

TOHA PROGRAM MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, & CONFERENCES
1984 - present

1984

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Oral History in Texas: Preparing for the Texas Sesquicentennial"
Thomas L. Charlton, presiding
Gerald Saxon, panel moderator
Panelists: James Conrad, Melissa Hield, and Alexander Pratt

1985

Spring (TSHA) Fort Worth: "Oral History at the County Level"
Mary Faye Barnes, Galveston County Historical Commission
Shirley Caldwell, Dallas County Historical Commission
Hubert Miller, Hidalgo County Historical Commission
Florida Yeldell, Waller County Historical Commission

Fall: Galveston Sesquicentennial Workshop
Beverly Rudy: "Oral History and the Law"
Florida J. Yeldell: "Foundations of Oral History"
Rebecca Jimenez: "Sesquicentennial and Oral History"
Garna Christian: "Music and Oral History"
Thomas L. Charlton: "Videotaping Oral History"
Alexander Pratt: "Youth and Oral History"

1986

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Singing the Praises: Oral History and Country Music in Texas"
Gerald Saxon, presiding
David Stricklin: "A Sound Portrait of Western Swing"
Garna Christian: "The First Generation of Houston Country Music"

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches: "Oral Traditions and the Big Thicket"
Gerald Saxon, presiding
Francis Abernethy: "Tales from the Big Thicket"
Campbell Loughmiller: "Big Thicket Legacy"
James Conrad, commentator

1987

Spring (TSHA) Galveston: "Oral-Video History of Ethnics in Texas and the Trans-Mississippi West"
Wesley Valek: "Czech Immigrant History in Ellis County: An Oral History"
Glen Lich and Greg Moring: "From 'Buckaroo' to 'Steel Dreams' and 'Rodrigue': A Rhetoric of Oral History"

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches:
Bobby Johnson, presiding
Virginia Havard
Billie Kemper

Fall (Permian Basin Historical Society)
Monte Lewis, presiding

1988

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Listening to the Past"

Bobby Johnson, presiding

Bill O'Neal: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame: A Century of Texas League Baseball as Recalled by Players and Fans"

Calvin Hines: "Recollections of the Desert Legion: Reminiscences of Members of the Mexican Punitive Expedition of 1916"

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches:

Bobby Johnson, presiding

Ann Morris: "Hard Times. . . Close Times: A Video View of the Great Depression"

Ada Morehead Holland: "Using Oral History: An Alternative Approach"

1989

No spring meeting

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches: "Boom Times"

People's History in Texas, Melissa Hield

1990

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Outside the Law: Documenting Criminals and Dissidents"

Estelle Owens, presiding

Jaclyn Jeffrey: "'We Have a Common Enemy': Oral History with Sanctuary Workers, Subjectivity, and Academic Freedom"

Robert Pierce: "Breaking into Prison: Oral History, Crime, and the Media"

1991

Spring (TSHA) Dallas: "Oral History and Archeology in Texas"

Melissa Hield, presiding

Curtis Tunnell: "In Their Own Words: Interviews with Pioneer Texas Archeologists"

Dan Utley: "From the Ground Up: Oral History and Historical Archeology"

Kathleen Gillmore, commentator

1992

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Seldom a Discouraging Word: Oral History and Ranch Life in Texas"

Bruce Cheeseman, presiding

David Murrah: "Cowboys, Treasures, and Chance Meetings: West Texas Ranching and Oral History"

Lois Myers: "A Good Way to Live, A Poor Way to Make a Living: The Stoner Ranch, Uvalde County, Texas"

Byron Price, commentator

1993

Spring (TSHA) Houston: "Big Oil—Big Politics"

Lesley Brunet, presiding

Barbara Griffith: "Winners and Losers: Studying the Politics of Oil"

Michael Gillette: "Sunbelt Strategies: How the Presidential Campaigns Viewed Texas in 1988"

Al Broussard, commentator

1994

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "At Home and Abroad: East Texas Remembers World War II"
Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr., presiding
Calvin Hines: "Recollections of the Battlefront"
Bobby Johnson: "Reminiscences of the Home Front: Using Oral History in Dramatic Presentations"
Ronald Marcello, commentator

1995

Spring (TSHA) San Antonio: "Defining Two West Texas Legends Through Oral History"
Janet Neugebauer, presiding
Lawrence L. Graves: "Remembering Congressman George H. Mahon"
Earl H. Elam: "Crisis in a Rural Texas Community: The Sanderson Flood of 1965"
Monte Lewis, commentator

1996

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Traditions of Southeast Texas Cowboys"
Mary Faye Barnes, presiding
Mark Texel: "Traditions of Black Cowboys in Southeast Texas 1920-40s"
Melanie S. Wiggins: "More Fun than Work: Bolivar Peninsula Cowboys 1930-80s"
Kevin Ladd: "Legends and Lore of the White and Jackson Ranches, Chambers County"

1997

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Health Care in Texas: Using Oral History to Document the History of Medicine"
Michelle M. Mears, presiding
Eleanor L. M. Crowder, "Julia Kasmer: A Texas Nurse in the Vanguard"
Lesley W. Brunet, "Documenting the White Coat Culture"
Mary L. Irving, "Texas Women in Military Medicine"

