quanah Parker Trail Steering Committee, "Citizen Historians Create a Trail to Restore to Public Memory the 19th Century Story of the Comanches on the Texas High Plains"

*Nineteen-Century Texas* (Room 1)

Session Chair: Travis Roberts, Brewster County Historical Commission

Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region, "Roscoe P. Conkling: The Man Who Tracked the Butterfield Overland Mail"

Debbie Liles, University of North Texas "Southern Roots, Western Foundations: Cattle, Slaves, and Cattle Drives from Stephens County, Texas"

Bill Steward, Wichita Falls, Texas, "The Battle of Dove Creek: An Inevitable Tragedy"

Session II, 10:15-11:30 AM

*Black Gold, Flying Saucers, and Bob Wills (Room A)*

Session Chair: John Caraway, Cisco College

Joe W. Specht, McMurray University, "Black Gold: Larry Gatlin's West Texas Oil Patch Roots"

Robert Reitz, Dallas, Texas, "Sputnik, the Atom Bomb, Flying Saucers, and the Red Scare: Cultural Anxieties of the '50s and '60s Expressed in Popular Music"

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, "Icons of Innovation: The Country Music Stylings of Bob Wills—Texan—and Slim Dusty—Australian"

*Social Improvement in Post-World War II West Texas (Rooms 3-4)*

Session Chair: Kregg Fehr, Lubbock Christian University

Janie Ruth Cooper, President, Edwards Plateau Historical Association and member of the Runnells County Historical Commission, "The 'Chick Inn' and the Diners of Winters, Texas"

Deirdre Kelly Trotter, Lubbock, Texas, "Notable Historical Female Figures of Lubbock and the Surrounding Area"

Virginia Scott, Wolf Creek Heritage Museum, "Panhandle Emergency Medical Services, 1975-1982"

*Poor People, Poor Land Decisions, and Poor Animals (Room 1)*

Session Chair: Suzanne Campbell, Angelo State University

Joshua Logsdon, Angelo State University, "Western Welfare: The Pauper System in West Texas, 1879-1930"

Alvin O. Turner, Norman, Oklahoma, "The Greer County Decision Revisited; Why Didn't Anyone Care?"

Bradley Folsom, University of North Texas, "When the Buffalo Fought the Bull: Animal Combat and Nationalism on the U.S.-Mexico Border"

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Women's History Luncheon: The event is an open forum lunch for anyone interested in Women's History and will highlight current research trends and topics. Tickets are available and members should sign-up via the conference registration form (available on-line January 15, 2014 @ [wtha.org](http://wtha.org)). For more information, contact

[Marisue.Potts@wtha.org](mailto:Marisue.Potts@wtha.org) or [Cecilia.Venable@wtha.org](mailto:Cecilia.Venable@wtha.org).

Session III, 1:00-2:15 PM

*Where Are the Women in West Texas History?: A Roundtable Discussion (Room A)*

Session Chair: Marisue Potts, West Texas Historical Association

Cynthia Beeman, East Texas Historical Association

Vicki Cummins, Austin College  
Cecilia Venable, University of Texas at El Paso  
Lynn Whitfield, Texas Tech University

*Murder in Far West Texas* (Rooms 3-4)

Session Chair: Jim Matthews, West Texas Historical Association

Troy M. Ainsworth, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association, "A Murder in Shafter, Texas, in 1889"

Pat Parsons, South Texas Historical Association, "A Sanguinary Affray in Sanderson"

Travis Roberts, Brewster County Historical Commission, "The Execution of Harvey Hughes at Alpine, Texas, in April 1923"

*Historical Studies, Employment, and Military Aviation in West Texas* (Room 1)

Session Chair: Jack Becker, Texas Tech University

David Murrah, Rockport, Texas, "Replacing the I-35 Bias with the I-20 Bias: The Landmark Work of Richardson, Holden, and Wallace"

Paul Wright, Sul Ross State University, "Work and Wages in the Big Bend on the Eve of World War II"

Vernon L. Williams, Abilene Christian University, "Pyote Army Air Field: A Sense of Place and Community in World War II"

Refreshments in the Reception Area

Session IV, 2:30-3:45 PM

*Civilizing West Texas: Religion and Education* (Room A)

Session Chair: Suzanne Campbell, Angelo State University

Kendra DeHart, Texas Christian University, "A Teacher on Wheels for Farm and Ranch Women: Home Demonstration Work on the Llano Estacado, 1917-1950"

Christena Stephens, Sundown, Texas, "Thou are a priest forever...The Early Priests that Shaped Nazareth, Texas"

Gloria Duarte, Angelo State University, "The Struggle for Equal Education in Melvin, Texas"

*Outlaws and Police in Nineteenth-Century Texas* (Rooms 3-4)

Session Chair: William Tydeman, Texas Tech University

Chuck Parsons, Luling, Texas, "John Wesley Hardin, 1870-1872"

Donaly Brice, Texas State Library, "Texas State Police"

Norman Wayne Brown, Snyder, Texas, "Four Shots, One Kill"

