Texas Oral History Association
Fourth Annual Conference

Rayburn Student Center (RSC)
Texas A&M University-Commerce
April 25, 2015

PROGRAM

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration, Networking
Room: RSC Pride (2nd floor)

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Opening Welcome
Room: RSC Pride

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Session 1: Oral Histories from Chautauqua Hill
Room: RSC Ambition A

Chair: Dan K. Utley, Texas State University

“Like a Gangly Teenager”: Oral Histories of Texas State University
Nathan Jones, Texas State University

Keep Austin Represented: Fighting for Electoral Change in the Texas Capital
Katie Whitehurst, Texas State University

A Mixture of Diverse Genres: Creating the Live Music Capital of the World
Jonathan R. Watson, Texas State University

Session 2: Collecting and Preserving Oral Histories
Room: RSC Ambition B

Chair: Eric Gruver, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Family and the Power of Oral History
Victoria Paille, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Learning the How-Tos of Oral History: A Semester Looking Back
Rachel Branch, Texas A&M University-Commerce
Madison Garcia, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Current Trends in Oral History Technology
Steven Sielaff, Baylor University
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break (Sponsored by A&M-Commerce Department of History)
Room: RSC Pride

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Session 3: Identity via Oral Histories
Room: RSC Ambition A
Chair: Lynn Burlbaw, Texas A&M University

*Consolidating Communities: A Study on the Consolidation of Como-Pickton CISD and Its Impacts*
  Austin Baxley, Texas A&M University-Commerce

*40 Years Later: Perspectives and Reflections of Black Houston through Oral Histories*
  Adrienne A. Cain, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

*Kansas City’s Guardian: The Life of Alvin Brooks*
  Bradley Poos, Avila University

Session 4: From the Fields to the Store
Room: RSC Ambition B
Chair: Ricky Dobbs, Texas A&M University-Commerce

*The Plow and the Pen: United States Farm Policy and the Northeast Texas Farmer*
  Jaylen Wallace, Texas A&M University-Commerce

*Moonshiners and Bootleggers of Old East Texas*
  Bill O’Neal, State Historian of Texas

*Texas Travels: Gas Station Food and the Corner Store*
  Erin Scott, Independent Scholar

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Catered Lunch from Luigi’s Italian Restaurant
  Alumni Center (Subsidized by The East Texas War and Memory Project)
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Session 5: Immigrant Voices from Diamond Hill, Ft. Worth: An After School Oral History Program at W.A. Meacham Middle School
Room: RSC Ambition A

Chair: Vogel Vladimir Castillo, W.A. Meacham Middle School
Katie Arevalo, Meacham Middle School
Leslie Espinoza, Meacham Middle School
Joanna Perez, Meacham Middle School
Allan Zuniga, Meacham Middle School

Session 6: Music, Migration, and the 3R’s
Room: RSC Ambition B

Chair: Kay Mizell, Collin College

Hispanic Heritage in Texas Music: Stories and Songs
Kathleen Hudson, Schreiner University

Church of Christ Texans: Mid-Century Journeys to the Great Northeast
Jessica Roseberry, Baylor University

Oral History informing Educational Policy and Practice
Kelley M. King, University of North Texas
Miriam Ezzani, University of North Texas

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break (Sponsored by A&M-Commerce Honors College)
Room: RSC Pride

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Session 7: The Friendly, or not so Friendly, Skies
Room: RSC Ambition A

Chair: Bill Kuracina, Texas A&M University-Commerce

From the Atlantic to the Pacific: The WWII POW Stories of Marv and Joe
Sarah Miller, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Alert!: The Rush to Ready U.S. Ballistic Missiles for the Cuban Missile Crisis
David Bath, Texas A&M University
The Braniff Family: Considering Oral History in the Preservation of Braniff International’s Operations and Maintenance Base
Abra Schnur, Flying Voices Oral History Project

Session 8: Stories from the Vietnam War
Room: RSC Ambition B

Chair: Hayley Hasik, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Strategic Surprise: Agent Orange Dispersal during the Vietnam War
Heather M. Haley, Texas State University

Applied Pressure: Vietnam Medical History through the Eyes of American Veterans
Duncan Knox, Angelo State University

From Their Own Words: The Language of Vietnam Veterans and the Poet they Inspired
Jennifer deBie, Angelo State University

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wrap-Up and Evaluation
Room: RSC Pride

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting, Texas Oral History Association
Room: Ambition A