

COOL RESEARCH – UNIQUE TEXAS HISTORY PROCESSES AND PROJECTS

Training for Texas History Educators and Enthusiasts

TRAINING OBJECTIVES:

- To explore unique processes for studying and researching Texas History
- To learn about interesting projects that are the result of these research methods and how they add to the base of knowledge of Texas' history
- To develop strategies for translating these “processes and projects” to meaningful educational experiences for Texas History students and all life-long-learning Texas History enthusiasts

AGENDA:

DAY 1 May 2, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Region 5 Educational Service Center – Edison Plaza, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, TX 77701

Time	Activity	Presenter
9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:30 a.m.	Introductory Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice Breaker • Review Training Objectives 	Lareatha Clay , Training Facilitator
10:00 a.m.	Texas History on the Road and in the Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing web applications to explore Texas History • Resources for research and teaching • Teaching with photographs, maps, art, and oral histories 	Linda Miller , Senior Education Specialist, Texas Historical Commission Susan Shore , Heritage Tourism Program Specialist, Texas Historical Commission
12:00 noon	Lunch	On your own
1:00 p.m.	Teaching History, Social Studies, and Across the Curriculum with Texas Cemeteries Utilizing Cemeteries to explore Texas History This session will explore ways in which teachers of social studies and other subjects can use local cemeteries as a resource for hands-on/minds-on TEKS-aligned learning, beginning in Grade 2 and continuing through high school. Using case studies and real-life examples, we will also discuss how to locate and evaluate cemeteries as potential learning spaces; connect with cemetery owners/caretakers and other stakeholders; and consider ways in which class projects can have greater positive impacts for the community, beyond the classroom. Attendees will have the	Steph McDougal , Principal Consultant, McDoux Preservation LLC

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	opportunity to collaboratively develop the outline of a lesson plan that they can take back to their classrooms.	
3:00 p.m.	Day 1 Closing Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Debrief • Overview of Day 2 Schedule and Logistics 	Lareatha Clay

DAY 2 June 22, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Newton Elementary School – 416 East Street, Newton, TX 75966

Time	Activity	Presenter
9:30 a.m.	Registration – Welcome	Bonetha Christopher, Principal – Newton Elementary School
9:45 a.m.	<i>The Digital Diaspora – Co-Researching with Freedom Colony Descendants Online</i> Do you need to be a computer whiz to use social media and digital humanities apps? No! This session introduces the various ways grassroots preservationists can make use 21 st century methods to address the unique challenges facing historically Black settlements--reconnecting scattered descendants to settlement heritage and community. The presenter will first talk about the role of the internet in her own research and contending with the challenge of the digital divide. She then introduces a broad range of easy to use, yet impactful online tools that can help settlements meet their archiving, surveying, and promotional goals. The presenter uses everything from StoryMap to Instagram to Google surveys during her demonstration. Session is also an active, action research session in which attendees participate in a statewide survey of grassroots preservationists.	Andrea Roberts, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Texas A & M University
11:15 a.m.	<i>Finding Your Family</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Research - Professional results for the amateur history sleuth 	Pamela Thomas, M.Ed., Texas Researcher/Genealogist
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	Provided on-site
1:15 a.m.	<i>Texas History on the Road and in the Classroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing web applications to explore Texas History 	April Garner, Texas Heritage Tourism Program State

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching with photographs, maps, and art 	Coordinator, Texas Historical Commission Susan Shore , Heritage Tourism Program Specialist, Texas Historical Commission
2:15 p.m.	Funding Your Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paying for it all – fund-raising strategies to support Texas History studies and interests 	Anjali Zutshi , Executive Director, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission
3:15 a.m.	Symposium Closing Activities	Bonetha Christopher

DAY 3 June 23, 2018*

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mount Zion C.M.E. Church – Shankleville Community

Time	Activity	Presenter
9:30 a.m.	Welcome	Bonetha Christopher
9:45 a.m.	Texas Freedom Colonies Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of ongoing research of Texas Freedom Colonies – especially in Newton and Jasper Counties Update on Association of Texas Freedom Colonies 	Andrea Roberts, Ph.D. , Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Texas A & M University
10:30 a.m.	Funding Your Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Brief Review</i> - Paying for it all – fund-raising strategies to support Texas History studies and interests 	Anjali Zutshi , Executive Director, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission
11:15 a.m.	Thursday Night Lights – The Story of Black High School Football in Texas	Michael Hurd , Director, Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture at Prairie View A & M University
12:15 p.m.	A Conversation with the Peterson Brothers Members of The Peterson Brothers Band discuss their music – their start, their style, their musician lives	Glenn Peterson Alex Peterson
12:45 p.m.	Preservation in Progress – Discussion and Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on the Odom Homestead Project Updates on Shankleville Community Project 	Harold Odom , Construction Manager, Odom Homestead Preservation Project

*The Day 3 agenda does NOT count toward Educator CEUs