1998

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Texas at War: Using Oral History to Document the World Wars"
Jim Conrad, presiding
Lewis Smith, "The Last Warriors: Texas Veterans of the Great War and Oral History"
Fred Allison, "The Aztec Eagles: Mexican Squadron 201 in Texas, 1944-1945"
Ronald Marcello, commentator

April 17: National Council on Public History Preconference Workshop, Austin

April 25: Joint Meeting with Southwest Oral History Association, Albuquerque
"The Southwest Conference"
Janet Neugebauer, presiding
Tai Kreidler, "The Southwest Athletic Conference"
William E. Tydeman, "SAC Golf"
Abel Ramirez, "The End of the Southwest Conference"

1999

Spring (TSHA) Dallas: "The Southwest Conference and American Sports"
John Carroll, presiding
Tai Kreidler, "College Athletics and the Emergence of"
William E. Tydeman, "Texas, the Southwest Conference, and the Rise of American Golf"
Abel Ramirez, "Snuffed Out but Not Forgotten: The End of the Southwest Conference"

2000

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Lyndon Baines Johnson: An Oral History Perspective"

George R. Gause, presiding

Paul R. Henggeler, "Discovering Lyndon Johnson Through the Spoken Word"

Linda M. Seelke, "Lyndon Johnson as Seen Through Oral History"

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches: "Rural Churches: Their History and Impact on the Community"

Shelly Henley Kelly, presiding

Alice Pierce, "That Old-Time Religion: The 125-Year History of the Val Verde Baptist Church in Central Texas"

Lois E. Myers, "Like Water to the Body: Women and the African American Rural Church in Central Texas"

2001

Spring (TSHA) Houston: "Explorations of the Space Frontier: The NASA Johnson Space Center Oral History Project"

Rebecca Wright, presiding

Kevin M. Rusnak, "Building the Foundation: Background Research"

Carol L. Butler, "Gathering the Words: The Oral History Session"

Sandra L. Johnson, "Presenting the Story: Multimedia Products"

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches: "Presenting Spindletop Recovery through Oral Interviews"

Jo Ann Stiles, presiding

Video Presentation: "Spindletop! The Supporting Cast: The Extraordinary Ordinary People of Spindletop"

Panelists: Ellen Rienstra, Judith Linsley, Jo Ann Stiles, and Nancy Nield

2002

Spring (TSHA) Corpus Christi: "Texas Arts & Entertainment: The View from Oral History"

Jo Ann Stiles, presiding

Jean Boyd, "Oral History as Music History: Joy and Tribulation in the Study of Western Swing"

Holle Humphries, "The Significance of the Texas Frontier in Shaping the Visual Arts"

Kathleen Hudson, "Stories and Songs of Women in Texas Music" -- no show

2003

Spring (TSHA) El Paso: "The Oral Tradition and the Borderlands Experience"

Troy Solis, presiding

Yolanda Romero, "The Irving, Texas, Oral History Centennial Project"

Kristine Navarro, "Tracing the Thread of History: The Institute for Oral History at UTEP"

Bennie Joe Gallego, "Hispanic History and Hispanic Pioneers of El Barrio: Alpine, Texas, 1882-1910"

Fall (ETHA) Nacogdoches: "Oral History Smorgasbord"

Lois E. Myers, presiding, for Gerald Saxon

Gene Preuss, "The Present and the Past: East Texas Museums and Oral History"

Holle Humphries, "Voices That Speak to Regionalism in the Art of West Texas"

Ann Hodges, "Tejano Voices: 20th Century Accounts of the Mexican American Experience in Texas"

2004

Spring (TSHA) Austin: "Texas Freedmen Colonies: A First Appraisal"

Gerald D. Saxon, presiding

Thad Sitton, "Freedmen Community Origins and Self Defense"

Michelle Mears, "Clarksville: An Austin Freedmen Community"

James H. Conrad, "Booker T. Washington and the Texas Freedmen Colonies"

September: Federation of Genealogical Societies Oral History Workshop
“Heirlooms on Tape I: Gathering Family History”
“Heirlooms on Tape 2: Preserving and Sharing Family Oral History,” Gerald Saxon and Lois E. Myers

2005

Spring (TSHA) Fort Worth: “Government and Community: The Good, the Bad, and the Scary”
Lesley Brunet, presiding
Rebecca Wright, “Voices from the Earth and Moon: The Community of Moonwalkers”
Jo Ann Pospisil, “Selling West Texas Water Resources: Water Mining or Water Rustling?”
Diane L. Ware, “Enlisting the Grassroots to Keep the Community Green: USDA Adaptation to Suburbanization and the Master Gardner’s Program”

2006

Spring (TSHA) Austin: “A Program Devoted Entirely to Texas Women”
Rebecca Wright, presiding
“Honoring Texas Women: Their Work, Their Worth,” Susie Kelly Flatua
“Pioneering Women of Today—Space Travelers,” Jennifer Ross-Nazal
Comments by Kathleen Hudson

