



**CENTRAL TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Hilton Garden Inn—Temple

Temple, Texas

April 26-27, 2019

# 2019 Annual Conference Program

Hilton Garden Inn — Temple, Texas

Thursday, April 25, 2019

**Board of Directors Meeting (5:00—6:30 PM)**  
**Hilton Garden Inn — Executive Boardroom**

Friday, April 26, 2019

**REGISTRATION (7:45 AM—4:30 PM)**  
**Hilton Garden Inn — Pre-Function Area**

**SESSION I (9:00—10:15 AM)**  
**Ballroom B**

## **CENTRAL TEXAS AND THE CIVIL WAR**

**Session Chair**

*Gene Rhea Tucker, Temple College*

**“Civil War Dissent in Central Texas”**

*George A. Rymer, Independent Scholar, Georgetown, Texas*

**“The Unknown General: Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson”**

*Christopher R. Niswonger, Independent Scholar, Copperas Cove, Texas*

**“Waul’s Texas Legion at Vicksburg”**

*Brandon Franke, Blinn College*

**SESSION II (9:00—10:15 AM)**

**Ballroom C**

**BUILDING AN EDUCATION FUTURE: ROSENWALD  
SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL TEXAS**

**Session Chair**

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**“Mr. Rosenwald’s Schools in the South and in Central Texas”**

*Karla A. Garza, Texas A&M University*

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**“Old Hopewell—A Rosenwald School”**

*Joy Killough, Texas A&M University*

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**“More than a Building: The Alex S. Terrell School”**

*Brandon Core, Texas Association of School Administrators*

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**SESSION III (9:00—10:15 AM)**

**Ballroom D**

**IN SEARCH OF THE HISTORIC TRAILS OF WEST TEXAS  
(Joint Session with West Texas Trails Association)**

**Session Chair**

*Charles Swanlund, Blinn College*

**“Comanche Landscape Navigation of Central Texas”**

*Linda Pelon, McLennan Community College*

**“Following the Trail of Walter Prescott Webb: One  
Historian’s Search for the Man Behind the Legend”**

*Michael L. Collins, Independent Scholar, New Braunfels, Texas*

**“Trails of Comancheria: Mobility was Imperative”**

*Bob Saul, West Texas Trails Association*

**MORNING BREAK (10:15 —10:45 AM)**

Complementary Coffee and Pastries Available

**SESSION IV (10:45 AM —12:00 PM)**

**Ballroom B**

**THE MULTIFACETED CAREER OF BEN THOMPSON:  
TEXAS RANGER, CONFEDERATE, MERCENARY,  
GAMBLER, AND GUNFIGHTER**

Session Chair

*Donaly E. Brice, Texas State Archives, Retired*

**“Ben Thompson: Iron Marshal of Austin”**

*Doug Dukes, Austin Police Department, Retired*

**“Ben Thompson: A Ranger with Captain Edwin Burleson, Jr.”**

*Harold Weiss, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Jamestown Community College*

**“Ben Thompson: A Tragic, Wasted Life”**

*Chuck Parsons, Independent Scholar, Luling, Texas*

**SESSION V (10:45 AM —12:00 PM)**

**Ballroom C**

**THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FEDERAL  
POLICIES ON THE LONE STAR STATE**

(Joint Session with East Texas Historical Association)

