



WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Back On the Concho River Frontier

95th Annual Meeting, April 13 – April 14, 2018

San Angelo, Texas



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Exhibitors: TBD

2018 Program Committee:

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Thursday Tour - TBD –

Saturday Afternoon and Evening Program - TBD

Hotels. WTHA Room blocks have been reserved at the **Fairfield Inn and Suites** at 1459 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904. Phone (325) 482-8400, and the **Staybridge Suites** at 1355 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904, Phone: (325) 653-1500. The room rate is \$96.00 for Standard King or Queen. Another option is the **Pearl Hotel**, located at 333 Rio Concho drive and phone # (325) 653-4500, with a special room rate of \$69.00 including breakfast. March 23, 2018 is the cutoff date for reservations. The hotels are conveniently located 2.7 miles from the conference site.

Conference location – All sessions, exhibits, registration and refreshment breaks will be held Friday and Saturday at the First United Methodist Church at 37 E Beauregard Avenue, San Angelo, TX 76903. Convenient parking is available street side or in a multi-level parking garage immediately adjacent.

Cover Elmer Kelton was the long-time Western novelist and chronicler of West Texas. Beloved native son of San Angelo Elmer passed away in 2009 and his standing room only memorial services were held in the church that will host the 2018 WTHA annual conference.



**West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting
First United Methodist Church, April 13-14, 2018**

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Registration: 8:00 A.M. – Lobby

Exhibitors. Heritage Hall

Silent Auction: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Heritage Hall.
To benefit the Student Scholarship Fund – Viewing and Bidding

Session I: 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Room A – Murder and Mayhem

Tim Bowman, West Texas A&M University, Chair

Norman Wayne Brown, Lake Alan Henry, Garza County, “The Hired Killers of the Wyoming Range Wars”

James Hays, Early, “John Formwalt: First Sheriff of Runnels County”

Jerry Lodbill, Fort Worth, “How Deacon Jim Miller Killed Sheriff Pat Garrett”

Room B– The Texas Frontier and World War I

Marisue Potts, Motley County Historical Commission, Chair

Robin Cole Jett, Red River Historian, “The Theft of the Red River Medicine Stones and its Effects on Frontier Conditions”

Frederica Wyatt, Edwards Plateau Historical Commission, “Caroline Taylor McDonald: A Mother of the Frontier”

John N. Davis & Jeremy Maynard, Hardin-Simmons University, “Great Are Thy Victories’: Hardin-Simmons University in World War I”

Room C– Runnels County History: a Roundtable Discussion

Randall Conner, Runnels County Historical Commission, Chair

Participants: Anthony Lange; Ruth Cooper; Linda Duggan; and Beverly Teplicek

Session II: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Room A – History in San Angelo

Shirley Eoff, Angelo State University, Chair

Curtis Peoples, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University, “Cookin’’: A History of San Angelo’s Musical Group--Tortilla Factory”

Sister Susan Karina Dickey, OP, St. Dominic Health Services, Jackson, Mississippi, “Growing Together: Architect Oscar Ruffini and San Angelo”

Kendra K. DeHart, Sul Ross State University, “No Pink Tea Side to Women’s Clubs’: San Angelo’s Postwar Clubwomen”

Room B – Center for Big Bend Studies Session

Andy Cloud, Sul Ross State University, Chair

[Presenters and Presentations TBD]

Room C – Looking Without: Influences beyond Texas that Shaped Panhandle History

Maureen Hubbart, West Texas A&M University, Chair

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, “Riding the Hemispheric Range: The Interesting Case of Roy Vivian”

Amy Von Lintel, West Texas A&M University, “Amarillo and Kansas City: Companion ‘Cities Beautiful’ in Urban Architecture and Design”

Michael Grauer, West Texas A&M University, “Cattle, Cowboys, and Culture: Kansas City and Amarillo: Making an Urban West”

Lunch: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

An onsite-lunch option is available—see the registration form. However, many restaurants are conveniently located within a block or two of the conference location.

West Texas Women’s History Working Group Meeting: Ballroom, The event is for conference attendees actively researching and writing in Women’s History. Discussion topics will include future publications, programs, and research trends and problems. Attendees should sign-up via the conference registration form @ wtha.org. For more information, contact Jean Stuntz at jstuntz@mail.wtamu.edu.

