WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

96th Annual Meeting, April 12 – April 13, 2019
Canyon, Texas

Preliminary Program
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2019 Program Committee:
Rob King, Chair  Texas Tech University
Troy Ainsworth  Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts (NM)
John Caraway  Cisco College
Kendra DeHart  Sul Ross State University
Debbie Liles  Tarleton State University
Jason E. Pierce  Angelo State University
Leland Turner  Midwestern State University

Local Arrangements Committee:
Austin Allison  WTHA Assistant Special Events Coordinator
Barbara Brannon  Texas Plains Trail Region,
Nicci Hester  Silent Auction
Jean Stuntz  West Texas A&M University

Hotels – WTHA Room blocks have been reserved at the Best Western ($89.00) at 2801 4th Avenue, 806-655-1818, and the Holiday Inn Express ($93.00) at 2901 4th Avenue, 806-655-4445. Remember to say that you are with the WTHA group.

Conference location – West Texas A&M University. Meeting rooms and park TBA

Thursday Night – 5 PM Early Bird dinner gathering at Joe Tacos, 502 15th Street, phone # (806) 452-8226 -- each person pays for their own meal and drink

Cover – TBA
West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting
West Texas A&M, April 12-13, 2019

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Registration: 8:00 A.M. – Lobby
Exhibitors: TBA
Silent Auction: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. TBA
To benefit the Student Scholarship Fund – Viewing and Bidding

Session I: 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Room TBA – Woody Guthrie, Gatlin Brothers, and Party Dolls
Lynn Whitfield, Texas Tech University, Chair
Joe W. Specht, McWhiney History Education Group, “Pampa, Woody, and ‘Boomtown Bill’”
Robert Reitz, Dallas “All the Gold May Not Be in California – The Musical Legacy of West Texas Born
Larry Gatlin”
Andy Wilkinson, Texas Tech University, “The Doll of ‘Party Doll’”

Room TBA – Cowboys and the Cattle Industry
Deborah Liles, Tarleton State University, Chair
Vernon Williams, Old Primero Historical Foundation, “Oral History and New Scholarship on the World Championship Rodeo at Dublin, Texas”
Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, “The Ranch in West Texas History”
Alexandria J. McCormick, West Texas A&M University, “Presenting the Past: Incorporating Regional Digital History into the Classroom and Public Outreach”

Room TBA – Public History and Memory
Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Chair
Lewis Toland, Denton, “Confederate Symbolism”
James B. Hays, Early, “The Location of Colonel John Moore’s 1840 Indian Fight on the Colorado River.”
Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – on your own

Or

Women’s History Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – TBA
Session II: 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Room TBA – Comanche Society in the Nineteenth Century
Stephen Peach, Tarleton State University, Chair
Joaquín Jess Rivaya-Martínez, Texas State University, “Comanche Territoriality: Heartland and Hinterlands”
Linda Pelon, Dallas, “PENATUHKAH: A Comanche Band at the Center of Power on the Texas Frontier 1830-1850”
Hoppy Hopkins, Fredericksburg, “German-Comanche Relationship”

Room TBA – Women’s History Session
Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University, Moderator

Room TBA – Icons of West Texas
Robert G. Weaver, Texas Tech University, Chair
Student Essay Award Recipient, Award Essay, TBA
Holle Humphries, Quanah Parker Trail, “Quanah Parker: Timeline of a Comanche Warrior and Leader’s Life Reflective of the “Hero’s Journey”

Session III: 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Room TBA – Recreation in Texas Communities
Michael Hurd, Austin, Chair
Helen Cozart, Cisco College, “Baseball in a Boomtown”
Bill Helwig, Yoakum County, Texas “Soash, Texas: The Forgotten ‘Red Lettered Town’ of Howard County”
Cindy Martin, Lubbock Heritage Society, “1920s Dining in Style: The Hotel Lubbock, Chef Artaway Fillmore, and the Lone Star Cook Book”

