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The Newsletter of the Texas State Historical Association

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TSHA AFFILIATES WITH UT AUSTIN

Stroll the 40 acres of The University of Texas at Austin and you will find Garrison Hall standing guard over the approach to the Main Building. Just across the Main Mall, the original Barker Texas History Center in what is now Battle Hall once offered a dual sentry. Relocated as part of the now Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, the Barker Center currently stands as part of the sentinel signaling the eastern region of the University. A newer building on the west side of campus, Webb Hall, houses the University's Visitor Center and the Graduate and International Student Admissions Center.

Garrison, Barker, and Webb—these venerable names inextricably link The University of Texas and the Texas State Historical Association. Each of these men for whom the University buildings were named served as Directors of the Association, with Garrison as one of the founders. Each also served on the faculty of the history department at the University, with Barker succeeding Garrison as history department chair. The two organizations have long been tied to the heart of Texas studies.

The old alliance resumes as the Texas State Historical Association returns to The University of Texas at Austin. The Association's Board of Directors has accepted the invitation to once again affiliate with The University of Texas. From its beginning in 1897, the Association has been connected with the University and has been housed on the campus for most of its 118 years. The two organizations have maintained involvement and collaborations on projects and programs—most notably Texas History Day, which is hosted by both. Board member and TSHA Fellow Emilio Zamora is a professor in the Department of History at the University. Old partnerships will continue and be enhanced



TSHA returns to The University of Texas at Austin. (Courtesy UT Austin).

by the new relationships.

On April 21, the Association's offices opened at the University of Texas in two locations. The University provided space at Lake Austin Center for TSHA's main office to house administration, development, education, and programs. The scholarly functions, including publications and the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, were situated in Webb Hall on the main campus close to all the scholarship offered by the University. Unaffected by the transition, the TSHA website, the *Handbook of Texas*, all programs, and publications continued without interruption in service.

From November 2008 through April 2015, the Association has been affiliated with the University of North Texas and housed on the campus in Denton. Regents Professor of History at UNT and the inaugural Lone Star Chair in Texas History, Randolph B. Campbell, has served as the Association's Chief Historian. A TSHA Fellow and a past president, Campbell has skillfully led the organization's scholarly endeavors. He continues in his role through August 2016, as the Association transitions to Austin.

In addition to the advantages of affiliation with the University, Austin

offers geographical benefits. With the TSHA being based in Central Texas, travel to most Texas cities is now shorter and more economical. Access to state officials and numerous state entities in Austin offers opportunities for greater collaboration. The Association can build on long-existing relationships with museums, archives, and state agencies—such as the General Land Office, the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the Bullock Texas State History Museum. These interactions can increase and expand to additional organizations in the state capital.

Most of the Association's staff have remained with TSHA and relocated to Austin. They include CEO Brian Bolinger, COO Stephen Cure, and Director of Administration Renona Palone.

The Association expresses deep appreciation to the University of North Texas and most especially to the history department for warmly welcoming TSHA in 2008 and for providing support for seven years during which TSHA could continue all of its publications and programs, without interruption. The Association will be forever grateful to UNT staff and faculty.

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association installed the 2015-2016 officers at the business meeting on March 6, during the 2015 Annual Meeting. Lynn Denton was inaugurated as the Board President, Stephen C. Cook became First Vice President, Paula Mitchell Marks joined the Board as she was elected Second Vice President, and John Miller Morris Jr. was chosen as Secretary. Together with past Presidents John L. Nau III and Gregg Cantrell, they comprise the 2015-2016 officers.

The membership elected one new board member, Homero S. Vera of Premont and Sarita. Four board members agreed to serve a second term; they



President Lynn Denton, Austin

are Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, James H. Clement Jr., Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Emilio Zamora. The Association thanked Albert “Boo” Hausser and Cecil E. “Eddie” Weller Jr. for their service as their board terms ended.

Details about the new board members and their many achievements will appear in the “Collection” section of the July issue of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. Biographical information about all board members is posted at www.TSHAonline.org.