Session Chair/Commentator

*Charles D. Gear—Central Texas College*

**“We Should All Have More Greenbacks: The Question of  
Inflating the Currency in Late Nineteenth Century Texas”**

*George M. Cooper, Lone Star College*

**“Philip H. Sheridan and the Challenges of Military Reconstruction”**

*Kenneth W. Howell, Blinn College*

**SESSION VI (10:45 AM —12:00 PM)**

**Ballroom D**

**RACE, GENDER, AND RELIGION IN EARLY CENTRAL TEXAS**

**Session Chair**

*Aragon Storm Miller, Central Texas College*

**“Claim it while she still had breath in her body’:  
Judith Jones Martin’s Experience in Reconstruction Texas”**

*Candace Jackson Gray, Morgan State University*

**“Serving God, Country, and Catholic Czech Women”**

*Susan Chandler, Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy*

**“Christian Paternalism and Racial Violence: White and Black  
Evangelicals in Texas during the Civil War Era”**

*T. Michael Parrish, Baylor University*

**FRIDAY LUNCHEON (12:15 —1:30 PM)**

**Ballroom A**

Please have your name badge with you because your registration for the luncheon is printed on it. Our luncheon speaker is Ron Tyler, former Director of the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. Tyler will speak on an upcoming exhibit that he is curating at the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

**“250 Years of Texas Art”**

*Ron Tyler*

*Retired Director of the Amon Carter  
Museum of American Art*



**SESSION VII (1:30 —2:45 PM)**

**Ballroom B**

**THE TEXAS REVOLUTION AND THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE**

**Session Chair**

*George Cooper, Lone Star College*

**“Juan Seguin: Hero of Texas”**

*Manuel Flores, Texas A&M University—Kingsville*

**“The Runaway Scrape”**

*Carroll Brincefield, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville, Texas*

*Doug Kubicek, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville, Texas*

**“Deserters, Masculinity, and the Runaway Scrape”**

*Linda English, University of Texas—Rio Grande Valley*

**SESSION VIII (1:30 —2:45 PM)**

**Ballroom C**

**CENTRAL TEXAS IMMIGRANTS**

**Session Chair/Commentator**

*Kenneth Stevens, Texas Christian University*

**“‘Breezes as Exhilarating as Champagne’: The Propaganda  
to Encourage British Settlers, 1847-1848”**

*Diane Lovell, Blinn College*

**“Exploring the Lives of Jewish Trailblazers and Colonizers  
in Early Texas: A Work in Progress”**

*Kay Goldman, Independent Scholar, Houston, Texas*

**SESSION IX (1:30—2:45 PM)**

**Ballroom D**

**EDUCATING CENTRAL TEXANS**

**Session Chair**

*Gene Preuss, University of Houston—Downtown*

**“Blinn College in the Civil Rights Era”**

*Patrick Gilbert, Blinn College*

**“Content and Pedagogical Knowledge in Texas Teachers’  
Mathematical Exams at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”**

*Danielle Bevan, Texas A&M University*

*Lauren Gail Santarelli, Texas A&M University*

*Joseph S. Webster, Texas A&M University*

**AFTERNOON BREAK (2:45 —3:15 PM)**

**Please visit the vender tables in the Pre-Function Area**

**SESSION X (3:15—4:30 PM)**

**Ballroom B**

**REBUILDING COMMUNITIES: STORIES OF DISASTER  
RELIEF AND EDUCATION IN SOUTH TEXAS**

**(Joint Session with South Texas Historical Association)**

**Session Chair**

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**“Another September Storm: The 1933 Lower Rio Grande Hurricane”**

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**“Rosenwald in South Texas”**

