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**LOUISIANA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM
Ryan André Brasseaux, Program Chair**

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010

Registration	Atrium	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Nominations Committee	TBA	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Publications Committee	TBA	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Teaching Committee	TBA	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Board of Directors	Bergère	11:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Session I	Amitié	1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

**The Louisiana Voices Educator's Guide:
Online Resources for
Louisiana's K-12 and College Teachers**

Participants:

Michael S. Martin,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Chair

Maida Owens, Director of the Louisiana Folklife Program,
Louisiana Division of the Arts, Discussion Leader

Session II-A **Caroline** **3:00 - 4:15 p.m.**

**Preparing History Graduate Students for the Classroom:
A Roundtable**

Mary Farmer-Kaiser,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Chair

"Creating and Presenting Lectures"
Robin J. Hermann, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

"Assessing Student Work"
Mark W. Lentz, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

"Managing the Classroom"
Sara M. Ritchey,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Session II-B **Amitié** **3:00 - 4:15 p.m.**

Remembering the LHA: The First Fifty Years

Warren M. Billings,
University of New Orleans (emeritus), Chair

"Garnie W. McGinty"
Philip C. Cook,
Louisiana Tech University

"Kim Hanger"
Virginia M. Gould,
Tulane University

"Hugh 'Big Daddy' Rankin"
Light T. Cummins,
Austin College

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

Registration Atrium 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Session III-A **Caroline** **9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

Remembering the West Florida Revolt

Henry O. Robertson, Louisiana College, Chair

"Spanish Policy toward Their Colony of West Florida
vis-à-vis American Claims and Aggression"
Gilbert C. Din, Fort Lewis College (emeritus)

"Factionalism and Finesse in the West Florida Revolt of 1810"
Samuel C. Hyde, Jr., Southeastern Louisiana University

Brian Rucker, Pensacola Junior College,
Commentator

Session III-B

Bergère

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Masculinity in Nineteenth-Century Louisiana

Justin A. Nystrom, Loyola University, Chair

"'The Confederacy May Go to the Devil':
Loyalty and Louisiana's Civil War Soldiers"
John M. Sacher, University of Central Florida

"P.B.S. Pinchback, Masculinity,
and Race during Reconstruction"
Michael T. Smith, McNeese State University

"Henry Louis Rey and Spiritualism
in Nineteenth-Century New Orleans"
Melissa Daggett, University of New Orleans

Karen Taylor, College of Wooster, Commentator

Session III-C

Amitié

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

**Secret Lives:
Sources on Women in Louisiana Archives**

Julienne L. Wood, Noel Memorial Library,
Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Chair

"Letters from Land's End:
Ladies alone in Postbellum Louisiana"
Laura Lyons McLemore, Noel Memorial Library,
Louisiana State University-Shreveport

"Weaving Louisiana Women's Concerns
into the Fabric of the Great Depression:
Samplings of Louisiana Women's Conversational
Correspondence during the Great Depression
from the Manuscript Collection of the
Cammie G. Henry Research Center"
Mary Linn Wernet, Eugene P. Watson Library,
Northwestern State University

"Kitchen Secrets: One Woman's Utility Drawer"
Michelle Riggs, James C. Bolton Library,
Louisiana State University-Alexandria

Susan N. Tucker, Tulane University,
Commentator

Session IV-A **Caroline** **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**

**Cultural Interlopers on the
North Louisiana Music Scene, 1920s-1960s:
Gene Austin, Hank Williams, and Stan Lewis**

Lane Nevils, SOWELA Technical
Community College, Chair

"Hillbilly Ghost Singer: Gene Austin and the
Early Country Music Recording Industry"
Patrick Huber, Missouri University of
Science and Technology

"Saturday Night on Bayou Pom Pom:
Hank Williams and Louisiana"
Kevin S. Fontenot, Tulane University

"Record Man, Soul Man:
Stan 'The Record Man' Lewis
and the Marketing of Black Musical
and Spoken Word Recordings during the Civil Rights Era"
David M. Anderson, Louisiana Tech University

Stephen R. Tucker,
Brother Martin School, Commentator

Session IV-B **Bergère** **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**

The Origins of Education for Black South Louisianians

Raymond Lockett, Southern University, Chair

"The 'Official' Principal of African American Children
in Jeff Davis Parish: Professor James L. Ward, Sr.,

the Cornerstone of Black Education
in Southwest Louisiana"
Dieran D. Coleman, Jennings Elementary

"The Colored School Board: Buying Land, Hiring Teachers, and
Paying the Band to Secure Education for Black Children in
Welsh, Louisiana"
Eva Semien Baham, Southern University

"For the Glory of God: The History of Holy Rosary Institute
(Lafayette, Louisiana) and Catholic Education for
Black Children in South Louisiana"
Don Hernandez, Southern University

