



2016 North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference

Texas Wesleyan University

2 April 2016

7:30-8:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast Louella Baker Martin Pavilion

PAPER SESSIONS

(All paper sessions are held in either **STC** (Schollmaier Science and Technology Center) or **AMB** (Armstrong-Mabee Business Building).

8:30-9:45 am

Session 1: Racism and Discrimination

Chair: Christopher Hickman, Tarleton State University

Room: STC 114

Nicole Newton, Texas A&M-Commerce

“Beyond Barbed Wire: WWII Relocation and Nisei Resistance”

Jason J. Rivas, University of Houston-Downtown

“A Look at Arabs in Hollywood Films”

Robert Caldwell, University of Texas at Arlington

“Ruddy Rebels of East Texas: resist white supremacy 1821-1840”

Session 2: Medicine and Health

Chair: Stephanie Stegman, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: STC 116

Joshua Deleon, Abilene Christian University

“The Effects of the First World War on European Environment and Health”

Joel Gipson, Midwestern State University

“Mortal Supremacy”

Session 3: U.S. Foreign Policy

Chair: Ibrahim Salih, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: STC 118

Charles Zemanek, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Indian Fields: The Impacts of Lyndon B. Johnson's Short Tether Policy on Agricultural Practices in India, 1964-1966”

Cynthia Lewis, Texas Woman's University

“Operational Discrepancy”

Rasha Al Tameemi, Texas Woman's University

“The Foreign Policy of Truman Toward The Soviet Union (1945-1953)”

Session 4: Transatlantic History

Chair: Jeffrey Stone, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: AMB 105

Gretchen Patterson, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Galloping Through History: Robert Brislawn’s Spanish Mustangs”

Alexander Ellis, Texas Wesleyan University

“Liverpool and the Transatlantic Slave Trade”

Brady Winslow, Texas Christian University

“Mormon Emigration and the *Millennial Star*, 1840-1846”

Session 5: Women in History

Chair: Everett Kindig, Midwestern State University

Room: AMB 124

Abigail Fransen, Abilene Christian University

“Churchill's Secret Army: Women as SOE Operatives during World War II”

Cheyenne Cannedy, Midwestern State University

“Female Intelligence and Mythology in World War I”

Denise McLaurin, Texas Woman’s University

“Elizabeth Whitear Sermon: Atypical Mormon Pioneer”

Session 6: Architecture and History

Chair: Elizabeth Alexander, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: AMB 128

Kaitlyn Waynen, Texas Woman’s University

“Building the New Deal: Federal Construction on College Campuses in 1930's Texas”

Jung Seob Kim, University of Texas at Arlington

“Supermax Prison – The Fall of Alcatraz”

9:45-10:00 am - BREAK

10:00-11:15 am

Session 7: Leaders in History

Chair: J. Greg Gullion, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: STC 114

Cory McCray, Tarleton State University

“Henry Clay, the Whig Party, and the Complications of Compromise”

William Wilson, Texas A&M-Commerce

“A ‘Very Wise and Very Capable Leadership’: Establishing African American Boy Scouting in Northeast Texas, 1930 - 1940”

Sarah Caudill, Texas Wesleyan University

“Russia and the thirst for Charismatic Leadership”

Session 8: Becoming Texas: New Perspectives in 19th Century Texas History

Chair: Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: STC 116

William J. Hansard, University of Texas at Arlington

“Guardian Genius of Democracy: The Educational Crusades of Mirabeau B. Lamar”

Jennifer Schoen, University of Texas at Arlington

“Broken Identity: The Life and Hardships of Cynthia Ann Parker”

Lauren Jones, University of Texas at Arlington

“The Norwegian Settlers and Their Effects on the Slave Population of Van Zandt County”

Session 9: Ancient History

Chair: Alistair Maer, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Room: STC 118

Savannah Weeks, Abilene Christian University

“Of Gods and Gays: Male and Female Homosexuality in Ancient Greece”

Hannah Colletti, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Two Caesars”

Session 10: Changing National Identities

Chair: E. Mark Moreno, Texas A&M-Commerce

Room: AMB 102

Taylor Dicken, University of Houston-Downtown

“Lost Ground: Economic and Industrial Issues in France from the Mid-Nineteenth Century to WWI”

Molly Woodruff, Texas Wesleyan University

“Survival of a Modern City-State: Singapore's National Identity”

Tamika Roach, Texas Woman’s University

“Faux-Prosperity: Japanese Propaganda in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere”

Session 11: Colonial and Antebellum United States

Chair: Michael Landis, Tarleton State University

Room: AMB 105

Valeria Estrada, Texas Woman’s University

“A Study of Colonial Life through Probate Inventories”

Excelsie Morgan, Texas Woman’s University

“Checking the Record: An Analysis of 18th Century Probate Inventories from the Plymouth and Port Royal Colonies”

Scarlet Jernigan, Texas Christian University

“Sentiment as the Great Conservative Principle of Society: The Unitarian Rural Cemetery Movement and Its Adoption in Macon, Georgia”

Session 12: Indigenous Culture and History

Chair: Helena Bussell, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: AMB 124

