

19th Annual

Alton C. Allen Historical Conference



USS Texas (BB35)
Flags of Texas
Baseball in Texas
Texas Swing Music

October 17, 2015
American Legion Hall
- Hallettsville, TX

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Historical Commission & the
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Commission

Pre-registration Fees:
\$15/person; \$20/couple
\$5 senior citizen, K-12 & college
student, & teacher with school ID

October 17, 2015 Registration Fees:
\$20/person; \$25/couple
\$10/senior citizen, K-12 & college
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Directions:
American Legion Hall, Hallettsville,
Texas located in the Hallettsville City
Park at 107 E. Park Street



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Name _____

Address _____

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Registration Includes Lunch, Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup with Chicken Salad Sandwich

Pre-registration Fee Enclosed:
Lavaca County Historical Commission

P. O. Box 811
Hallettsville, Texas 77964
Please Check One

____\$15.00 per Person ____\$20.00 per Couple ____\$5.00 /Student/Teacher/Senior Citizen

Kevin C. Wooten, Ph.D. Kevin earned a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Tulane University. He is currently Professor and Chair of the Management Department at the University of Houston Clear Lake, where he has taught for over twenty years. Kevin is the recipient of the 2014 UHCL President's Distinguished Research Award, and the 2014 UHCL Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Wooten is the author of over 50 book chapters and peer reviewed articles in the areas of organizational development, organizational justice, and job loss. Dr. Wooten resides in Kemah, Texas with his wife Dr. Heather Green Wooten, who is a medical historian, author, and educator.

Kenneth Grubb, MA is the Department Chair for History and Geography and an Instructor of History at Wharton County Junior College. Mr. Grubb spent a decade working in public history at the San Jacinto Battleground/Battleship TEXAS State Historic Site. During his time at San Jacinto, Mr. Grubb educated visitors from around the world, lent his expertise to several documentaries and films, and oversaw the design and implementation of new exhibitions and interpretation. He has an undergraduate degree in Socio-cultural anthropology from UHCL and a Masters in US history for which he focused his research on 20th century military history and social discourse.

Robert Maberry Ph. D. has taught a wide-variety of history courses at Texas Christian University and McMurry University. He is a pioneer in the field of Vexillology (the scholarly study of flags) and an authority on Texas flags and symbols. Dr. Maberry was director of the Texas State Library and Archives' Historic Flags of Texas project. He organized and served as curator for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's groundbreaking exhibition "Texas Flags 1836-1946". He is the author of the prize-winning book *Texas Flags*. Among his many awards for scholarship and writing are the T.R. Fehrenbach Prize for best book on Texas history. Dr. Maberry resides in Houston.

Program

8:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:30

Kevin C. Wooten, Ph.D.

University of Houston, Clear Lake
*The Original Battleship Texas: A
Confluence of Technologies and Tenacity*

Kenneth Grubb, MA

Instructor of History
Wharton County Junior College
The Battleship Texas: A Century of Service

Break 10:30 - 10:45

10:45 - 11:45

Robert Maberry, Ph.D.

McMurry University, Abilene TX
Associate Professor History
Flags of Texas

11:45 - 1:15

Chicken Noodle Soup Lunch

1:15 - 2:15

Bill O'Neal Ph.D.

Panola College - Carthage, TX
Baseball in Texas

Break 2:15 - 2:30

2:30 - 3:30

Kevin S. Fontenot, MA

Tulane University
*Don't Rock It, If You Can Swing It:
Texas and Western Swing*

Caroline Gnagy

Austin, Texas

Bill O'Neal Ph.D. currently is serving his second term as State Historian of Texas. He is the author of more than 40 books, as well as 300 articles and book reviews. Bill has written six volumes of sports history, beginning with *The Texas League, A Century of Baseball*. For the Alton C. Allen Historical Conference, Bill has been asked to present a program on "Baseball in Texas." Baseball in Texas dates back to the Civil War era, and the Texas League is one of the oldest circuits in Organized Baseball. There have been more minor league teams - over 100 - in Texas than in any other state, and for decades Dallas and Houston have represented us in the major leagues. From Tris Speaker to Dizzy Dean to Nolan Ryan, a host of baseball stars have entertained Texas fans.

Kevin S. Fontenot is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Tulane University. A native of Oberlin, Louisiana, Fontenot received his BA in history from Louisiana College and his MA in history from Tulane University. He also studied at the University of London. Fontenot is the co-editor of *Accordions, Fiddles, Two Step and Swing: A Cajun Music Reader* (2006) and has contributed chapters to *Country Music Goes to War, Louisiana Fiddlers, Shreveport Sounds in Black and White, Ethnic and Border Music, and Louisiana Women*. He has been a regular speaker at the Louisiana Historical Association and the International Country Music Conference. Fontenot has served as program chair and a board member of the Louisiana Historical Association.



