

WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



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2019 Program Committee:

Rob King, Chair	Texas Tech University
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Local Arrangements Committee:

Austin Allison	WTHA Assistant Special Events Coordinator
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Jean Stuntz	West Texas A&M University

Hotels – WTHA Room blocks have been reserved at the Best Western (\$89.00) at 2801 4th Avenue, 806-655-1818, and the Holiday Inn Express (\$93.00) at 2901 4th Avenue, 806-655-4445. Remember to say that you are with the WTHA group.

Conference location – West Texas A&M University. Session rooms 203, 219 and 220 in “Old Main” on the West Texas A&M University Campus.

Thursday Night – 5 PM Early Bird dinner gathering at *Joe Tacos*, 502 15th Street, phone # (806) 452-8226 -- *each person pays for their own meal and drink*

Cover – Photograph of Charles K. and Barbara Kerr Vaughan’s Pedestrian Mall features a marble sculpture of a buffalo and calf by artist Doug Scott of New Mexico. The “Original Texans” sculpture sits prominently along Buffalo Walk north of Old Main and is encased in a cascading water feature.



**West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting
West Texas A&M, April 12-13, 2019**

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Registration: 8:00 A.M. – Lobby

Exhibitors: Room 204

Silent Auction: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Room 218

To benefit the Student Scholarship Fund – Viewing and Bidding

Session I: 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Room 220 – The Gatlin Brothers and Woody Guthrie

Lynn Whitfield, Texas Tech University, Chair

Robert Reitz, Dallas, “All the Gold May Not Be in California – The Musical Legacy of West Texas
Born Larry Gatlin”

Joe W. Specht, McWhiney History Education Group, “Pampa, Woody, and ‘Boomtown Bill’”

Joe Weaver, San Angelo, “Pampa’s Love/Hate Relationship with Woody (and Vice Versa)”

Room 203 – Cowboys and the Cattle Industry

Deborah Liles, Tarleton State University, Chair

Vernon Williams, Old Primero Historical Foundation, “Oral History and New Scholarship on the World
Championship Rodeo at Dublin, Texas”

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, “The Ranch in West Texas History”

Alexandria J. McCormick, West Texas A&M University, “Presenting the Past: Incorporating Regional
Digital History into the Classroom and Public Outreach”

Room 219 – Borderlands and Memory

Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Chair

Richard Hancock, Norman, Oklahoma, “Tarahumara Indians of Chihuahua Indians”

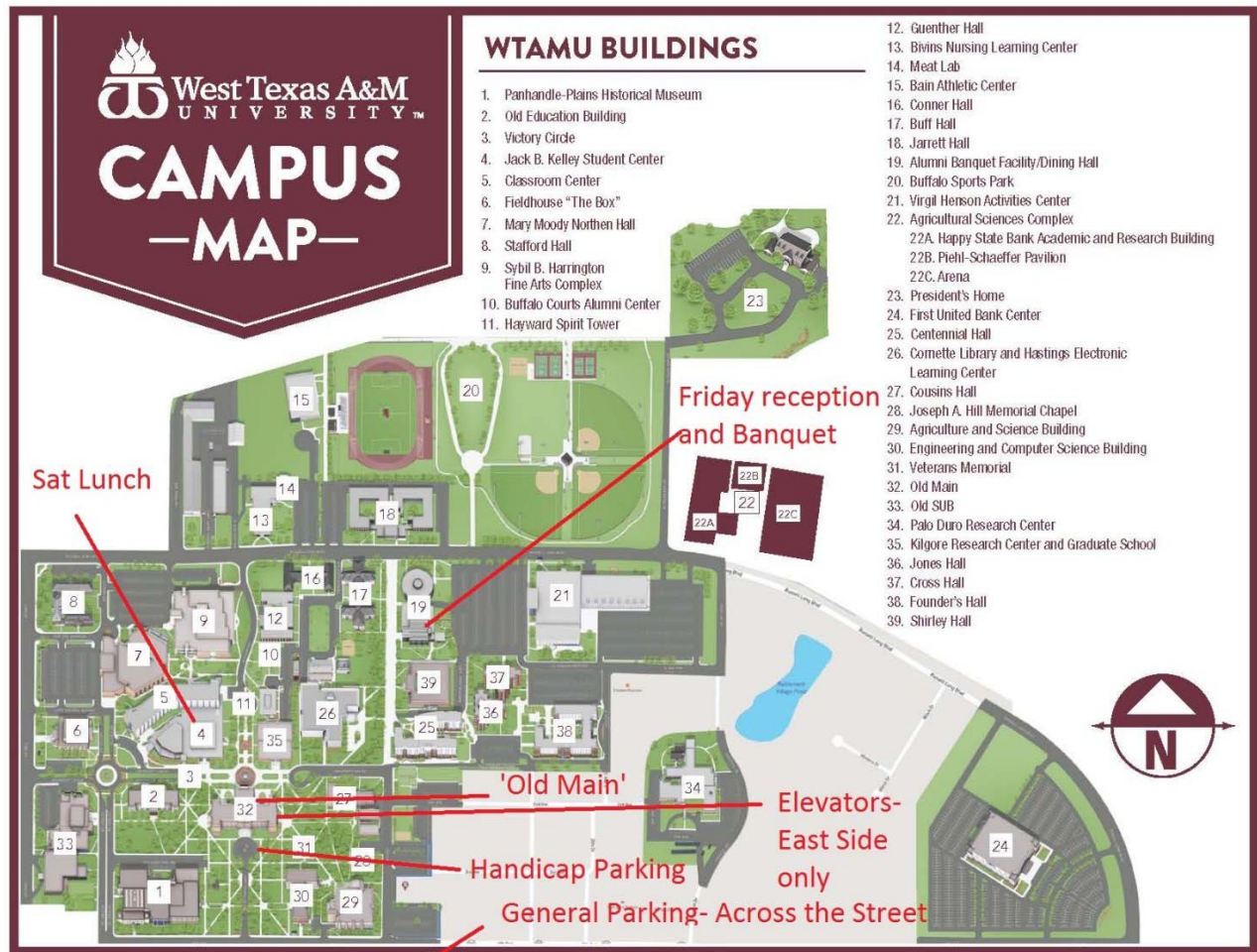
Lewis Toland, Denton, “Confederate Symbolism”