October 25: Oral History Association Workshop, Little Rock, AR
“Introduction to Oral History Interviewing: From Planning to Preservation”
Lois E. Myers, Rebecca Wright, and Sandra Johnson

2007

Spring (TSHA) San Antonio: “Ranching, Restoration, and Repast”
JoAnn Pospisil, presiding
“Texas Ranch Women Remember World War II,” by Tanya Krause Randall
“Restoring Historical Texas Courthouses: The Tenacious Spirit behind the Bricks and Mortar,” Tiffany Schreiber
“Food Traditions: Filling the Gap,” Alice Olson

2008

Spring (TSHA) Corpus Christi: “Twenty-fifth Anniversary Session—A Defining Moment: West Texas Community in the Big War”
JoAnn Pospisil, presiding
“From Pyote to Fortress Europe: Film, Oral History, and the 381st Bomb Group in World War II,” Vernon L. Williams
“Girl Pilots in Sweetwater, Texas: Training the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) in Oral History and Film,” Dawn Letson
“‘Soldiers were everywhere’ . . . Camp Barkley and Abilene, Texas, 1940-1945,” Tracy M. Shilcutt

2009

Spring (TSHA) Austin: “Land, Lumber, and Cotton: Family Fortunes in Southeast Texas”
Jo Ann Stiles, presiding
“Dewing History: The Glorious Life, Near-Demise, and Resurrection of the Hugh Saunders Dew House,” Diane L. Ware
“‘Sister, Don’t Give up the Land:’ The McFaddin Legacy in Southeast Texas,” Judith W. Linsley
“East Texas Lumber Barons: The Lutcher-Stark-Brown Dynasty,” Ellen W. Rienstra

2010

Spring (TSHA) Dallas: “Using Oral History to Document Civil Rights Movements in Texas”

Todd Moye, presiding

“Oral Histories of African American Educators from the Era of Segregation,” Robert Edison

“The Development of Racial Consciousness: Austin African Americans Narrate the Emergence of a Racial Sensibility,” Martha Norkunas.

“The Bracero Oral History Project,” Kristine Navarro

2011

Spring (ETHA), Waco: “Re-examining the Texas Sanctuary Movement in a New Anti-immigrant Era”

James M. SoRelle, presiding and responding

Jaclyn L. Jeffrey

David B. Stricklin

Spring (TSHA), El Paso: “Expanding the Borders through Oral History”

Beverly J. Rowe, presiding

“The Institute of Oral History: The Goldmine in West Texas,” Anais Acosta

“The Air War, Collaterals, and World War II Texas, 1941-1945,” Vernon Williams

“Across History, Across Borders: The Kurdish Diaspora in North Texas,” Kay Mizell

2012

Spring (TSHA), Houston: “Visions of Texas: Art and History in the Lone Star State”

Lois E. Myers, presiding

“Collage Portraits: Representing Small-Town Texas Memory with Mixed Media,” Paula Gerstenblatt

“Oral History: Making Texas Abstract Art Concrete,” Katie Robinson Edwards

April 21: First Annual Conference, Waco

2013:

Spring (TSHA), Fort Worth: “Texas Union Voices: Tales of Labor Activism in the Lone Star State”

Michael Botson, presiding

“Breaking the Barrier: Raphael Reyna and the San Antonio Plumbers Union,” Veronica Reyna

“You Gotta Standup: John Henry Faulk, Union Man,” Chris Drake

April 13: Second Annual Conference, San Marcos

2014:

Spring (TSHA), San Antonio: “Education as a Community Service: Voices of Black Women Community Leaders”

Lynn M. Burlbaw, presiding

“Informal Education and Female Leadership: A Historical Study of the Life of Christia Daniels Adair,” Linda J. Black

“The Truth is Powerful and it Prevails: The Life History of Rev. Bettie Kennedy,” Anita McGee

Commentator: Lynn M. Burlbaw

April 5: Third Annual Conference, Nacogdoches

2015:

Spring (TSHA), Corpus Christi: “Undergrads in the Archives: The East Texas War and Memory Project”

Eric Gruver, presiding

Panelists: Hayley Hasik, Jackson Dailey, and Austin Baxley

April 25: Fourth Annual Conference, Commerce

2016:

Spring (TSHA), Irving: “A Century of Conflict: Texas Wartime Oral History Narratives that Span the Twentieth Century”

Eric Gruver, presiding

“Culture War: Home Front Challenges of Central Texas German Americans during the Great War, Steven Sielaff

“A Hell of a Load for a Young Man: Memories of World War II Concentration Camp Liberators,” Stephen Sloan

“From the Red Dirt of Vietnam through the Blowing Dust of West Texas: Recording Veteran’s Oral History of the Vietnam War,” Kelly Crager

April 23: Fifth Annual Conference, Waco

2017:

Spring (TSHA), Houston: “Using Oral History in Interdisciplinary Projects to Document Rural Dispersed Communities”

Perky Beisel, presiding and commentator

“Voices from Small Places: The Murvaul Creek Communities,” Linda Reynolds, Kelley Snowden, and Kurt Terry

“South Texas Hispanic Farm Labor Communities Oral History Project,” Christine Reiser Robbins and Mark Robbins

Sixth Annual Conference, Lubbock