*Southwestern Pioneer George Causey and the Cattle Drive Frontier (Room 1)*

Session Chair: Jim Hammond, Pecos County Historical Commission

Emily Elliott, Pawnee, Oklahoma, "George Causey, The Man"

Jim Harris, Lea County Museum, "George Causey, New Mexico Stockman"

James B. Hays, Brownwood, Texas, "The Shortest Cattle Drive, June 1, 1871"

Session V: 4:00-5:15 PM

*Native Americans and West Texans (Room A)*

Session Chair: Monte Monroe, Texas Tech University

Sherry Robinson, Historical Society of New Mexico, "Mystery Apaches of the Plains"

Barbara Barton, Knickerbocker, Texas, "Friendly Texas Indians"

Todd Smith, Lubbock County D.A.'s Office, Lubbock, Texas, "The Battle of the Freshwater Fork of the Brazos"

*South Texas Historical Association Session (Rooms 3-4)*

Session Chair: George Cooper, Lone Star College

Cecilia Venable, University of Texas at El Paso, "Growing Up Black in America: Gloria Dean Randall Scott, Pioneer and Social Justice Advocate"

Chuck Parsons, Luling, Texas, "The Fight between Texas Rangers and Mexican Bandits at Palo Alto Prairie in 1875"

Carroll Brincefield, Somerville, Texas, "Un-American Activities along the Texas Gulf Coast"

*Spanish Colonialism, Architecture, and Music in West Texas (Room 1)*

Session Chair: David Murrah, Rockport, Texas

Ray Theiss, Angelo State University, "Uncovering a Legend: The San Clemente Mission, 1684"

Katherine Kelly, Lubbock, Texas, "Dominie Dell, Slaton, Texas"

Elvis E. Fleming, Roswell, New Mexico, "Long Before Lukenbach: Waylon, Willie, and Some Other Characters I Met Back in the Good Ol' Days"

Friday Evening

6:00 PM Reception Honoring President J. Tillapaugh at the Petroleum Museum in Midland.

6:30 PM Banquet

7:00 PM Featured Speaker, Bill O'Neal, The Historian of the State of Texas

Saturday, April 5

Session VI: 9:00-10:15 AM

*Center for Big Bend Studies Session (Rooms 3-4)*

Session Chair: J Tillapaugh, University of Texas-Permian Basin

William A. "Andy" Cloud, Sul Ross State University, "Late Paleoindians in the Big Bend: Ongoing Archaeological Investigations at the Genevieve Lykes Duncan Site"

Richard W. Walter, Sul Ross State University, "Comments on the Cielo Complex and Other Perdiz-Bearing Sites of the Eastern Trans-Pecos / Big Bend Region and Northern Mexico"

Robert W. Gray, Sul Ross State University, "Projectile Points of the Eastern Trans-Pecos and Big Bend Region of Texas: History, Typology, and New Insights"

*East Texas Historical Association Session (Room A)*

Session Chair: Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Texas

Gail Beil, Marshall, Texas "What's an East Texas Oilman Doing in Venezuela?"

Light T. Cummins, Austin, College, "Allie Victoria Tennant and the 1936 'Tejas Warrior' Sculpture"

*Hardships, Medicine, and Occupations in West Texas (Room 1)*

Session Chair: Leland Turner, Midwestern State University

Ann Dixon, Midland, Texas, "Letters from Texas: An Officer's Wife at Fort Lancaster in 1857"

Donna Gerstle Smith, Fort Davis National Historic Site, "Till Death (or Discharge) Do Us Part: The State of Medicine at the Nineteenth Century Army Post of Fort Davis, Texas"

Nancy Nunn, Edwards Plateau Historical Association, "Arnie and Marian's Story: Who Were the Cedar Cutters of Central Texas?"

Session VII: 10:45 AM-12:00 PM

*Permian Historical Society Session (Rooms 3-4)*

Session Chair: Peggy Kelton, Permian Historical Society, President

Patrick Dearen, Midland, Texas, "Castle Gap and Horsehead Crossing"

Snap Woodward, Crane, Texas, "Ranches and Ranchers of Crane County, Then and Now"

Richard Brantley, "Oil Discoveries in Crane County, Texas"

*Cattle Ranching in West Texas and Northern Mexico (Room A)*

Session Chair: Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University

Marisue Potts, Motley County Historical Commission, “Death Rides the Range of the Matadors”

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, “The McCorkle Debacle: A JA Ranch Land Fraud Case”

Richard Hancock, Norman, Oklahoma, “The History of American Ranches in Chihuahua, Mexico, with Special Reference to Hacienda Corralitos”

Saturday Awards and Business Lunch: 12:00–1:30 PM, Room B, MCM Hotel Grande.

- Mrs. Percy (Ruth Leggett) Jones Best Article Award
- Rupert Richardson Best Book Award
- Elmer Kelton Best Fiction Award
- Best Student Essay Award
- Ernest Wallace Research Grant
- William Curry Holden Grant (student)
- R. C. Crane Heritage Award
- Student Scholarship
- Election of officers
- Presidential Address

Presidential Address:  
WTHA President J. Tillapaugh “

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2:00 PM Saturday Afternoon Tour of historic Odessa