Second Vice President Paula Mitchell Marks, Austin.



New Board Member Homero S. Vera, Premont and Sarita

- Lynn Denton, President, Austin**
- Stephen C. Cook, First Vice President, Houston**
- Paula Mitchell Marks, Second Vice President, Austin**
- John L. Nau III, Past President (2014), Houston**
- Gregg Cantrell, Past President (2013), Fort Worth**
- John Miller Morris Jr., Secretary, Austin**

- Carlos Blanton, College Station (2013-2016)
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- Jean A. Stuntz, Canyon (2013-2016)
- Homero S. Vera, Premont and Sarita (2015-2018)
- Emilio Zamora, Austin (2015-2018)
- J. P. Bryan, Houston, Honorary Life Board Member
- Walter L. Buenger, College Station, Honorary Life Board Member
- John W. Crain, Dallas, Honorary Life Board Member

ANNUAL MEETING IN CORPUS CHRISTI



Attendees at the Presidential Banquet at the Art Museum of South Texas.

Nearly 700 historians gathered on March 5-7, 2015, in Corpus Christi for the 119th Annual Meeting held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, the USS *Lexington*, and the Art Museum of South Texas. An array of exciting events contributed to the success of this year's meeting, including forty-two informational sessions, three workshops, a silent auction, and a ballroom full of exhibitors.

Festivities began Thursday, at the Women in Texas History Luncheon with a presentation by Nancy Baker Jones of the Ruthe Winegarten Foundation for Texas Women's History and the announcement of the recipient of the Liz Carpenter Award for Research in the History of Women. As afternoon sessions concluded, a reception honored Elizabeth Hayes Turner and included a book signing for *Texas Women: Their Histories, Their Lives*. Later that evening, attendees boarded the USS *Lexington* for the Presidential Reception in celebration of incoming President Lynn Denton.

On Friday, the Association honored excellence in Texas history research, teaching, and scholarship at the Fellows Luncheon and Presentation of Awards. Chief Historian Randolph "Mike"



Lynn Denton with John L. Nau III at Presidential Reception aboard the USS Lexington.

Campbell presented six awards and five fellowships before J. P. Bryan bestowed the Bryan Leadership in Education Award. After the award presentations, Jacqueline Jones addressed the group on the subject of her current project—Lucy Parsons. Chair of the History Department at The University of Texas at Austin, Jones holds the Walter Prescott Webb Chair in History and Ideas and is the Mastin Gentry White Professor of Southern History at the University. Information about the 2015 awards and fellowships appears on the TSHA website and will be featured in the July issue of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.

A highlight of the meeting was the Presidential Banquet held Friday at



Elizabeth Turner signs books following a toast at the reception in her honor.



TSHA CEO Brian Bolinger presents a gift to 2014 President John L. Nau III.

the Art Museum of South Texas. The evening began with a reception in the Chapman Gallery, where guests enjoyed appetizers while viewing the works of art before moving to the Singer Gallery for the banquet. Led by Lynn Denton, 2015-2016 President, the Association recognized the year's accomplishments of John L. Nau III, 2014-2015 President. Nau then introduced Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, to deliver the presidential address.

The Association owes the success of this year's Annual Meeting to the Board of Directors, the Program Committee, the Local Arrangements Committee, and all of its generous sponsors.

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Great Texas Land Rush

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Claims can now be made for up to five years, and custom messages can specify if the adoption is "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special.

Easy to use, the Great Texas Land Rush's newly redesigned website al-



lows searches for available counties and towns. With just a few clicks, users can Adopt-A-County in the print edition *Texas Almanac 2016–2017* or on the Texas Almanac website for \$200, or Adopt-A-Town on the website for just \$25. The Official Texas Almanac Certificate of Adoption can be printed immediately or emailed to recipients for easy and instant gifts. Hurry to reserve your favorite county or town and make it your own piece of Texas.