Room TBA – Representations: New Mexico and West Texas
Jack Becker, Texas Tech University, Chair
Jennifer Spurrier, Texas Tech University, TBA
Rob King, Texas Tech University, “Portrayal of the Southwest Frontier in Television though Twin Peaks”
Room TBA – Scholars and Writers
Jim Matthews, San Antonio, Chair
Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, “George Hunt: Kiowa Scholar”
John Davis, Hardin-Simmons University, “Albert G. Maroscher: Immigrant, Historian, Soldier”
Lewis Toland, Denton, “Kelton: Civil War Novels”

Session IV: 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Room TBA – West Texas A&M in the Archives and on the Trails
Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, Chair
Jose Navarrete, West Texas A&M University, “A Walk at the Wildcat Bluff: The Gregg-Marcy Trail”
Jason Herbert, West Texas A&M University, “‘Settle Down with the Vulgar’: Western Women's Roles in Western Settlement”
Jared Haines, West Texas A&M University, “Flying over Midland”

Room TBA – Center for Big Bend Studies Session
Kendra DeHart, Sul Ross State University, Chair
David W. Keller, Sul Ross State University, “In the Shadow of the Chinatis: A History of Pinto Canyon in the Big Bend”
Samuel S. Cason, Sul Ross State University, “Tranquil Rockshelter (41BS1513): Late Prehistoric Investigations on the 02 Ranch, Brewster County, Texas”

Room TBA – Amarillo as an Artistic Crossroads: Region, Nation, and World
Bonnie Roos, West Texas A&M University, Chair
Amy Von Lintel, West Texas A&M University, “West Texas Gets Taken by Art Fraud”
Renea Dauntes, Amarillo Museum, “What To Do With An Archive: A New York Photographer and his Papers Make Their Way to Amarillo”

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5:30 PM  Presidential Reception in the Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson Banquet Hall at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center

6:30  Friday Evening Program and Speaker, TBA
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

Session V: 9:00-10:15 AM

Room TBA – Texas Lives
Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University, Chair
Bruce Cammack, Texas Tech University, “A Wondrous, Free Life, This: The Texas Adventures of Elliott Roosevelt”
Bill O’Neal, past Texas State Historian, “Billy and Olive Dixon, The Plainsmen and His Lady”

Room TBA – Analog History: Using the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and the WTAMU Cornett Library to Teach Historical Methods
Bruce C. Brasington, West Texas A&M University
Byron Pearson, West Texas A&M University
Timothy Bowman, West Texas A&M University

Room TBA – Roundtable: In the Days of a Company Town: Insight into Thurber, Texas
Dr. Jensen Branscombe, Tarleton State University, Chair
Shae Adams, Tarleton State University, Commentator
Kyndall Howard
Lindsay Hatfield
Lauren Russell
Chris Langer
Session VI: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

**Room TBA – Roundtable: Exploring Opportunities for Regional and Institutional Collaboration for Presenting Local History: The Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Camp Bowie in Brownwood, Texas**
Dr. Deborah Liles, Tarleton State University, Chair
Dr. Eric V. Morrow
Beverly Norris
Jeff Meador

**Room TBA – Role of the Military in Texas Settlement**
Ty Smith, Texas State Historical Association, Chair
Jim Matthews, “Military Justice on the Texas Frontier”
Andrew Klooster, Texas Christian University, “The Doniphan Expedition and the Creation of El Paso, Texas”

**Room TBA – East TX Historical Association: “Bison and Sheep on the South Plains”**
TBA Chair
Gene B. Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, “The Law That Was or Wasn’t: Phil Sheridan and the 1875 Texas Buffalo Preservation Act”
Scott Sosebee, East Texas Historical Association/Stephen F. Austin State University, “Hank and George Smith Go to War: The Cross B’s ‘Sheep Experiment’”
WTHA Business Meeting and Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

in The Legends Club at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center

President Jean Stuntz, Presiding

- Best Student Essay Award
- Elmer Kelton Best Fiction Award
- Rupert Richardson Best Book Award
- Mrs. Percy (Ruth Leggett) Jones Best Article Award

  • Election of officers

Presidential Address

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