Ernest Middleton, SUNY Oswego (emeritus), Commentator

Session IV-C **Amitié** **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**

**Strife, Strikes, and Curious Intersections
in New Orleans Labor**

Mark F. Fernandez, Loyola University, Chair

"Creole Plastering and Organized Labor: Curious Intersections
of Race and Class in New Orleans"
Darryl Barthe, Xavier University Preparatory School

"Strike Three and We're Not Yet Out:
The United Teachers of New Orleans Versus
the Orleans Parish School Board in 1978"
James L. Conrad Jr., University of New Orleans

"Latino Migrant Labor Strife and Solidarity
in Post-Katrina New Orleans, 2005-2007"
Leo B. Gorman, University of New Orleans

Colin J. Davis,
University of Alabama-Birmingham, Commentator

PAT Luncheon **Grand-Pré** **12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

Speaker: TBA

Session V-A **Caroline** **1:15 - 2:30 p.m.**

Rise of the New Right in Cold War Louisiana

Chad H. Parker, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Chair

"The Battle Over the 'Right to Work':
Vetoed and Votes in Post-World War II Louisiana"
Michael S. Martin,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

"Louisiana's Kent Courtney,
the Conservative Society of America,
and the Opposition to President John F. Kennedy, 1961-63"
Charles J. Pellegrin, Northwestern State University

Glenn Feldman, University of Alabama-Birmingham,
Commentator

Session V-B **Bergère** **1:15 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Between Violence and Daily Insults:
Louisiana Blacks in the Era of Apartheid**

Thomas Aiello,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Chair

"The Thibodaux Massacre of 1887: A Reappraisal"
Michael G. Wade,
Appalachian State University

"In Our Best Interest: Racial Progressionists
Challenge Apartheid in New Orleans
during the Depression Era"
Sharlene Sinegal DeCuir, Xavier University

"Pride of Place: Civil Rights and Culture in Black Lake Charles"
A. Michal McMahon,
West Virginia University

Shannon Frystak, East Stroudsburg University,
Commentator

Session V-C

Amitié

1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

**Kidnapped!: Race and Intrigue
in Nineteenth-Century Louisiana**

John Robert Keeling,
McNeese State University, Chair

"The Abduction of Molly Digby:
Race, Law, and Reconstruction in New Orleans"
Michael Ross, University of Maryland

"The Kidnapping of Rose Herrera's Children,
Or the Twilight of Slavery in New Orleans"
Adam Rothman, Georgetown University

Lawrence N. Powell, Tulane University,
Commentator

Session VI-A

Caroline

2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

**Exploring the Sexual Histories of
Twentieth-Century Louisiana Women:
Methodologies and Narratives**

Leslie M. Harris,
Emory University, Chair

"'Praying for Certain Purposes':
Examining Social Transgression and
Acts of Reconciliation among New Orleans's
Creole Women of Color"

Natasha McPherson,
Emory University

"Make Believe Land in New Orleans:
Conceptualizing Pleasure in Black Girls' Lives"
LaKisha M. Simmons, Davidson College

"Other Voices, Other Wombs:
Listening to Louisiana Women as a Radical Act"
Alecia P. Long, Louisiana State University

Pamela Tyler, University of Southern Mississippi,
Commentator

Session VI-B **Bergère** **2:45 - 4:00 p.m.**

Louisiana's Wetlands: A Landscape in Transition

Gay M. Gomez, McNeese State University, Chair

"From Hurricanes to Himmicanes?:
Gender, Hurricanes, and the
Quest to Equality"
Liz Skilton, Tulane University

"The Folks of the Coastal Zone"
Don W. Davis, Louisiana State University

"Building America's Energy Corridor"
Jason P. Theriot, University of Houston

Craig E. Colten, Louisiana State University,
Commentator

Session VI-C **Amitié** **2:45 - 4:00 p.m.**

**The British Are Not Coming!
War and Anglo-American Diplomacy
in the Mid-Nineteenth Century**

Jerry P. Sanson, Louisiana State University-Alexandria, Chair

"The British Are Not Coming: Prince Albert,
Palmerston, and Civil War Diplomacy"
Bill Robison, Southeastern Louisiana University

"the only way to treat John Bull . . . :
Resolution of Oregon Question in 1846"
Jim Rogers,
Louisiana State University-Alexandria

Gary D. Joiner, Louisiana State University-Shreveport,
Commentator

Session VII-A

Caroline

4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Transcontinental and Transnational Louisiana

Stephen Webre,
Louisiana Tech University, Chair

"The Relevance of Atlantic History to the
Study of Louisiana and the First French Colonial Empire"

Philippe R. Girard,
McNeese State University

"*Coureur d'histoire*: The Necessity of a
Transnational Perspective
When Teaching Francophone North America"
Jay Gitlin, Yale University