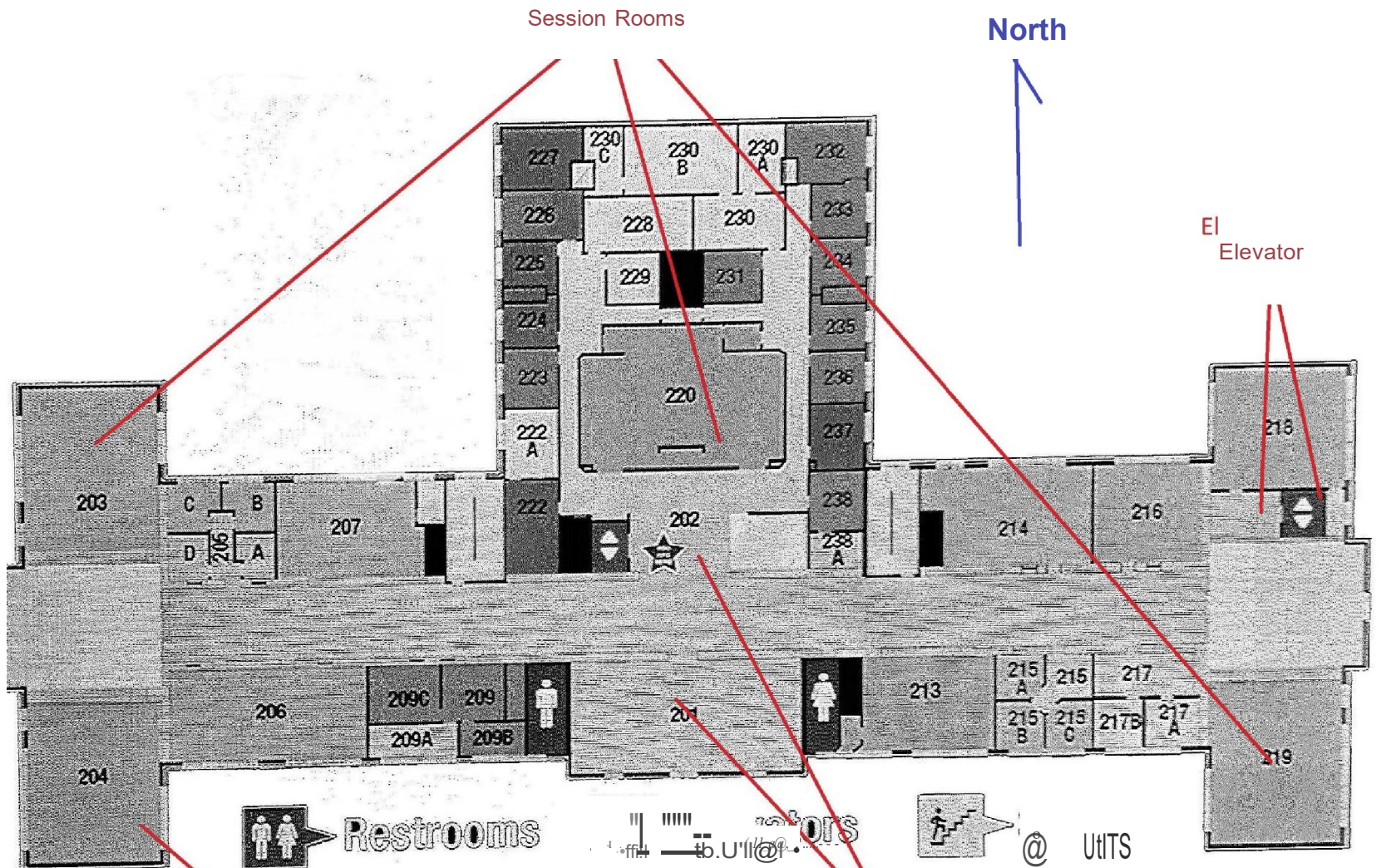
James B. Hays, Early, “The Location of Colonel John Moore’s 1840 Indian Fight on the Colorado
River.”

