

PHI ALPHA THETA REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Sponsored by the Zeta-Beta chapter

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

ABILENE TEXAS

April 16, 2011

Schedule

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast (Hardin Administration Building 330)

Paper Sessions

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Session 1: World War II

Chair/Comments: Charlotte Decoster, University of North Texas

Room: Foster Science Building, 203

Luke Truxal, University of North Texas

“The Incomplete Offensive: The End of the 1943 Bombing Campaign”

Emi Elisa Johnson, Abilene Christian University

“The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword: Bill Mauldin, Willie, and Joe on the World War II Battle Line”

Jennifer Morawetz, UT Dallas

“The Success and Failure of the American Re-Education and Denazification Program in Germany Through Film in 1945-1950”

Session 2: Military History

Chair/Comments: Dr. Vernon Williams, Abilene Christian University

Room: Foster Science Building, 204

Jordan Hayworth, University of North Texas

“Imperial Rivalry and the Conduct of Operations in German West Africa during the First World War, 1914-1916”

Patrick Ray Calzada, Midwestern State University

“Anumpa Luma: Choctaw Code Talkers in World War I”

Dayton Tanner, Texas Wesleyan University

“Public Perception of the American Soldier”

Session 3: Greek Civilization

Chair/Comments: Dr. Mark Cullum, Abilene Christian University

Room: Foster Science Building, 205

Sarah Elizabeth Gaston, University of North Texas

“The Paradox of Athenian Democracy: Freedom on the Backs of Slaves”

Buck Meinzer, University of North Texas

“Foundations of Everlasting Fame”

Robert Glenn Kennemer III, University of North Texas

“Christianity A-Priori”

Session 4: Women’s History

Chair/Comments: Dr. Tiffany Fink, Hardin-Simmons University

Room: Foster Science Building, 239

Karen Wisely, University of North Texas

“Women in the Gayborhood: The Role of Lesbians in the Dallas LGBT Community”

Katherine Reguero-Cloer, University of North Texas

“Defender of Dreams: Anita N. Martinez and Her Contributions to Dallas, 1969-1973”

Candace Garza, Hardin-Simmons University

“Frida Kahlo: A Revolutionary in her Own Right”

Session 5: British India

Chair/Comments: Dr. Kelly Elliott, Abilene Christian University

Room: Foster Science Building, 241

Chloe Northrop, University of North Texas

“Purchasing Identity in the British West Indies”

Andrea Cospers-Potter, TAMU-Commerce

“Victorians, Indians, and Misconceptions: Culture in British India”

Tiffany Smith, Texas Woman’s University

“Consequences of Imperial Collision of Britain and Russia in Central Asia on Afghanistan,
‘Gateway to India,’ 1880-1901”

Session 6: European Empire

Chair/Comments: Heather Weidner, Abilene Christian University

Room: Hardin Administration Building, 310

Christina Wagoner, Texas Woman’s University

“The Crown of England's Title to America: Theophilus Evans' Use of Welsh Indians in British
Political and Religious Propaganda”

Liz Machunis-Masuoka, Midwestern State

“The Mythmaker of the House of Austria: Rudolf II's Kunstkammer and the Vision of the Imperial
Majesty”

Session 7: Texas History

Chair/Comments: James A. Hathcock, University of North Texas

Room: Hardin Administration Building, 321

William Yancey, University of North Texas

“The Republic of Texas and Her Indian Allies”

Matthew K. Hamilton, University of North Texas

“The Pro-Slavery Argument in Brazoria County, Texas, 1840-1865”

Brett Derbes, University of North Texas

“John Slater Besser and Criminal Justice in Walker County, Texas”

9:45-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-11:15 a.m.

