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The Texas Center for Working- Class Studies Conference



Thursday, March 22, 2018

Collin College, Spring Creek Campus
Living Legends Conference Center
2800 East Spring Creek Parkway
Plano, Texas 75074

Conference Schedule

8:00-8:30—Registration/Coffee

Living Legends Conference Center

8:30-9:45—Session 1 (see detailed session information)

10:00-11:15—Keynote Address

Living Legends Conference Center, Room C

- Welcome, Dr. Kelly Andrews, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Collin College, Spring Creek Campus
- Welcome and Announcement of Student Essay Contest Winners, Dr. Lisa A. Kirby, Collin College
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Kyle Wilkison, Collin College
- Keynote Address, Dr. Victoria E. Bynum, Texas State University, "The Free State of Jones: Class, Kinship, and Revolt in Civil War Era Mississippi"

11:30-1:00—Luncheon Session

Living Legends Conference Center, Room C

- Announcement of the Ruth A. Allen Pioneer in Texas Working-Class History Award, Dr. Marilyn Rhinehart, Johnson County Community College
- Introduction of Speaker, Dr. Kyle Wilkison, Collin College
- Luncheon Address, Dr. Max Krochmal, Texas Christian University, "Blue Texas: Looking Back to the Future"

1:00-2:15—Session 2

2:30-3:45—Session 3

3:45—Conference Ends

All Day—Poster Session, Outside Conference Center

Meaning in the Margin: Gender, Race, and Class in the 20th Century.

Presented by students in Professors Ryan Fletcher and Melissa Johnson's Learning Community course.

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Session 1: 8:30-9:45

1.1: Working-Class History, Conference Center A

- *Session Chair: Kristen L. Streater, Collin College*
- Leah LaGrone Ochoa, Texas Christian University, "'A Woman's Worth': Prostitution, Living Wages, and Working-Class Women in Early Twentieth Century Texas"
- Chad Pearson, Collin College, "The Ku Klux Klan and Ruling-Class Violence during Reconstruction"
- Keith Volanto, Collin College, "The Curious Case of the Princeton, Texas, Migratory Labor Camp in Historical Memory"

1.2: Literature, Language, and Class, Conference Center B

- *Session Chair: Michael Schueth, Collin College*
- Debra Ryals, Pensacola State College, "'The Perfect Woman, You See, Is a Working Woman': Viewing Working Women in Literature"
- Jules Sears, Collin College, "Class Self-Consciousness and Bourgeois Guilt in Katherine Anne Porter's 'Flowering Judas'"
- Brian Fehler, Texas Woman's University, "The Eleventh of January: Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, an Industrial Collapse, and Eulogies of Action"
- Liz Cozby, Texas Woman's University, "Tools for a Different Trade: How Work of Compassion and Sacrifice Demonstrated in the Modern-Day Arête"

1.3: Working-Class Studies in Theory and Practice, Conference Center D

- *Session Chair, Sam Tullock, Collin College*
- Jillian Yarbrough, West Texas A&M University, "Human Resources: Ongoing Training and Development Is Part of a Socially Responsible Organizational Leader"
- James Latham, Collin College, "Interdisciplinary Approach to Economic Development"
- Michael Miles, Texas A&M University-Commerce, "Class Means Nothing: Expanding Expectations of the Working Class"

1.4: Working-Class Culture, Conference Center E

- *Session Chair: Larry Stern, Collin College*
- Dulce de Castro, Collin College, "Using Documentary Shorts as a Pedagogical Tool to Explore Contemporary Working-Class Issues"
- Marta Moore, Collin College, "Hope and Renewal: Central European History, Literature, and Film"
- Caree Banton, University of Arkansas, "Class Crisis and Migration in Post-Emancipation Barbados"

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Victoria E. Bynum



Victoria E. Bynum is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Texas State University, San Marcos. A graduate of the University of California, San Diego, an award-winning author, and NEH Fellow, she has produced cutting-edge scholarship on gender, race, and class relations in the Civil War Era South for more than thirty years. Her blog, *Renegade South*, features unruly women, mixed-race families, anti-confederate guerrillas, and political dissenters. She is the author of several books, including *The Free State of Jones: Mississippi's Longest Civil War*, *The Long Shadow of the Civil War: Southern Dissent and Its Legacies*, and *Unruly Women: The Politics of Social and Sexual Control in the Old South*.

