

April 30th, 2022 from 9am-4pm | UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN

# San Jacinto Symposium

Causes of the Texas Revolution



# PROGRAM

**Friday, April 29, 2022**

**6:30pm-8:30pm – Patrons Dinner**

This dinner will provide an opportunity for attendees to engage with the speakers in a more intimate setting. The event will be held at a private residence in River Oaks. The address will be provided after registration. Proceeds from this dinner will be used to fund future Symposiums. Generously sponsored by Ralph and Miki Lusk Norton

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

The Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Auditorium, University of Houston - Downtown

**9:00am**

**Welcome Remarks**

**Heather G. Wooten, Ph.D.** Executive Director, Texas State Historical Association

**Jeff Dunn**, President, San Jacinto Battleground Association

**Jim E. Crisp, Ph.D.**, Moderator, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, North Carolina State University

**9:30am**

**Richard McCaslin., Ph.D.**

***Causes of the Texas Revolution from the Texan Colonist Perspective***

**10:15am-10:30am**

**Morning Break**

**10:30am – 11:15am**

**Art Martinez de Vara, J.D.**

***Causes of the Texas Revolution from the Perspective of Tejanos***

**11:15am – 12:00pm**

**Andrew Torget., Ph.D.**

***Slavery and the Causes of the Texas Revolution***

**12:00pm – 1:30pm**

**Lunch Break**

A boxed lunch is included for all attendees who are registered for the Symposium.

**1:30pm – 2:15pm**

**Miguel Ángel González-Quiroga, M.A.**

***The Texas Revolution: A Mexican Perspective***

**2:15pm – 3:00pm**

**Sam W. Haynes, Ph.D.**

***Solely, Purely, Simply American: The Americanization of the Texas Revolution***

**3:00pm – 3:15pm**

**Afternoon Break**

**3:15pm – 4pm**

**Questions and Answers**

## ATTENTION TEACHERS!

We offer CPE credit for this symposium.

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COVER PHOTO: By Jon Hall. Statue of Benjamin Rush Milam, Milam Park, San Antonio. In December 1835, Milam, at age 47, led a volunteer Texan army into San Antonio in what has been called the Siege of Béxar. After several days of street-to-street fighting, Mexican General Martín Perfecto de Cos surrendered and removed the Mexican army under his command across the Rio Grande. This battle ended the first phase of hostilities between Texan colonists and the Mexican army. During the engagement Milam was killed in action, becoming an early hero of the Texas Revolution. The statue was created by American sculptor Bonnie MacLeary and commissioned for the 1936 Texas Centennial.

# SPEAKERS

## James E. Crisp, Ph.D.

**Moderator for the Symposium  
Professor Emeritus of History,  
North Carolina State University**

James E. Crisp is a noted expert on the Texas Revolution. He has authored or co-authored 10 books relating to Texas history, and his work has received state, national, and international awards for excellence. His award-winning *Sleuthing the Alamo: Davy Crockett's Last Stand and Other Mysteries of the Texas Revolution* has been translated into Spanish and published in Mexico. Most recently, Dr. Crisp, Editor, and Translators Louis E. Brister and James C. Kearney celebrated the release of *Inside the Texas Revolution: The Enigmatic Memoir of Herman Ehrenberg* (2021), a thoroughly annotated translation of Herman Ehrenberg's enigmatic memoir of the Texas Revolution. The culmination of 27 years of painstaking work, the book solves many of the mysteries that have surrounded Ehrenberg's life, dispelling myths, mistakes, and even outright lies.

## Miguel Ángel González-Quiroga, M.A.

**Affiliated Researcher at University of Texas at San Antonio**

Miguel Ángel González-Quiroga is a transnational scholar who was born in Nuevo León, Mexico, and has taught Mexican and US history at the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras of the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León. He has coauthored, coedited, or translated five books, including *Texas y el norte de México* (with Mario Cerutti), and his most recent book, *War and Peace on the Rio Grande Frontier, 1830–1880*, which offers a compelling new interpretation of a pivotal period of borderlands history.

## Sam W. Haynes, Ph.D.

**Professor of History, University of Texas  
at Arlington and Director,  
Center for Southwestern Studies,  
University of Texas at Arlington**

Sam W. Haynes specializes in Jacksonian America, 19th century Texas and the American Southwest. His new book, *Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, The Struggle for Texas*, a reassessment of the 1835-1836 revolt and its consequences for the people of Texas, will be published by Basic Books in May. He is also the author of *Unfinished Revolution: The Early American Republic in a British World* (2010); *James K. Polk and the Expansionist Impulse* (1996), and *Soldiers of Misfortune: The Somervell and Mier Expeditions* (1990).

He is the editor of numerous other works on Texas and the American Southwest, including *Contested Empire: Rethinking the Texas Revolution* (with Gerald Saxon, 2015) and *Major Problems in Texas History* (with Cary Wintz, 2015). Haynes is a fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters and the Texas State Historical Association. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Houston.

## Art Martínez de Vara, J.D.

Art Martínez de Vara is a historian, author, and attorney. He holds a master of arts in history from Sam Houston State University and a doctorate in law from St. Mary's University. He is an adjunct faculty at Our Lady of the Lake University and served as mayor of Von Ormy, Texas, from 2008–2015. He is the author of several books and the winner of the 2016 Texas State Genealogical Society Grand Prize Book Award and the 2014 Presidio La Bahia Award.

## Richard B. McCaslin, Ph.D.

**Professor of History, TSHA Professor of Texas  
History at the University of North Texas**

Richard B. McCaslin has written or edited nineteen books. These include *Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas, October 1862*, which won a Tullis Award, *Lee in the Shadow of Washington*, which won a Laney Prize and Slatten Award and was nominated for a Pulitzer, *Fighting Stock: John S. "Rip" Ford of Texas*, which got a Pate Award and Bates Award, *At the Heart of Texas: One Hundred Years of the Texas State Historical Association, 1897-1997*, which won an Award of Merit from the Texas Philosophical Society, and *Saratoga on the Cibolo: Sutherland Springs, Texas*, which received a Publication Award from the San Antonio Conservation Society. A TSHA Fellow, he also has commendations from the Civil War Round Tables in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Shreveport for his academic work.

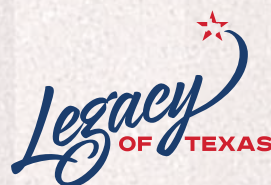
## Andrew Torget, Ph.D.

**Associate Professor of History, University of North Texas**

Andrew J. Torget is a historian of nineteenth-century North America at the University of North Texas, where he holds the University Distinguished Teaching Professorship. An award-winning speaker, he has been featured at Harvard, Stanford, Rice, Duke, Johns Hopkins, and the Library of Congress. The author and editor of several books, his most recent, *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands, 1800-1850*, won twelve book prizes and awards and was hailed by *Texas Monthly* as "the most nuanced and authoritative rewriting of Texas's origin myth to date." In 2018, he set a Guinness World Record for the World's Longest History Lesson by lecturing on Texas history for 26.5 hours straight, which was seen online by more than 30 million people. In 2020 he was awarded the Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award from the Texas State Historical Association.



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