*Alyssa Clark-Anaman, Texas A&M University*

*Lynn M. Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

**“Schooling in Rural Texas: Children of Brazoria County, Texas”**

*Lindsey Lawson, Texas A&M University*

*Angel Alcalá, Texas A&M University*

*Karla Garza, Texas A&M University*

**SESSION XI (3:15—4:30 PM)**

**Ballroom C**

**THE CENTENNIAL OF 1919: RACIAL VIOLENCE AND  
HISTORICAL MEMORY IN CENTRAL TEXAS**

**Session Chair**

*Lila Rakoczy, Texas Historical Commission*

**“The Canales Report of 1919 and Anti-Hispanic Violence in Texas”**

*Michelle Balliet, Sam Houston State University*

**“The Beating of John Shillady: Racial Violence, White  
Supremacy, and the NAACP in Texas”**

*Kristin Henze, Sam Houston State University*

**“Lynching in Texas: A Digital Account of Racial  
Violence in the Lone Star State”**

*Jeffrey L. Littlejohn, Sam Houston State University*

**SESSION XII (3:15—4:30 PM)**

**Ballroom D**

**AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CENTRAL TEXAS HISTORY**

**Session Chair**

*Bruce A. Glasrud, Sul Ross State University, Retired*

**“Slavery in Stephens County, Texas”**

*Deborah M. Liles, Tarleton State University*

**“Dr. Beadie Eugene Conner, African American Physician”**

*Keith Volanto, Collin College*

**“Boomerang Migration of Author Lillian B. Horace”**

*Karen Kossie-Chernyshev, Texas Southern University*



## PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET & RECEPTION

(7:00—9:00 PM)

The Presidential Banquet & Reception will be held in the Grand Ballroom (Ballrooms A & B). Please have your name badge with you because your registration for the banquet is printed on it. Yvonne Davis-Frear, CTHA President, will deliver the Presidential Address. Immediately following the banquet, attendees are welcome to enjoy an after-dinner reception that last until 9:00 PM. Each attendee will receive a complimentary-drink ticket for a beverage of their choice during the banquet and reception. A cash bar will be available as well.

**“What is the Mission of the Central Texas  
Historical Association?”**

*Yvonne Davis-Frear, CTHA President*



*President Yvonne Davis Frear is a Professor of History and Department Chair of Social Sciences at San Jacinto College—Central Campus in Pasadena, Texas. A resident Houstonian, Professor Frear's scholarship on African Americans in Texas has appeared in award-winning publications regionally, nationally, and internationally. President Frear's presentation will discuss the role of CTHA's mission as it relates to community outreach, education, and collaboration with other regional and state historical organizations.*

Saturday, April 27, 2019

**REGISTRATION** (7:45 — 10:45 AM)

Hilton Garden Inn—Pre-Function Area

**SESSION XIII** (9:00—10:15 AM)

Ballroom B

**TEXAS SOCIALISTS**

**Session Chair/Commentator**

*Carroll Brincefield, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville, Texas*

**“Rise of Socialism Among Texas Farmers”**

*Kemp Dixon, Austin Community College*

**“Christian Socialism in Texas”**

*Keith King, Austin Community College*

**SESSION XIV** (9:00—10:15 AM)

Ballroom C

**RESEARCHING TEXAS RANGERS AND LOCAL HISTORY**

(Joint Session with Texas State Library and Archives Commission)

**Session Chair**

*Angela Kent, Texas State Library and Archives Commission*

**Panelists**

*Caroline Jones, Texas State Library and Archives Commission*

*Richard Gilreath, Texas State Library and Archives Commission*

**SESSION XV (9:00 AM —10:15 AM)**

**Ballroom D**

**TEXAS HISTORY IN THE CEMETERY  
TEACHER WORKSHOP (PART 1)**

*Attendees will learn how to use the local cemetery as a resource for teaching Texas History, even if the cemetery is not a historical one. Activities include: Cemetery Protocol, Organization of Cemetery Burials, Documenting a Cemetery, Cemetery Statuary and Headstones, Extensions from Cemetery Names, and Relations with Cemetery Organizations. Participants will have the opportunity to look at samples of tombstones and data from a cemetery and receive lesson plans and forms which could be used in the study of cemeteries. Teachers should bring their laptops and/or iPads to the workshop.*

