

# **A CLASH OF CULTURES**

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AND ANGLO TEXAS HISTORY



## **BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO SYMPOSIUM 2015**



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Presented by the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy

Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The United Way Community Resource Center \* 50 Waugh Drive \* Houston, TX

Who were the Native Americans who lived in the land we now call Texas? How did they react when Spaniards, Mexicans, Anglo-Americans and other Indians made their way onto—some say invaded—their lands? How did these interactions affect the development of Texas under Spain, Mexico, Republic of Texas and the United States? Six scholars break this complex subject into manageable pieces: Indian sovereignties; the Caddo tribes; the Plains tribes; the Alabama-Coushatta, Cherokee and other immigrant tribes; and the Cynthia Ann Parker case and its mythology.

8:00 a.m.

CHECK IN

On-site registration

Visit exhibits

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Jan DeVault, President

San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy

9:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Symposium Co-moderators

James E. Crisp, PhD

Professor of History, North Carolina State University

Frank de la Teja, PhD

Jerome and Catherine Supple Professor of Southwestern  
Studies

Director, Center for the Study of the Southwest

Texas State University

9:30 a.m.

INDIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND A CLASH OF NATIONS

Juliana Barr, PhD

Associate Professor of History

University of Florida

10:10 a.m.

JACKSONIAN INDIAN POLICY AND THE  
TEXAS REPUBLIC

F. Todd Smith, PhD

Professor of History

University of North Texas

10:50 a.m.

BREAK

11:15 a.m.

IMMIGRANT TRIBES OF TEXAS AND THE  
FIGHT FOR LAND

Sheri Shuck-Hall, PhD

Associate Professor of History

Christopher Newport University

12 p.m.

LUNCH

INTRODUCTIONS

Graham Painter, Chairman

San Jacinto Symposium Committee

SPECIAL LUNCHEON ADDRESS

Jeff Dunn, Advisory Director

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1:30 p.m.

UNEASY ALLIES: LIPAN APACHES AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Thomas Britten, PhD

Associate Professor of History

University of Texas-Brownsville

2:10 p.m.

WAR OF A THOUSAND DESERTS: COMANCHES,  
THE TEXAS REVOLUTION AND THE  
U.S.-MEXICAN WAR

Brian DeLay, PhD

Associate Professor of History

University of California at Berkeley

2:50 p.m.

BREAK

3:20 p.m.

CYNTHIA ANN PARKER AND THE COMANCHE-  
ANGLO COLLISION IN TEXAS

Paul Carlson, PhD

Professor of History Emeritus

Texas Tech University

4 p.m.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

4:30 p.m.

BOOK SIGNINGS

## Presenters

**Juliana Barr, PhD**, specializes in the history of early America, the Spanish Borderlands, American Indians and women. Her presentation covers the broad range of cultural, linguistic and political groupings of people who were already here when Europeans arrived. She is the author of *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands* (University of North Carolina Press, 2007).

**F. Todd Smith, PhD**, explores how Texas experienced the same infusion of Anglo Protestants as the rest of the Gulf South following the War of 1812—and how these Anglos wrested power from Spain and Mexico and expelled the Native Americans. Dr. Smith's award-winning writings on the Caddo and Wichita tribes have appeared in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* and other journals, and in books from the University of Nebraska and Texas A&M presses.

**Sheri Shuck-Hall, PhD**, contemplates the process of resettling immigrant Southeastern tribes in East Texas, their roles in the Texas Revolution, and how the Alabama-Coushattas received permanent claim to Texas land while others were expelled. Her book, *Journey to the West: The Alabama and Coushatta Indians*, is part of the Civilization of the American Indian Series published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

**Thomas Britten, PhD**, examines the attempts by the fiercely independent Texas Apaches to maintain their autonomy while Anglo-Americans moved into their territories. His research interest is Native American history and the evolution of the federal government's Indian policy. Dr. Britten is the author of *The Lipan Apaches: People of Wind and Lightning* (University of New Mexico Press, 2009).

**Brian DeLay, PhD**, discusses why pressures from U. S. expansion and the success of the Texas Rebellion convinced the Comanches, the mightiest and most populous of the native peoples in west Texas and northern Mexico, to embark on devastating raids into Mexico—and how these raids affected the fates of three nations and other native peoples. Dr. DeLay is a Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Fellow.

**Paul Carlson, PhD**, examines the myths and facts of the Cynthia Ann Parker legend. Dr. Carlson, a historian of Texas, the American West, and Native Americans, holds fellowships in the West Texas and Texas State Historical Associations. His eighteen books and 200-plus articles include *The Plains Indians* (1998), one of the 100 most outstanding books on the American West of the Twentieth Century.

**James Crisp and Frank de la Teja** return to co-moderate the 15th annual San Jacinto Symposium. Dr. Crisp was “speaker at the first symposium, spectator at the second, and has been moderator ever since.” Dr. De la Teja has a similarly familiar face. A Rice graduate, Dr. Crisp is a fellow of the Texas State Historical Association. Dr. De la Teja served as the first ever State Historian of Texas.



### San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy

The Battle of San Jacinto Symposium is presented by the San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy, a Section 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve, reclaim, and restore the San Jacinto Battleground and build greater public awareness and scholarship concerning the Battle of San Jacinto. The Symposium, which has been held annually since 2001, is the premier annual conference on the era of the Texas Revolution. It offers Certified Professional Education credit for teachers.

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*As principal chief of Texas Cherokees, one of numerous tribes of American Indians who migrated to Texas in the early 19th century, Chief Bowl (also called Chief Bowles or Duwali), tried repeatedly to negotiate title to his tribe's lands in East Texas. Image courtesy Texas State Library and Archives Commission.*