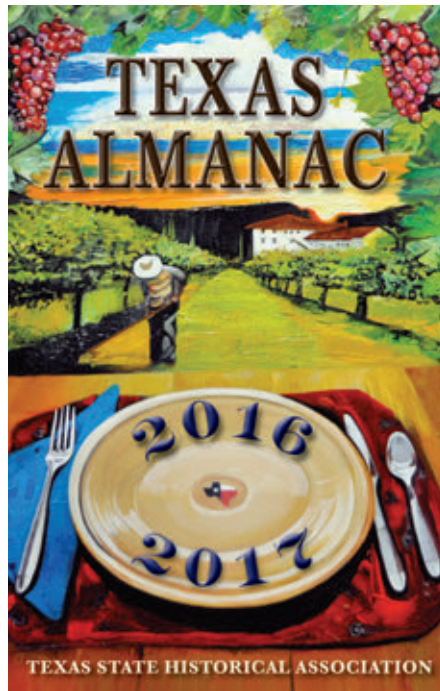
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The next edition of the Texas Almanac features cover articles on Texas food regions and the state's burgeoning wine industry. Other articles spotlight college and professional sports in Texas and the 70th anniversary of the 1946 Triple Crown victory of the thoroughbred Assault from the King Ranch.

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The Texas Almanac 2016–2017, available Nov. 1. Cover painting by Lamberto Alvarez.

Prime print and ebook ad spots opposite section openers and positions within the front pages are still available.

Print and ebook options:

- Adopt-A-County text ad - \$200
- Quarter page ad - \$600
- Half page ad - \$1,250
- Full page ad - \$2,500
- Print and website packages - \$3,060 and up
- Corporate ad packages - \$5,000 (prime placement print and website ads and 10 print Texas Almanacs)

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Website options (single month):

- Banner - \$300
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- Discount on multiple months

For more information about advertising in the Texas Almanac and ad specifications, visit www.TexasAlmanac.com/ advertising or contact Terri Killen at TerriKillen@TSHAonline.org or (512) 300-0772.

DINNER AND DIALOGUE IN HOUSTON

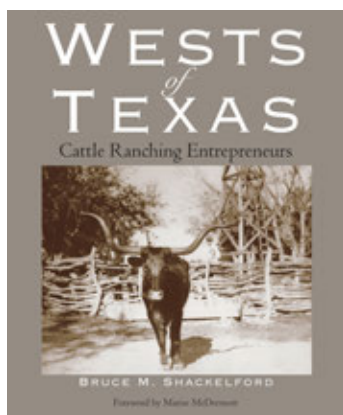
The Association's Dinner and Dialogue featured award-winning actor Tommy Lee Jones and Bill Wittliff in conversation with J.P. Bryan about the iconic film *Lonesome Dove*. The event was made possible by Bryan and was held January 29, at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston. Bryan led a discussion about *Lonesome Dove*, in which Jones played the character "Captain Call" and Wittliff was both screenwriter and producer.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support the Association's many educational, advocacy, publishing, and online programs through which Texas history is preserved for future generations. Like *Lonesome Dove*, the Dinner and Dialogue was an instant classic.



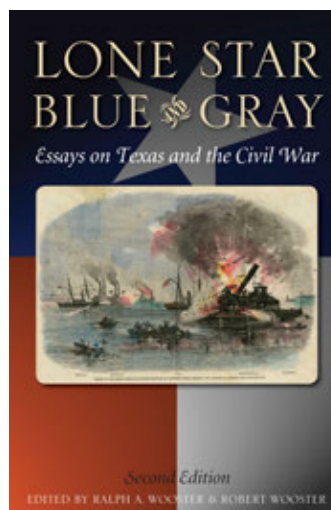
Tommy Lee Jones (middle) in conversation with J.P. Bryan, TSHA Past President and Honorary Lifetime Board Member (left), and Bill Wittliff (right) at the Dinner and Dialogue event in Houston.