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Session 3: 2:30-3:45

3.1: The 2017 Ruth A. Allen Pioneer in Working Class History Award: A Roundtable Consideration of the Work of Historian Michael Botson, Conference Center A

- *Session Chair: Marilyn Rhinehart, Johnson County Community College (Retired)*
- George Green, University of Texas-Arlington (Retired)
- James C. Maroney, Lee College (Retired)
- Michael Botson, Houston Community College

3.2: Race and Class, Conference Center B

- *Session Chair: David Cullen, Arkansas Tech University*
- Charles Grand, "Black Teachers Revolt: African-American Educators and Job Segregation in Chicago Public Schools"
- Jesus J. Esparza, "Betraying the Cause: Segregating Black School-Aged Children in Latino School District, 1925-1960"
- Michael Itashiki, Collin College, "Refugees" Assimilation via Working-Class Membership"

3.3: Working-Class Legacies, Conference Center D

- *Session Chair: Melody M. Miyamoto-Walters, Collin College*
- Kim Case, University of Houston-Clear Lake, "Insider Without: Journey across the Working-Class Academic Arc"
- Andy Galloway, Collin College, "George Clifton Edwards"
- Mark Popowski, Collin College, "Eugene D. Genovese: Up from Marxism"
- Linda Kapocsi, Collin College, "Working-Class Students: The Hungry among Us"

3.4: Wisdom from Walden: Work and the Seduction of Wealth, Conference Center E

- *Session Chair: Paul Guajardo, University of Houston*
- Paul Guajardo, University of Houston, "Thoreau's Timeless Thoughts on Work and Wealth"
- Theo Girard, University of Houston, "The Treasure in the Pond: Materialism and Spirituality in *Walden*"
- Jeana Harris, University of Houston, "Luxury, Marxism, and Thoreau's Individualistic Approach to Consumerism."
- Henry Blizzard, University of Houston, "Thoreau Then, and Thoreau Now"
- Chris Baker, University of Houston, "The Poverty of Prosperity"

The 2018 Ruth A. Allen Pioneer in Texas Working-Class History Award

Dr. Michael Botson



Michael Botson has over a dozen publications, including an award-winning book and several refereed articles in scholarly periodicals including *The Journal of American History* and *Labor, Civil Rights, and the Hughes Tool Company* (Texas A&M University Press, 2005). His writing has netted considerable praise, including the Houston Public Library's Julia Ideson Award, the Texas Historical Commission's prestigious Fehrenbach Award for best book on Texas history, and inclusion on Princeton University Library's Distinguished List of Noteworthy Books on Industrial Relations and Labor Economics. In 2010, he was awarded the coveted Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship in Texas History by the Texas State Historical Association. Dr. Botson serves the history profession as a manuscript referee for the University of Texas Press, Texas A&M University Press, the University of Oklahoma Press, and the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. A Professor of History at Houston Community College, his dedication to the teachers' craft and to his students has been recognized with several commendations including the 2009 Chancellor's Faculty Excellence Award.

Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Max Krochmal



Max Krochmal, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of History and founding Director of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He is the author of *Blue Texas: The Making of a Multiracial Democratic Coalition in the Civil Rights Era*, which received the Frederick Jackson Turner Award of the Organization of American Historians and the Ramirez Family Award for Most Significant Scholarly Book from the Texas Institute of Letters, among other accolades. He is also director of the *Civil Rights in Black and Brown Oral History Project*, which received a National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research grant, and the faculty co-director of the *TCU Justice Journey*, a distinctive academic and experiential-learning course on the African American and Chicano/a liberation struggles. An organizer and scholar-activist, Krochmal serves as co-chair of the Fort Worth Independent School District Racial Equity Committee and is an active member of United Fort Worth, the city's immigrant rights movement. A native of Reno, Nevada, he majored in Community Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, before earning his graduate degrees in History at Duke University.

Session 2: 1:00-2:15

2.1: The Working Life in Texas, Conference Center AB

- Session Chair: Michael Phillips, Collin College
- Brad Crowder, Austin, Texas Organizer, Fight for the \$15
- Ryan Haney, Young Active Labor Leaders
- Gary Horton, Former Organizer, AFL-CIO
- Sarah Swallow, Fight for the \$15, Work Strong Austin, Young Active Labor Leaders
- Mark York, Dallas AFL-CIO Financial Secretary/Treasurer

2.2: Exploring the Pedagogy of Class: Student Essay Contest Winners and Student Research, Conference Center D

- Session Chair: Lisa A. Kirby, Collin College
- John McGillewie, "A Form of Payment," Collin College
- Kendall Brunworth, "The Changing of the Upper Class," Collin College
- Sobia Ali, "SAT: Surrendering All Time," Collin College
- Reeyad Baajour, "Worker Portrait," Collin College
- Nyx Mendoza, "Worker Portrait," Collin College

2.3: Three Views on Class and Sovereignty: Economic Migrants, Climate Justice, and Miners in Mexico, Conference Center E

- Session Chair: Sandra Mendiola García, University of North Texas
- Laila Amine, University of North Texas, "Economies of Return in Post-Independent Caribbean Fiction"
- Priscilla Solis Ybarra, University of North Texas, "Not the Anthropocene: Class, Climate Justice, and Latinx Activism"
- Sandra Mendiola García, University of North Texas, "Barrio Narratives in Two Mexican Mining Towns"