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World History Association of Texas (WHAT)

Annual Conference

'Revolutions in World History'
Saturday, February 25, 2023
Hosted by Texas A&M University –
Commerce



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

8:15am – 8:45am

Sam Rayburn Student Center, 2nd Floor

Check In & Coffee

8:45am – 9:00am

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Ricky Dobbs,

Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for
Student Success, Texas A&M University - Commerce

Introduction by **Cynthia Ross,**

Texas A&M University – Commerce

9:00am - 10:30am

Session A1: Women's Reproductive Rights and Bodily Autonomy

Chair: **Mylynka Cardona,** Texas A&M University - Commerce

"False Delicacy of the Female Form: How Victorian Society
Perpetuated Silent Suffering Amongst Women's Sexual and
Reproductive Wellness"

Alexandria Haynes, St. Edwards University

"The Comfort Woman System: Women's Voices in Historical
Narrative"

Elya Mathis, Texas A&M University – Commerce

"Abortion & the Rag: How the Language of the Pro-Choice
Movement Developed in the Pages of the Underground Press"

Grace Slayter, Texas A&M University – Commerce

9:00am - 10:30am

Session A2: Communism and its Legacy

Chair: **Manuel Grajales,** University of North Texas

"Huey, Assata, Eldridge, and Comrade Fidel": Cuba, A Safe Haven
for Black Panther Party Revolutionaries"

James Thomas Jones III, Prairie View A&M University

"Korea in the Cold War"

Jonathan Samaniego, Texas State University

"Revolutionary Nationalism; A Reality or Myth in the Modern Era?"

Matthew Hacholski, Independent Scholar

10:30am – 10:45am

Coffee Break

Sam Rayburn Student Center, 2nd Floor



10:45am - 12:15pm

Session B1: Reflecting on World History in Texas

Chair: **Cynthia Ross**, Texas A&M University - Commerce

"A Revolution in Waiting? Assessing World History's Place in Texas High Schools, 1920-2021"

Stephen Jackson, The University of Sioux Falls

10:45am - 12:15pm

Session B2: The Interconnected World

Chair: **Veronica Duran**, Texas A&M University – Commerce

"The Mexican Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and Drug Trafficking: A Piece of History"

José Palomino Jiménez, New Mexico State University

"The Greatest Revolution in All Human History (and nobody noticed)"

Oliver Mcrae, Independent Scholar

"Religious Roots of Printing Revolutions"

Robert D. Woodberry, Baylor University

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Keynote Address and Luncheon

Alumni Center

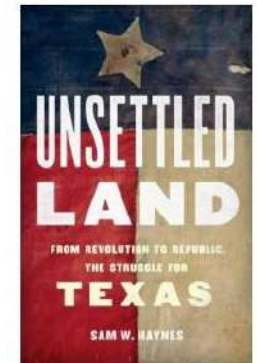
(Meet at Registration Table for guided walk)

"How Revolutionary was the Texas Revolution?"

Sam W. Haynes, University of Texas at Arlington

Introduction by **Mylynka Cardona**,

Department of History, Texas A&M University - Commerce



2:15pm – 3:45pm

Session C1: Women, Religion, and Rights

Chair: **John Howard Smith**, Texas A&M University - Commerce

"Holy Women in a Man's World: Buddhist Nuns and Gender Inequality in Southeast Asia"

Melissa Acosta, Texas A&M University – Commerce

"The Role of Coptic Women in the Coptic Orthodox Church"

Meri Souliman, University of Texas at Tyler

"The Power of Women: Beate Sirota Gordon's Impact on Japan"

Melissa Carter, Texas A&M University – Commerce

2:15pm – 3:45pm

Session C2: Teaching Workshop

Chair: **Andrew Baker**, Texas A&M University - Commerce

"I Never Have Time for _____": Finally Teaching the Good Stuff"

Nicole Donawho, Collin College - Plano

3:45pm – 4:00pm

Coffee Break

Sam Rayburn Student Center, 2nd Floor



4:00pm - 5:30pm

Session D1: Envisioning the Ancient World

Chair: **Andrew Donnelly**, Texas A&M University - Commerce

"Revolution in Hellenistic Sparta: The Reign of the Populist King Nabis (207-192 BCE)"

Edward Tabri, University of Texas at Tyler

"The Mongol Empire and World Building in Conan the Barbarian"

Bryant Lee, Texas A&M University – Commerce

"Corinthian Christianization and the Sanctuary of Demeter and Kore"

Rodney Mancuso, Texas A&M University – Commerce

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4:00pm - 5:30pm

Session D2: Revolutionary Ideals and Nationalism

Chair: **E. Mark Moreno**, Texas A&M University - Commerce

"The Tay Son and Tupac Amaru II Rebellions: A Comparative Approach"

Rebecca Boone, Lamar University

"Ideological Underpinnings of the May Fourth Movement: The Revolutionary Influences of Chen Duxiu and Sun Yat-sen"

Abigail Croft, Texas A&M University – Commerce

"The Mexican Revolution of 1910"

Gilbert Gonzales, Texas State University

5:30pm - 5:45pm

Closing Remarks

Andrew Donnelly, Texas A&M University – Commerce

6:00pm

Social Hour

Cork & Brew Wine Bar and Brew Pub

1136 Main Street

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Gathering space and appetizers sponsored by the Department of History