**Presenters**

*Lynn Burlbaw, Texas A&M University*

*Mari L. Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston—Downtown*

*Doug Kubicek, Independent Scholar, Hallettsville, Texas*

**MORNING BREAK (10:15 —10:45 AM)**

**Complimentary Coffee and Pastries Available**

**SESSION XVI (10:45 AM —12:00 PM)**

**Ballroom B**

**RURAL LIFE IN CENTRAL TEXAS**

**Session Chair**

*Jody Edward Ginn, Austin Community College*

**“Preventing Rural Kitchen Nightmares: The Progressive Mission  
of County Demonstration Agents in Central Texas”**

*Mari L. Nicholson-Preuss, University of Houston—Downtown*

**“Wild Cattle and the Rise of the Texas Icon”**

*William V. Scott, University of Texas at San Antonio*

**SESSION XVII (10:45 AM—12:00 PM)**  
**Ballroom C**

**Where's the Ice? The Spread of Hockey Across Texas**

**Session Chair**

*Eric Miller, Blinn College*

**Panelists**

*Eric Miller, Blinn College*

*Mike Miller, Austin History Center*

*Charles Swanlund, Blinn College*

**SESSION XVIII (10:45 AM—12:00 PM)**  
**Ballroom D**

**TEXAS HISTORY IN THE CEMETERY  
TEACHER WORKSHOP (PART 2)**

*Attendees will learn how to use the local cemetery as a resource for teaching Texas History, even if the cemetery is not a historical one. Activities include: Cemetery Protocol, Organization of Cemetery Burials, Documenting a Cemetery, Cemetery Statuary and Headstones, Extensions from Cemetery Names, and Relations with Cemetery Organizations. Participants will have the opportunity to look at samples of tombstones and data from a cemetery and receive lesson plans and forms which could be used in the study of cemeteries. Teachers should bring their laptops and/or iPads to the workshop.*

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**SATURDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON (12:15—1:30 PM)**  
**Ballroom A**

Please have your name badge with you because your registration for the luncheon is printed on it. Our luncheon speaker is James Haley, award-winning historian and novelist. Haley will speak on the creative and influential individuals from the Central Texas region.



**“Something in the Water: Why Has Central Texas  
Grown So Many Free Thinkers?”**

*James L. Haley*

*Texas Historian and American Novelist*

**CTHA BUSINESS MEETING (1:30—2:15 PM)**

The CTHA Business Meeting will immediately follow the Saturday Luncheon. This is a closed meeting. Only CTHA Members, who are current on their dues (2019), may attend the meeting and vote.

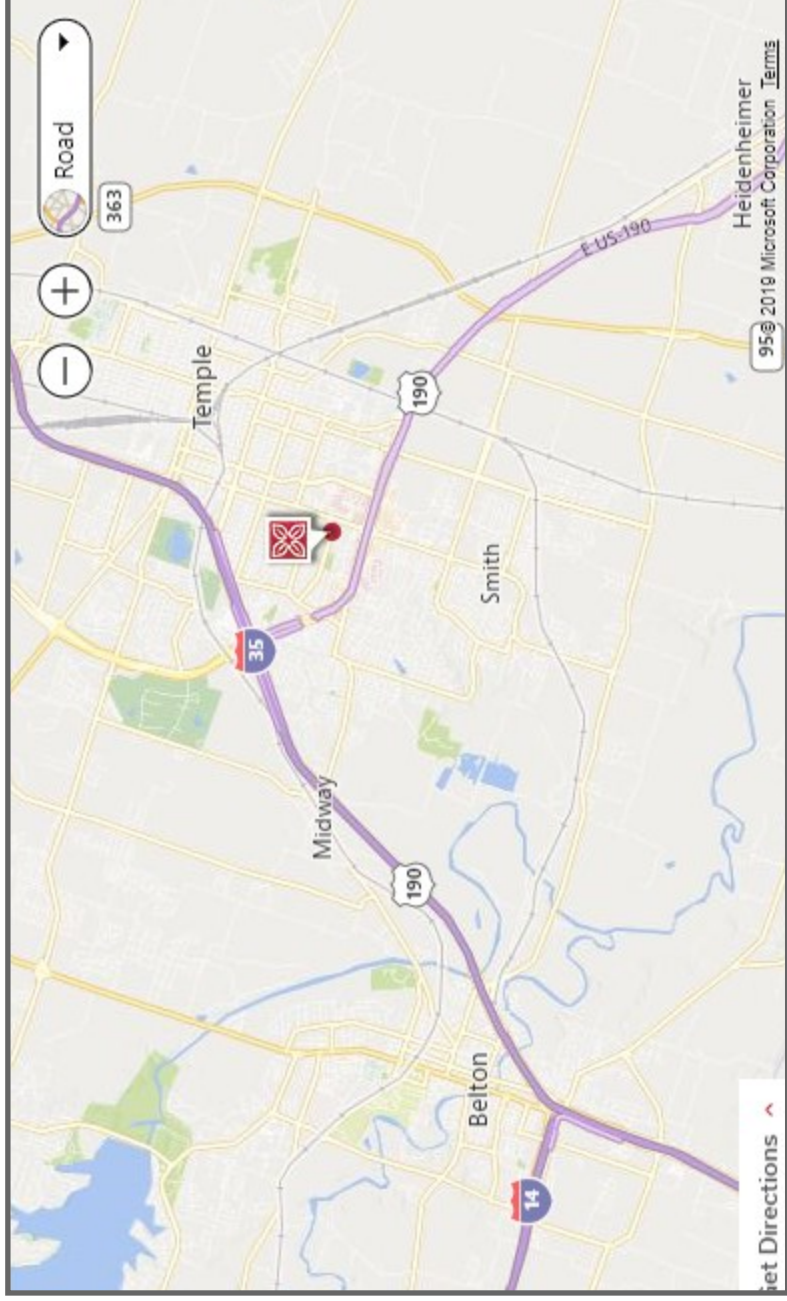
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**Please be safe in your travels home, and thank you  
for attending CTHA’s 2019 Annual Conference.**