Daniel H. Usner,
Vanderbilt University, Commentator

Session VII-B

Bergère

4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Louisiana's Head and Master Law and Its Effects on Wives

Ellen Blue, Phillips Theological Seminary, Chair

"Did Louisiana's Gender Discriminatory
Pre-Revision Community Property Laws Favor Wives?"
Dian Tooley-Knoblett, Loyola University

"All the existing property being the product of . . . mutual duties
and labors:' Women, Property and the 'Head and Master'
Provision in Early Nineteenth-Century Louisiana"
Sara Brooks Sundberg, University of Central Missouri

"Head and Master Vanquished! The Politics of the Movement
to Reform Louisiana's Matrimonial Regimes Law"
Janet Allured, McNeese State University

Judith Kelleher Schafer,
Tulane University, Commentator

Session VII-C **Amitié** **4:15 - 5:30 p.m.**

Desegregating New Orleans's Public Schools

Edward F. Haas,
Wright State University, Chair

"Suburban Reactions to School Desegregation
and School Busing in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, 1969-1972"
Zachary Howser, Tulane University

"The Experience and Memory of School Desegregation:
The 1969 Walkout at Fortier High"
Walter C. Stern, Tulane University

Kent B. Germany,
University of South Carolina, Commentator

Cash Bar **Atrium** **6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Annual Banquet **Grand-Pré** **7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Gilbert C. Din, LHA vice president
Fort Lewis College (emeritus), presiding

Presidential Address

"New Orleans: A Tale of Two Cities"
Mark F. Fernandez,
Loyola University

Presidential Reception **Atrium** **9:00 - 11:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

Session VIII-A **Caroline** **9:00 - 10:15 a.m.**

The Fall of Creole New Orleans

John C. Rodrigue,
Stonehill College, Chair

"'What's in a Name?': The Case of the Non-Creole
New Orleans Daily Creole"
Rien T. Fertel, Tulane University

"'Ruined by this Miserable War':
Francophone Louisianians, the Federal Occupation,
and the Fauconnet Civil War Manuscript"
Carl A. Brasseaux,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

"'The black man must be forced to work':
The Complexities of Reconstruction in a Francophone City"
Katherine Carmines Mooney,
Yale University

David W. Blight,
Yale University, Commentator

Session VIII-B Bergère 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

**Looking for Trouble:
Folk Justice in Southwest Louisiana**

Film Screening/Roundtable

Glen Pitre, Côte Blanche Productions,
Chair/Moderator

David M. Brasseaux,
Brasseaux Films

Michael J. Pfeifer,
City University of New York, Commentator

Session VIII-C Amitié 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Musical Evolution in Twentieth-Century New Orleans

John W. Troutman,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Chair

"Transcribing Sam Morgan"
John J. Joyce, Tulane University

"The Evolution of Drumming Styles in New Orleans"
John S. Doheny, Tulane University

Thomas A. Sancton, Tulane University,
Commentator

Gen. Membership Mt. Bergère 10:30 a.m.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

James D. Wilson, Jr.

**FELLOWS OF THE
LOUISIANA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Posthumous
Fellows**

Powell Casey
William Ivy Hair
Kimberly S. Hanger
Otis Hebert
Walter Lowery
Garnie McGinty
Henry F. Morris
Hugh Rankin
Joe Gray Taylor
Samuel Wilson, Jr.