NEW FROM TSHA PRESS



186 pp., Cloth, \$39.95
TSHA Price \$25.99

Wests of Texas: Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs by Bruce M. Shackelford follows the careers of the West brothers, who were among the leading cattlemen in Texas in the late nineteenth century. They trailed herds on the Great Plains, amassed huge ranches in South Texas, built imposing homes in San Antonio, and even founded a town (George West). The foreword was written by Marise McDermott, President and CEO of the Witte Museum in San Antonio. Beautifully illustrated, the book includes historic photographs and images from the collections of the Witte Museum.



New Edition!
432 pp., Paper, \$30.00
TSHA Price \$19.99

The new edition of *Lone Star Blue and Gray: Essays on Texas and the Civil War*, edited by Ralph A. Wooster and Robert Wooster, features sixteen essays by leading scholars. They cover a wide assortment of subjects related to the Civil War, in and on the home front. The experiences of both Confederate and Union soldiers, as well as slaves and women, receive attention. Readers will learn more about strategies to defend the Texas coast, the political battles between Austin and Richmond, and efforts to commemorate General Albert Sidney Johnston, the highest-ranking Texan to die in the war.

Order online at ShopTSHA.com

EDUCATION NEWS

2015 *Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting*



Junior Historians at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.



Attendees learn about stars at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.



The Junior Historians of Texas met for their 76th Annual Meeting in Houston, on March 27-28, 2015. The meeting's activities included a Friday evening trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science where students enjoyed a pizza party, toured the museum, and learned about the history of space exploration. The tour concluded with the planetarium show, "Dawn of the Space Age." On Saturday morning, students participated in the annual History Fair at the Houston ISD Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, where they presented their documentaries and performances to judges and audiences. Historical papers and websites had been previously submitted and judged. Exhibits were judged while students rotated through a series of educational sessions on Houston history and resources.

The meeting concluded with a luncheon and awards ceremony at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow. Dr. Caroline Crimm, the keynote speaker, delivered an engaging presentation on Bernardo de Galvez and discussed his leadership and enduring legacy. View a list of all History Fair winners at TSHAonline.org/Education/junior-historians. Participants enjoyed the weekend and deemed it one of the best Junior Historian Annual Meetings to date.



Exhibits on display at the Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting.

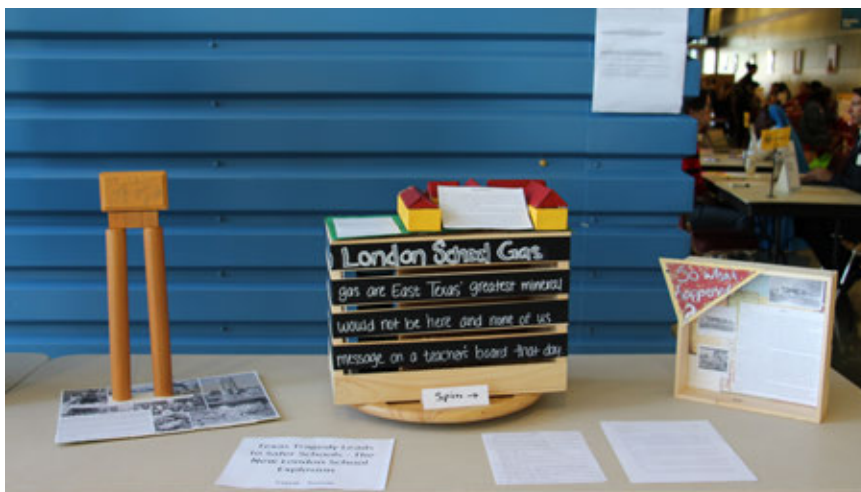


Exhibit on the New London School Disaster at the Junior Historians of Texas Annual Meeting.

EDUCATION NEWS

Bryan Leadership in Education Award Bestowed



J.P. Bryan presents the Bryan Award to Jessica Janota of Taft Junior High School.