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – on your own

Or

Women's History Lunch: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Room 219





Session Rooms

North

Elevator

Restrooms

Registration

Exhibitors and silent Auction

Handicap Parking

Session II: 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Room 220 – **Comanche Society in the Nineteenth Century**

Stephen Peach, Tarleton State University, Chair

Joaquín Rivaya-Martínez, Texas State University, “Comanche Territoriality: Heartland and Hinterlands”

Linda Pelon, Dallas, “Penatuhkah: A Comanche Band at the Center of Power on the Texas Frontier 1830-1850”

Hoppy Hopkins, Fredericksburg, “The German-Comanche Relationship”

Room 219 – **Women’s History Session**

Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University, Moderator

Room 203 – **Icons of West Texas**

Robert G. Weaver, Texas Tech University, Chair

Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region, “R.G. Carter’s *On the Border* with Mackenzie”

Holle Humphries, Quanah Parker Trail, “Quanah Parker: Timeline of a Comanche Warrior and Leader’s Life Reflective of the ‘Hero’s Journey’

Session III: 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Room 203 – **Recreation in Texas Communities**

Becky Matthews, San Antonio, Chair

Helen Cozart, Cisco College, “Baseball in a Boomtown”

Cindy Martin, Lubbock Heritage Society, “1920s Dining in Style: The Hotel Lubbock, Chef Artaway Fillmore, and the *Lone Star Cook Book*”

Room 220 – **Representations: New Mexico and West Texas**

Jack Becker, Texas Tech University, Chair

Jennifer Spurrier, Texas Tech University, “One Man’s Tale from the Great War”

Rob King, Texas Tech University, “Portrayal of the Southwest Frontier in Television through *Twin Peaks*”

Troy Ainsworth, Las Cruces, NM, “Late-Nineteenth Century ‘American’ Architectural Identity in El Paso”

Room 219 – **Scholars and Writers**

Jim Matthews, San Antonio, Chair

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, “George Hunt: Kiowa Scholar”

John Davis, Hardin-Simmons University, “Albert G. Maroscher: Immigrant, Historian, Soldier”

Lewis Toland, Denton, “Kelton: Civil War Novels”

Session IV: 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Room 220 – West Texas A&M in the Archives and on the Trails

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, Chair

José Navarrete, West Texas A&M University, “A Walk at the Wildcat Bluff: The Gregg-Marcy Trail”

Patrick Diepen and Mariana Lowe, West Texas A&M University, “Life Working Brick by Brick: The Civilian Conservation Corps and Palo Duro Canyon State Park”

Jared Haines, West Texas A&M University, “Flying over Midland”

Room 219 – Center for Big Bend Studies Session

Kendra DeHart, Sul Ross State University, Chair

David W. Keller, Sul Ross State University, “In the Shadow of the Chinatis: A History of Pinto Canyon in the Big Bend”

