

16th TEXAS LIBRARY HISTORY COLLOQUIUM

Saturday, 3 April 2004—9:00a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Center for American History ◦ (Sid Richardson Hall 2.101) ◦ University of Texas at Austin

Who should attend?

Librarians, archivists, historians, students, and others who have a research or casual interest in the history of libraries and archival collections in Texas and who would like to find others actively pursuing work in the field. All participants will have ample opportunity for discussion with speakers and others with whom they wish to share ideas.

Who will speak?

Irene Owens, associate professor in the School of Information and the Department of Educational Administration, is also Junior Fellow of the Faculty Seminar on British Studies—all UT-Austin. She holds a Ph.D. in Information and Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she specialized in management, organizational theory, and academic librarianship. * Her paper will explore the history of the role of African Americans in Texas librarianship before desegregation, thus helping to bridge a gap in the history of American librarianship. Research in this area shows how wide a range of African Americans were involved in libraries and library education, including public libraries, academic libraries, education and training at Prairie University, and two Carnegie libraries.

Bill Lukenbill, professor in the School of Information, UT-Austin, holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University and an M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma, with his undergraduate work at the University of North Texas. He has worked as a librarian at Seguin High School, Seguin, Texas, and at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and has served on the faculties of Louisiana Tech University and University of Maryland, before coming to Texas. His research interests center on children's and adolescent literature and media, communication theory, popular culture, and the sociology of information. * His paper will look at the historical role of censorship endorsed by librarians serving youth; how that role changed over time to one of defending student's First Amendment rights; how school library collections in Texas have historically been targets of censorship; and how recent court rulings can aid youth librarians in their role as defenders of youth to read, learn, and to receive information.

Emilio Zamora, associate professor in the School of Information and Department of History (his doctoral alma mater) and is associated with the Center for Mexican American Studies—all UT-Austin. He has authored three books, co-edited two anthologies, and written numerous articles. * His presentation will examine literary practices of Mexicans in Texas during the first half of the twentieth century to dispel the myth that Mexicans were generally illiterate and failed to sustain active readership. He will suggest that cultural traditions in reading, schooling, and civic life often overcame the structural limitations of a marginalized community to produce impressive literary practices. These occurred in both Spanish and English, and included private libraries, private schools, journalistic activity, publishing houses, "lectores," and

What to do?

While there is no charge for the daylong Colloquium, in order to help with logistics:

(1) Indicate your intention to attend the Colloquium by notifying Don Davis by e-mail at dgdavis@ischool.utexas.edu or by telephone and voice mail at (512) 471-3806. We can offer suggestions for accommodations for out of town folk who need them.

(2) Park in the lot for the LBJ Library, east of Sid Richardson Hall, on the west side of Red River Street, between Dean Keeton St. and MLK Jr Blvd.—or Parking Garage 5 southwest of Richardson Hall.

(3) Lunch reservations will be made occur during Registration, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

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- 9:00-9:30 Registration, Coffee, Etc.
- 9:30-9:45 Introductory Remarks
--David Gracy
--Donald G. Davis, Jr.
- 9:45-10:45 *"Haystacks, Needles, and Threads: Stitching Together the Biographies of African American Librarians and the History of African American Libraries in Texas before Desegregation (1954)"*

--Irene Owens
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-Noon *"A Trail of Tears: 20th Century Censorship of School Library Collections in Texas"*

--Bill Lukenbill
- Noon-1:15 **Box Lunch provided and served on Patio**
- 1:15-2:15 *"Exploring the Practice of Reading and the Role of Libraries in Texas Mexican Communities"*

--Emilio Zamora
- 2:15-2:30 Coffee Break
- 2:30-3:30 *"Reports of Recent and Ongoing Research in Texas Library History and Open Discussion of Topics Worthy of Research"*

--Doug Barnett, *Handbook of Texas*, and
--All Registrants and Scholars Assembled