The Association takes great pride in recognizing outstanding educators whose contributions have significantly impacted history education, especially Texas history. With the ongoing generosity of Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan, the award includes a \$5,000 prize, the largest of all TSHA award prizes. Of the many outstanding nominees, the Bryan Award committee has selected Jessica Janota of Taft Junior High School to receive the prestigious award. The educator is very active in her community and values the study of history. She encourages her students to participate in Texas History Day and to expand their learning by visiting museums, libraries, and historical sites. The award committee, comprised of Steve Cook (Chair), Gene Preuss, and Brenda Beaven, was tasked with choosing one recipient from higher education or secondary education. TSHA appreciates the time provided by the committee members and the dedicated support of the Bryans to recognize outstanding educators.

Webb Society Meeting and Annual Awards



The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society met March 5-7, 2015, for the Spring Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the TSHA Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi. The Business Meeting, chaired by Charles Greer of Prairie View A&M University, was attended by chapter representatives from Northeast Texas Community College, Jacksonville College, San Jacinto College-South, San Jacinto College-North, San Jacinto College-Central, Lee College, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Lamar University, Prairie View A&M University, University of Houston-Downtown, Blinn College, and McMurry University. Jacksonville College was named the 2014 College Chapter of the Year, and Texas A&M University-San Antonio was named the 2014 University Chapter of the Year. Chapters discussed past and upcoming activities for the year and compared notes about their experiences. At the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, the C. M. and Cora Caldwell Memorial Awards for outstanding research and writing were presented. For a full list of winners and their papers, visit www.TSHAonline.org/education/students/webb-society/300. All 2015 Junior and Senior Division Caldwell Awards entries will be considered for publication in the Society's journal, *Touchstone*. The Webb Society encourages ALL college or university students to participate in the Caldwell Writing Competition.

The Webb Society at Lamar University earned the Caldwell Chapter Project Award for 2015. Marcus Turner received the 2015 David C. DeBoe Memorial Award for his outstanding sponsorship of the Webb Society chapter at San Jacinto College-Central. For more information about the Caldwell Writing Awards or for information on starting a Webb Society chapter, visit www.TSHAonline.org.



Jacksonville College is named the 2014 College Chapter of the Year.



Texas A&M University-San Antonio is named the 2014 University Chapter of the Year.

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TEAM TSHA TRIUMPHS AGAIN IN 2015

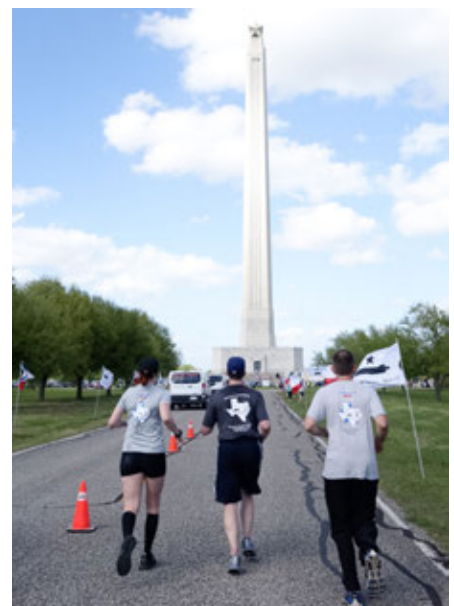
They ran 200 miles in just under 28 consecutive hours from Gonzales to the San Jacinto Battlefield in the Texas Independence Relay on March 28-29. With the generosity of members and friends, Team TSHA collected pledges and donations in support of the *Handbook of Texas*. Congratulations go to Board Member Steve Cook for his support, to Handbook Committee Member Andrew Torget, who spearheaded the effort and ran legs of the relay, and to the entire Team TSHA for their victory at San Jacinto in 2015.

There is still work to be done. We are close to achieving our fundraising goal and need your help to cross the finish line. Your donations and pledges make it possible for people the world over to access the *Handbook of Texas*, the most comprehensive resource of Texas history.

We invite you to join Team TSHA in supporting Texas history.



Team TSHA 2015. Image by Ben Davis.



Team TSHA at San Jacinto Battlefield. Image by Ben Davis.

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