Deanna Tuttle, Abilene Christian University

“Australian Aborigines: Assimilation, Dysfunction, and Misunderstanding”

Alex Van Allen, Midwestern State University

“A net of policies accepted and rejected: British policy toward American Indians and its influences on America's Indian policies”

Stephanie Zwinggi, Texas Woman's University

“The Evolving Tale of the Trail of Tears”

Jennifer McCutchen, Texas Christian University

“Lowlands of Colonial Conflict: Indians, Spaniards, Anglos and the Florida-Georgia Borderlands, 1700-1763”

Session 13: Nationalism and Loyalty

Chair: Mattie Fitch, Tarleton State University

Room: AMB 128

Victoria Stowe, Abilene Christian University

“Terrorism in a Skirt: A History of Irish Women Nationalists in the Twentieth Century”

William Livingston, Texas A&M-Commerce

“The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre: A Scene of Confessionalism and an Act of Nationalism”

Misty Jenkins, Texas A&M-Commerce

“Changing Revolutionary Views: Highland Scots Loyalism in North Carolina”

11:15-11:30 am - BREAK

11:30-1:00 pm

Session 14: Influence of Religion in History

Chair: Trevor Morris, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: STC 114

Hollie Murphey, Midwestern State University

“The Syrian Assassins: Ridwan and the Nizaris, A Relationship of Turmoil and Profound Victory”

Mykah Jones-Henschel, Texas A&M-Commerce

“An Unusual Alliance: The Relationship between the Norse and the Muslims during the Viking Age”

Sherilyn Farnes, Texas Christian University

“The End of an Arrow: Martyrdom, Maps and Conflict in Kino's Biography of Francisco Javier Saeta, S.J., 1695”

Session 15: Contextualizing the Role of the Transatlantic World in Liberia

Chair: Jeffrey Stone, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: STC 116

Dan Degges, University of Texas at Arlington

“Kitty: One Quadroon Slave’s Chosen Path to Liberia, 1832-1835”

Stephanie Sulik, University of Texas at Arlington

“Identifying Systems of White Supremacy: A Case Study of Firestone in Liberia”

William Kingren, University of Texas at Arlington

“Rulers, Rice, and Revolution: The failures of the Americo-Liberian Ruling Class on the eve of the Liberian Revolution”

Session 16: Law and Violence

Chair: Christopher Hickman, Tarleton State University

Room: STC 118

Cheryl Boswell, Texas Woman’s University

“The Sailor’s Outcry: The Negro Seamen Acts and Their Impact on Free Black Sailors”

Humza Khan, University of Texas at Dallas

“Lynching and Paternalism in the new South”

Megan Martin, Texas Woman’s University

“The Effectiveness of the War Refugee Board in Holocaust Relief”

Session 17: Public and Oral History

Chair: Jacob Blosser, Texas Woman’s University

Room: AMB 102

Kristen Johnson, Midwestern State University

“Fort Hood Free Grazers: Central Texas Cattlemen and the Federal Government’s Post War Economic Intervention”

Sarah Brown, Tarleton State University

“The Small Town Museum: Promotion, Provocation, and Survival”

Matthew Killingsworth, Tarleton State University

“The Historical memory of the Tower Shooting”

Session 18: Slavery and Abolition

Chair: Kelly Elliott, Abilene Christian University

Room: AMB 105

Fariat Rahman, University of Texas at Dallas

“Mind of the Masses: Investigating the individual factors in antislavery thought through Elder John Leland”

Patrick Listach, Texas Wesleyan University

“Children’s Lives during Slavery”

Danial Sherwani, University of Texas at Dallas

“Selfishness within Abolition”

Session 19: War, Politics, and Propaganda

Chair: David Overbey, Tarrant County College-Southeast

Room: AMB 124

McKayla Harwell, Texas Wesleyan University

“Rupert Brooke: "The Soldier" and Other Lies”

Michelle Loyd, Tarleton State University

“Moguls on Trial: The September 1941 Senate Investigation of Hollywood”

Leah LaGrone Ochoa, Texas A&M-Commerce

“Staging Sex and Morality: Reform in Dallas Theaters”

Session 20: Women’s Rights

Chair: Elizabeth Alexander, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: AMB 128

Erin Hicks, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: How They Challenged Societal Norms in America”

Katherine Skrabanek, Texas A&M-Commerce

“Each of them standing with a sword drawn and she was looking with indignation up at Lincoln’ Women and Gendered Roles during the Civil War, 1861-1863”

Amy Gaudette, Tarleton State University

“The Woman in the White House: The Life of Grace Halsell and her Experiences on President Lyndon Johnson's Staff”

Leah Stanton, Texas Woman’s University

“The 1950's Cold War Housewife and Tupperware: A Vehicle for Her Individual and Socioeconomic Change”

1:00-2:30 pm

Lunch by *Blue Mesa*

Louella Baker Martin Pavilion

Welcome: Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

Ricardo Rodriguez, Interim Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences
Texas Wesleyan University

Jacob M. Blosser, Texas Woman’s University,
Phi Alpha Theta National Representative

Speaker: *Texas Wesleyan University and the Building of Polytechnic Heights*

Honorable Judge G. Quentin McGown, Author and Local Historian

3:00

Paper Prizes

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