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**Brief Program Schedule**

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

Board Meeting – TIME & Place TBA

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

**7:45 AM - Registration Opens**

9:00 – 10:15 AM      Session I  
9:00 – 10:15 AM      Session II  
9:00 – 10:15 AM      Session III

**Pre-Function Area**

Central Texas and the Civil War  
Building an Education Future: Rosenwald Schools in Central Texas  
In Search of the Historical Trails of West Texas (***Joint Session with West Texas Trails Association***)

**10:15 – 10:45 AM      Morning Break**

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM      Session IV      The Multifaceted Career of Ben Thompson: Texas Ranger, Confederate, Mercenary, Gambler, and Gunfighter  
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM      Session V      The Political and Economic Impact of Federal Policies on the Lone Star State (***Joint Session with East Texas Historical Association***)  
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM      Session VI      Race, Gender, and Religion in Early Central Texas

**12:15 – 1:30 PM      Friday Luncheon      Guest Speaker – Ron Tyler – "250 Years in Texas Art"**

1:30 – 2:45 PM      Session VII      The Texas Revolution and the Runaway Scrape  
1:30 – 2:45 PM      Session VIII      Central Texas Immigrants  
1:30 – 2:45 PM      Session IX      Educating Central Texans

**2:45 – 3:15 PM      Afternoon Break**

3:15 – 4:30 PM      Session X      Rebuilding Communities: Stories of Disaster Relief and Education in South Texas (***Joint Session with South Texas Historical Association***)  
3:15 – 4:30 PM      Session XI      The Centennial of 1919: Racial Violence and Historical Memory in Central Texas  
3:15 – 4:30 PM      Session XII      African Americans in Central Texas History

**7:00 – 9:00 PM      Presidential Banquet**

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**1:30 – 2:15 PM      Business Meeting & Adjournment**



## **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS**

**Austin Community College**  
**Austin History Center**  
**Austin Police Department**  
**Baylor University**  
**Blinn College**  
**Central Texas College**  
**Collin College**  
**Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy**  
**East Texas Historical Association**  
**Jamestown Community College**  
**Lone Star College**  
**McLennan Community College**  
**Morgan State University**  
**San Jacinto College**  
**Sam Houston State University**  
**Sul Ross State University**  
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