Session 8: Medieval Era

Chair/Comments: Dr. Mark Cullum, Abilene Christian University

Room: Foster Science Building, 203

Christopher Netek, University of North Texas

“Nature Knows No Rich: The Role of Lower Clergy and Christian Leveling Doctrines in the English Rising of 1381”

Devin Fields, Midwestern State University

“Richard III: Forgotten Soldier”

Alan Landrum, Dallas Baptist University

“An Ill-Defined Era: Hagiographic Structure and Medieval Institutions”

Session 9: Late Nineteenth Century America

Chair/Comments: Dr. Dennis Paz, University of North Texas

Room: Foster Science Building, 204

Dustin Janssen, Abilene Christian University

“G.W. Plunkitt: A Big Machine Man in a Progressing World”

Mackenzie North, Abilene Christian University

“Josiah Strong: Implications on Late 19th Century Policy”

Seth Groveunder, Abilene Christian University

“The Impact of Darwinism in Gilded Age America”

Session 10: American History

Chair/Comments: Dr. David Stricklin, Dallas Baptist University

Room: Foster Science Building, 205

Shelby Otway, Abilene Christian University

“A Century of Dishonor: The Exposition of the Plight of Native Americans”

Janese Chase, Texas Wesleyan University

“Buccaneer Capitalism”

John McMahan, Dallas Baptist University

“John Leland: Baptist Patriot and Prophet of Religious Liberty”

Session 11: Slavery and Human Sacrifice in the Ancient World

Chair/Comments: Heather Weidner, Abilene Christian University

Room: Foster Science Building, 239

Sena Naas, Dallas Baptist University

“Appearance of Slavery in Ancient Mesopotamia: Impact on Economy and Social Classes”

Kristan Foust Ewin, University of North Texas

“Sacrificia Extraordinaria: An Investigation of Human Sacrifice in the Roman World”

Session 12: Women’s History

Chair/Comments: Dr. Kelly Elliott, Abilene Christian University

Room: Foster Science Building, 241

Jaclyn Hise, Texas Woman’s University

“Chinese Women's Liberation Through Rural Rebellions, Christian Missionaries, and the 1898 Reform Movement”

Katie Fogle, Texas Woman’s University

“Writing Eve in the Garden: Exploring the Pastoral Experiences of Women Through the Eyes of 19th Century Writers”

Desirae Hamilton, University of North Texas

“Katherine Parr: Reformer and Educator”

Session 13: Gender and Race Studies

Chair/Comments: Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: Admin 321

Rebecca Dial, Abilene Christian University

“Stereotyping Jews: Examining the Relationship Between Anti-Communism and Anti-Semitism”

Nikeeta Slade, University of North Texas

“Martin Luther King’s Masculinity as Counter-Cultural, 1955-1968”

Amalia "Molly" Diamond-Ramirez, Texas Woman’s University

“Hegemonic Masculinity in the Great Depression”

11:15-11:30 a.m. Break

11:30-12:45 p.m.

Session 14: Early Nineteenth Century Texas

Chair/Comments: John Caraway, Abilene Christian University

Room: Hardin Administration Building, 310

Bradley Folsom, University of North Texas

“Joaquin de Arredondo in the Aftermath of Medina, 1813-1814”

Jack D. Andersen, University of North Texas

“San Antonio’s Unionism During the American Civil War”

Debbie Liles, University of North Texas

“Uncontested Ground: The Northwestern Frontier of Texas, 1846-1855”

Session 15: Public History

Chair/Comments: Dr. Elizabeth Alexander, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: Hardin Administration Building, 329

Amanda Arzigian, Abilene Christian University

“Rocks, Papers, and Sometimes Scissors: The Challenges of Collections Management

Trent Dietz, Abilene Christian University

“Memories in Manila Folders: Remembering the 306th Bombardment Group

Session 16: Christian History

Chair/Comments: Dr. Jake Blosser, Texas Woman’s University

Room: Foster Science Building, 203

Izak Santana, Hardin-Simmons University

“Constantinian Influence on Christendom: The Biblical Canon”