Session III: 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Room A – The Handbook of Texas Women for West Texans

Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Chair

Participants: Members of the Executive Committee of the *Handbook of Texas Women*.

Room B– Comanche with Blue Eyes: Editing a Literary Work about Cynthia Ann Parker to Re-align its Romantic Content with Historical Fact

Montie Guthrie, Santa Anna, Chair

Bruce Parker, Quanah Parker Society, “Discovering Comanche Family History”

Travis Roberts, Brewster County Historical Commission, “Comanche ‘War’ Trail through Brewster County: Popular Culture vs. Boots-on-the-Ground Fact”

Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region, Hanaba Welch, Quanah Parker Trail; Holle Humphries, Lubbock, Quanah Parker Trail, "*Comanche with Blue Eyes*: Editing a Literary Work about Cynthia Ann Parker to Re-align its Romantic Content with Historical Fact"

Room C– Saving NASA’s Apollo Program: A Tale of West Texans

Monte Monroe, Texas Tech University, Chair

Weston Marshall, Texas Tech University, "The Apollo Program"

Discussants: John Aaron, Retired NASA engineer and Jerry Bostick, Retired NASA engineer

Session IV: 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Room A– Sheep, Goats, and Cattle in West Texas: Studies on Stock Raisers

June Steele, Lubbock ISD, Chair

Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University, "The Cross B, the Kentucky Land and Cattle Company, and the Matador: A Small Operator’s Uneasy Relationship with His Neighbors"

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, "Murdo Mackenzie Goes to Austin: The Politicization of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association"

John Caraway, Cisco College, "San Angelo: Heart of the Texas Wool and Mohair Industry"

Room B– The Panhandle and North Texas

Jack Becker, Texas Tech University, Chair

Bill E. Steward, Wichita County Archives, "Tom Pickett, the Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

Bill Green, Canyon, "Albert Gallatin Springer: Founder of the First Ranch in the Texas Panhandle"

Ian Michael McDowell, Texas Tech University, "Dallas Parks: Moderation, Custom, and the Mechanics of Segregation"

Room C– Chords on the Concho

Elissa Stroman, Texas Tech University, Chair

Andy Wilkinson and Katelin Dixon, Texas Tech University, "Last Kiss: The Best Dying Date Song Ever"

Joe W. Specht, McWhinney History Education Group, Abilene, "Swell San Angelo . . . in Song"

Robert Reitz, Dallas, "Texas, Our Texas, All hail the Mighty State: Ruminations on Our State Song"

Session IV: 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Room A– New Approaches, New Interpretations

Keith Owen, Lubbock Christian University, Chair

Gene B. Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, "To Teach the Truths of History’: Education and the Controversy of Civil War History"

Maureen Hubbard, West Texas A&M University, "Carl Hertzog and J. Evetts Haley in a ‘campaign for culture’"

Rob Sledge, McMurry University, "Last Night as Hunt Lay on the Prairie: A Possible Source of the ‘Cowboy’s Dream’ Ballad"

Room B– Changing the “Map” of West Texas

Sylvia Mahoney, Fort Worth, Chair

Claude Hudspeth, San Angelo, "Forgotten Butterfield Stations along the Texas-New Mexico Border"

Joaquin Rivaya-Martinez, Texas State University, "Comancheria in the Eighteenth Century: A Cartographic Approach"

Best Student Essay (We will know the student and topic before we print program.)

Room C– Making the Southwest Collection Digital

Jennifer Spurrier, Texas Tech University, Chair

Austin Allison, Texas Tech University, "Newspapers and Maps on DSpace"

Robert Weaver, Editor, *West Texas Historical Review*, "Digitizing History: West Texas Archives in the Digital Age"

Elissa Stroman, Texas Tech University, "Rediscovering the Oral History Collection through Wiki and DSpace"

5:30 PM Presidential Reception at the ground floor "**Speakeasy,**" Cactus Hotel 32 E. Twohig, San Angelo (next door to the 1st United Methodist Church). Banquet will follow at 6:45 PM at the Top of Cactus Hotel.



West Texas Historical Association
Founded 1924

Friday Evening

6:45 PM Banquet—President Glen Sample Ely, Presiding

7:00 PM Keynote Speakers. A Region of Famous Forts: Bob Bluthardt—Fort Concho; Cody Mobley—Fort McKavett; and Garland and Lana Richards—Fort Chadbourne

“A Region of Famous Forts”

Bob Bluthardt—Executive Director of Fort Concho National Historic Landmark.