Samuel S. Cason, Sul Ross State University, “Tranquil Rockshelter (41BS1513): Late Prehistoric Investigations on the 02 Ranch, Brewster County, Texas”

Room 203 – Amarillo as an Artistic Crossroads: Region, Nation, and World

Bonnie Roos, West Texas A&M University, Chair

Amy Von Lintel, West Texas A&M University, “West Texas Gets Taken by Art Fraud”

Renea Dauntes, Amarillo Museum, “What To Do With An Archive: A New York Photographer and his Papers Make Their Way to Amarillo”

Deana Craighead, Amarillo Museum, “Kiyoshi Saito: A Japanese Modernist at the Amarillo Museum of Art”



The Happy Toymaker, Happy Texas



West Texas Historical Association
Founded 1924

5:30 PM

Presidential Reception for President Jean Stuntz

6:30 PM

Banquet (Both events in Alumni Banquet Hall)—President Jean Stuntz, Presiding

Keynote Speaker: *The Hamblen Highway*” Vicki Hamblen, West Texas A&M University

Musical Entertainment Provided by

“The Earthlings



Vicki Hamblin

Vicki Hamblen is a West Texas native and works for the School of Nursing at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. A graduate of McMurry University, she is a board member for the Texas Plains Trail Region and the West Texas Trails Association. She is also the author of *The Rim to Rim Road: Will Hamblen and the Crossing of Texas' Palo Duro Canyon* (Texas Plains Trail Books, 2014). The Hamblen Road was one of the first roads to transit Palo Duro Canyon and link southern and northern Briscoe County. She is a descendent of William Henry Hamblen who built the road.

“ . . . during the late 1920s, he oversaw the construction of Hamblen Drive on the route of an old Indian trail across the canyon. It was dedicated in 1930 by the Armstrong County Commissioners Court, to which he had been elected in 1928. For the remainder of his life Hamblen sought to get his road paved . . . ” Handbook of Texas



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

Session V: 9:00-10:15 AM

Room 220 – Texas Lives

Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University, Chair

Sherry Robinson, Albuquerque, NM, “Spruce McCoy Baird: Adventures of a Curly-Haired Texan”

Bruce Cammack, Texas Tech University, “A Wondrous, Free Life, This: The Texas Adventures of Elliott Roosevelt”

Bill O’Neal, past Texas State Historian, “Billy and Olive Dixon, The Plainsman and His Lady”

**Room 203 – Analog History: Using the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum and the WTAMU
Cornett Library to Teach Historical Methods**

Bruce C. Brasington, West Texas A&M University

Byron Pearson, West Texas A&M University

Timothy Bowman, West Texas A&M University

Room 219 – Roundtable: In the Days of a Company Town: Insight into Thurber, Texas

Jensen Branscombe, Tarleton State University, Chair

Shae Adams, Tarleton State University, Commentator

Kyndall Howard

Lindsay Hatfield

Chris Langer

Matthew Gray

Session VI: 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Room 219 – Roundtable: Exploring Opportunities for Regional and Institutional Collaboration for Presenting Local History: The Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Camp Bowie in Brownwood, Texas

Deborah Liles, Tarleton State University, Chair
Eric V. Morrow, Tarleton State University
Beverly Norris, Brown County Museum of History
Jeff Meador, Granbury ISD

Room 220 – Role of the Military in Texas Settlement

Garland Richards, Fort Chadbourne
Bill Helwig, Yoakum County, Texas, “Soash, Texas: The Forgotten ‘Red Lettered Town’ of Howard County”
Jim Matthews, San Antonio, “Military Justice on the Texas Frontier”
Andrew Klooster, Texas Christian University, “The Doniphan Expedition and the Creation of El Paso, Texas”

Room 203 – East Texas Historical Association: “Bison and Sheep on the South Plains”

John Caraway, Cisco College, Chair
Gene B. Preuss, University of Houston-Downtown, “The Law That Was or Wasn’t: Phil Sheridan and the 1875 Texas Buffalo Preservation Act”
Scott Sosebee, East Texas Historical Association/Stephen F. Austin State University, “Hank and George Smith Go to War: The Cross B’s ‘Sheep Experiment’”



Texas Randall – Canyon, Texas Icon

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

@ The Legends Club in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center

President Jean Stuntz, Presiding

- Rupert Richardson Best Book Award
- Mrs. Percy (Ruth Leggett) Jones Best Article Award
 - Election of officers

Presidential Address

Dr. Jean Stuntz

“Canyon: Past, Present, and Future”