Rachel Head, University of North Texas

“Spiritualism as Science in Victorian Britain”

Cecilia N. S. Hill, Texas Wesleyan University

“Once the Churches Failed the Nation Followed”

Session 17: Historiography

Chair/Comments: Dr. Dennis Paz, University of North Texas

Room: Foster Science Building, 204

Melba Chance, Texas Woman's University

"Causes of Conflict: Modern Historians, Thomas Shepard, Anne Hutchison, and the Antinomian Controversy"

Charles Brazell, Abilene Christian University

"A Brief Historiography of Jesuit Activity in 17th Century New France"

Lydia Towns, Dallas Baptist University

"The Drake Doughty Affair, Interpreting the facts"

Session 18: Miscellaneous Texas History

Chair/Comments: Dr. Tiffany Fink, Hardin-Simmons University

Room: Foster Science Building, 205

Heather Wylie, Angelo State University

"'Chasing the Cure': The State of Tuberculosis Hospital at Carlsbad, Texas"

Cody Bradley, Midwestern State University

"The Influence of the Southern Great Plains on the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1875"

Jonathan Jones, Dallas Baptist University

"Resolved, Bungled, and Subsequently Ignored: Forgotten Federal Intentions for Texas During the War of Northern Aggression"

Session 19: Industry in Texas

Chair/Comments: Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews, Texas Wesleyan University

Room: Foster Science Building, 239

Katherine Teel, University of North Texas

“Beneath the Surface: Groundwater Conservation Districts in Texas 1949-2010”

Derek N. Boetcher, University of North Texas

“An Urban Ecosystem Takes a Turn for the Cold: Artificial Ice Manufacturing in Late Nineteenth-Century Dallas”

Jesse Wayne Beckham, Midwestern State University

“Establishing a Lasting Industry in a Small Town”

Session 20: Miscellaneous I

Chair/Comments: Dr. David Stricklin, Dallas Baptist University

Room: Foster Science Building, 241

Jamilla Parris, Midwestern State University

“The Grenada Revolution”

Paul Strietelmeier, University of North Texas

“La Vendee 1793: Religious War or Peasant Insurrection”

Sterling Brown, Angelo State University

“John Brown and the Secret Six”

Session 21: Ancient and Roman Biographies

Chair/Comments: Dr. Walt Roberts, University of North Texas

Room: Hardin Administration Building, 322

Jennifer Crowder, Texas Woman's University

"Ashurnasirpal the Great"

Marshall Lilly, University of North Texas

"The Education of a Tragic Hero: Julian the Apostate"

Session 22: Miscellaneous II

Chair/Comments: Charlotte Decoster, University of North Texas

Room: Hardin Administration Building, 321

Jacob Pousland, Abilene Christian University

"The Great Urbanization: The Demographic Shift from Rural to Urban in Early Twentieth-Century America"

Jennifer Allison, University of North Texas

"The Exodus: What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"

Megan R. Nieves, Texas Woman's University

"The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus"

1:00-2:15 p.m. Lunch by Jason's Deli University Church of Christ

Welcome from Abilene Christian University, Phi Alpha Theta, Zeta-Beta Chapter – Dr. Tracy Shilcutt,
Associate Professor of History

Welcome from Phi Alpha Theta National Office – Dr. Jake Blosser, Assistant Professor of History, Texas
Woman's University:

2:30 p.m. Workshop/Prizes - Foster Science Building, Walling Lecture Hall*

Dr. Vernon Willams, Professor of History, Abilene Christian University:

“Film, Memory, and Collaterals: New Patterns of Scholarship for Historians in the 21st Century”

Announcement of Winners immediately following workshop

*(Advisors will meet in Foster Science Building 203 to determine prizes)

Phi Alpha Theta Presentation Location Key:

Hardin Foster Science Building – 24

Administrating Building – 30



The Zeta Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta thanks the following individuals:

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**Dr. Charles Mattis
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