Cody Mobley—Site Manager for the Fort McKavett State Historic Site.

Garland and Lana Richards— Cofounders and Officers of the Fort Chadbourne Foundation.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

Session V: 9:00-10:15 AM

Room A– Far West Texas and Mexico

Scott White, Texas Tech University, Chair

Vernon L. Williams, Abilene Christian University, “The 62nd Army Band, Community, and Military Music in Far West Texas, 1865-1966”

Andrew Klooster, Texas Christian University, “Historical Memory and the Episcopal Church of Saint Clement in El Paso”

Richard H. Hancock, retired, University of Oklahoma, “Luis Terrazas, the World’s Largest Rancher”

Room B – Covering All of Texas: Cotton, Banking, and Tacos, the East Texas Session

Heather Wooten, President, East Texas Historical Association, Chair

Aimee Garcia Soto, University of Houston-Downtown, “Mothers of Invention: The Latinas behind Houston’s Iconic Taquerias”

George M. Cooper, Lone Star College-Montgomery, “The Siren’s Call: John Nance Garner Comes to Banking”

John Richard Lundberg, Tarrant County College-South, “From Black Lands to High Plains: Texas Cotton Production, 1940-1960”

Room C– Revisiting Three “Boss” Cattlemen of West Texas

Debbie Liles, University of North Texas, Chair

Tai Kreidler, Texas Tech University, “John Hittson: Texas Ranching Legend”

David Murrah, Rockport, “C. C. Slaughter’s Grand Experiment in the Heart of the Llano Estacado: Rediscovering the Lazy S Ranch”

Bill O’Neal, Texas State Historian, “John Chisum, Frontier Cattle King”

Room D -- Permian Historical Society

Betty Damron, Crane County Historical Commission, Chair

Evelyn Stroder, Crane County Historical Commission, “Perils of Self-Publishing The Wall That Failed: How one Community Navigated the Shifting Sands of Integration in West Texas”

Jim Collett, Midland, “The McElroy Ranch of Crane and Upton Counties”

Rusty Batten, “The West Texas Cowboy in Poetry and Song”

Session VI: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Room A– Elmer Kelton and His Work

Tiffany Fink, Hardin-Simmons University, Chair

Rob King, Texas Tech University, "Elmer Kelton through Letters: An Author's Journey"
Becky Matthews, San Antonio, "Experiencing History Through Fiction: Elmer Kelton as Historian."
Lewis Toland, Denton, "A Dispute Nobody Ever Won"

Room B– Jacksboro, Jack County, and Fort Richardson

Jess Elmore, Jack County Historical Commission, Chair
Robert Frie, Superintendent, Fort Richardson, "Fort Richardson, 1867"
Brad Dixon, County Attorney, Jack County, "Jacksboro Indian Trials"
Jess Elmore, Jack County Historical Commission, "Mason-Cambern Massacre, 1858"

Room C– Looking at West Texas from New and Different Directions

Drew Bullard, Scurry County Historical Commission, Chair
Mari Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, "Rusted Out: Setting the Record Straight on the Pioneer Doctors Lubbock Forgot"
Helen Cozarth, Eastland County, "Balancing the Budget of a Boomtown"
Joanna Clark Laws, Abilene Christian University, "Shaking Out the Sheets: Positioning the Political Defeat of the Ku Klux Klan in 1924 through a Study of Anti-Klan Groups in Eastland County"

Room D– Writing West Texas History: Archives, Education, and Literature

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, Chair
Delinda King, West Texas A&M University, "Johnny McMurtry and the Muleshoe Ranches"
Jose Navarrete, West Texas A&M University, "A West Texas Town and de Facto Segregation in Education"
Kaycie Timm, West Texas A&M University, "John Erickson and Regional History through Storytelling in the Panhandle"
Erin Martin, West Texas A&M University, "Recovering Panhandle History: Loula Grace Erdman, J. Evetts Haley, and Regional Narratives"

WTHA Business Meeting and Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

President Glen Sample Ely, Presiding

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

Presidential Address

"Westward Expansion and the Environment in Texas, 1850-1950"