1993

Joy J. Jackson
Joseph G. Tregle
Philip Uzee
Bennett H. Wall
John D. Winters

1994

Thomas A. Becnel
Mark T. Carleton
Hubert Humphreys
Morgan Peoples

1995

John Duffy
Ernest J. Gaines
Judith F. Gentry
Amos E. Simpson

1997

Mathé Allain
Gilbert C. Din
Edward F. Haas
Michael L. Kurtz

1998

Arthur Bergeron, Jr.
Billy H. Gilley
Judith K. Schafer
Matthew J. Schott

1999

Carl A. Brasseaux
Glenn R. Conrad

2000

Warren M. Billings
Patricia Brady
Stephen Webre

2001

Philip C. Cook
Glen Jeansonne

2002

Carolyn E. De Latte
Roman Heleniak
Thomas D. Watson

2004

Vaughan Baker
M. Scott Legan
Charles Vincent

2005

Virginia Gould
Michael G. Wade

2008

Jerry Sanson
Light T. Cummins

PRESIDENTS' MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

For the Best Article of the Year in *Louisiana History*

1966	1980	1995
Thomas A. Harwood	Carl A. Brasseaux	Arthé Anthony
1967	1981	1996
Frank M. Lovrich	Alan Brinkley	Gilbert C. Din
1968	1982	1997
Jerry A. Micelli	George Rable	James D. Wilson, Jr.
1969	1983	1998
Charles B. Dew	Matthew J. Schott	Michael G. Wade
1970	1984	1999
Jack D. L. Holmes	Stephen Webre	James E. Fickle
1971	1985	2000
Raleigh A. Suarez	Chris Nordmann	Solomon K. Smith
1972	1986	2001
Edward F. Haas	Carl A. Brasseaux	John M. Sacher
1973	1987	2002
L. E. Estaville, Jr.	Ann Patton Malone	Arthé Anthony
1974	1988	2003
Gary B. Mills	Paul Lachance	John W. Scott
1975	1989	2004
Robert E. Snyder	Loren Schweningen	Simon Wendt
1976	1990	2005
Joseph G. Tregle, Jr.	Joseph G. Tregle Jr.	Sarah Russell
1977	1991	2006
James H. Dormon, Jr.	Jerah Johnson	Rocky Sexton
1978	1992	2007
Gilbert C. Din	Sheridan E. Young	Philippe Girard
1979	1993	2008
Loren Schweningen	Kimberly Hanger	Justin Nystrom
	1994	
	R. Randall Couch	

KEMPER WILLIAMS PRIZE IN LOUISIANA HISTORY

Book and Manuscript Divisions

(Manuscript Division Competition Terminated in 1997)

1974	1984	1993
Roger A. Fischer (book)	Thomas W. Cutrer (book)	Kim Lacy Rogers (book)
Robert E. Snyder (manuscript)	Raimund Berchtold (manuscript)	1994 Judith Kelleher Schaffer (book)
1975	1985	1995
Joe Gray Taylor (book)	Edward F. Haas (manuscript)	Adam Fairclough (book)
1976	1986	1996
John Preston Moore (book)	Annabelle M. Melville (book)	Pamela Tyler (book)
Stephen D. Zink (manuscript)	Eric Arnesen (manuscript)	1997 Kimberly S. Hanger (book)
1977	1987	1998
Jay Higginbotham (book)	Terry L. Jones (book)	Carl J. Ekberg
Reinhart Kondert (manuscript)	John A. Heitmann (manuscript)	1999 Gilbert C. Din
1978	1988	2000
Peyton McCrary (book)	Gilbert C. Din (book)	Lawrence N. Powell
Carl A. Brasseaux (manuscript)	Vaughan B. Baker (manuscript)	2001 John C. Rodrigue
1979	1989	2002
no prizes awarded	Lawrence E. Estaville, Jr. (book)	Carl J. Ekberg
1980	Kimberly S. Hanger (manuscript)	2003 John M. Sacher
Thomas Becnel (book)	1990	2004 Peter J. Kastor
1981	Michael L. Kurtz and Morgan D. Peoples (book)	2005 Rebecca Scott
Edward F. Haas (book)	Donald S. Frazier (manuscript)	2006 Mark Souther
Brady M. Banta (manuscript)	1991	2007 Emily Clark
1982	William Ivy Hair (book)	2008 Sophie Burton & F. Todd Smith
Joseph G. Dawson III (book)	Daniel H. Usner, Jr. (manuscript)	
Michael L. Kurtz (manuscript)	1992	
1983	Ann Patton Malone (book)	
Robert Bush (book)	Glenn R. Conrad (manuscript)	
Terry L. Jones (manuscript)		

KIMBERLY S. HANGER PRIZE
For the Best Undergraduate-Level Paper

2000	2005
Katherine Slaikeu	Angelique Hurling
2001	2006
Chris Brown	Lesley-Anne Stafford Reed
2002	2007
Keith Manuel	Kathryn Fernandez
2003	2008
Katie Clark	Mary Wubbena
2004	2009
Victoria Black & Yvonne Brown	Jason Straight

HUGH F. RANKIN PRIZE WINNERS
For the Best Graduate-Level Paper

1991	2000
Henry O. Robertson, Jr., LSU	Sophie White, University of Derby
1992	2001
Paul Quin,	Julia Huston Nguyen, LSU
Louisiana State University	2002
1993	J. Mark Souther,
Theresa Golden,	Tulane University
Appalachian State University	2003
1994	J. P. Le Glaunec, Univ. de Paris
Christopher Strain,	2004
University of Georgia	Michael Pasquier,
1995	Florida State Univ.
V. Elaine Thompson	2005
Rice University	Yvonne Brown
1996	Univ. of Louisiana at Lafayette
James D. Wilson, Jr., USL	2006
1997	James Savage
Megan Dee, Southeastern La. Univ.	Univ. of Louisiana at Lafayette
1998	2007
James D. Wilson, Jr.,	Michele Grigsby Coffey
Cornell University	Univ. of South Carolina
1999	2008
Sarah Russell	Joseph Stoltz
Univ. of Maryland	University of New Orleans

McGINTY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1991	2000
Bennett H. Wall	Michael L. Kurtz
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1993	2002
Morgan Peoples	Thomas A. Becnel
1994	2003
Gilbert C. Din	Warren M. Billings
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