



Tecumseh

Monday, September 19, 2016

Location: Indigo Sky Casino



SHAWNEE HISTORY SUMMIT



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Did Colonel Lewis come with us on the 1832 Removal from Ohio? If not, who was our Chief? Do we descend from Tecumseh's siblings? Did we go to Kansas in the Civil War? Who were our Chiefs from 1832-1939, the year our first constitution was adopted. These and many others were topics researched in our three year ANA History Grant.

I would like to personally welcome each of you to the third Shawnee History Summit. It is an exciting time for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as we continue our commitment to recovering, promoting, and disseminating our tribal history to assure tribal knowledge is preserved for future generations.

You can expect to hear three outstanding presentations from experts in their field of study involving Eastern Shawnee culture, allotments, and history as well as enjoyable presentations from our tribal youth.

Our employees and consultants have worked tirelessly to meet the challenges of our project goals and to excel despite minor setbacks. We should all be very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed.

Before I close, I want to thank each of you for attending our history summit. I ask you to stay engaged and help us in reaching our project goals. My personal respect and thanks go out to all of you.

Sincerely,

Glenna J. Wallace, Chief
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Shawnee

Hih tee toh

Hah kee Hoh weh seh lah sah mah moh

Neh kah kee leh weh wee

Neh yah weh

Sih lah noh kee Kyah noh leh

Tkah nwee Neh peh (Cold Water)

Mah weh tho keh Wah poh (fruit that is gathered)

M'skoh chee thee Wah poh

P'ske pi kee Meh leh nyi poh

Meh meh wee tho kee

Pah kah nwe

Poh keh Teh leh mee

Meh lah see Poh kee Teh leh mee

PastMeh lah see Tih quah Neh thah



"Slippery Rocks Falls" Painting by Doug Hall

PRESENTERS



Jessica Blanchard

Jessica Blanchard currently serves as a faculty member at the University of Oklahoma in the Department of Anthropology and an affiliate faculty in the Department of Native American Studies. Originally from Alabama, Jessica received her BA in Anthropology from Auburn University before moving to Oklahoma in 2001, where she received her MA and PhD in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. Her doctoral dissertation, entitled “They Came One at a Time: Native-led Church Planting and Growing the Body of Christ from the Margins of Culture, examined the relationship between contemporary Indian Christian mission work among various Absentee Shawnee communities throughout central Oklahoma.” Jessica conducted the majority of her fieldwork in the community of Little Axe, Oklahoma, where she ultimately met and married her husband, Eric. They now live in Norman, Oklahoma with the joys of their lives, daughters Mya and Cecily.

In addition to working on the topic of Native Christianity, Jessica is committed to Native health disparities research. She was named a Hampton Faculty Fellow (2013-15) by the Mayo Clinic’s Spirit of Eagles program; this fellowship is an honor that acknowledges young researchers working in areas related to cancer and health disparities in Native communities. Jessica graciously thanks the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the History Summit committee for the invitation to speak and listen to the important work being done as part of this summit. Neyiwa!



"The Vantage Point" Painting by Doug Hall



Amy Bergseth

Amy Bergseth is currently a doctoral candidate in the History Department at the University of Oklahoma. She received her B.A. in History and American Studies from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 2008 and her M.A. in History at the University of Oklahoma in 2011. Her M.A. Thesis was entitled “Our claims and rights are nothing: Causes of Myaamia (Miami Indian) Removal from Kansas to Oklahoma” (2011). Her doctoral dissertation explores nation building and intertribal interactions among the nine northeastern Oklahoma Indian nations from the mid-nineteenth century and into the twentieth.

Amy has been involved with Phi Alpha Theta, the History Graduate Student Association, and the American Indian Student Association at the University of Oklahoma. One of her favorite undertakings was being a member of the AISA's Executive Board and on the Powwow Planning Committee for OU's Centennial Powwow in 2014. She is a member of Gamma Delta Pi, Incorporated, the American Indian sorority on campus. Amy also volunteers at the annual Native American Youth Language Fair and reluctantly appreciates being the “token non-Native graduate student” at numerous OU American Indian fellowship activities. She is wholeheartedly indebted to all the relationships, both professional and personal, she has made over the years.

Amy is originally from Beavercreek, Ohio and currently resides in Norman, Oklahoma with her two shelter-rescue cats.

Amy is humbled and honored to have been invited to participate in the Eastern Shawnee History Summit and would like to thank everyone for the opportunity and inclusion. Thank you, niyaawe!



"The Spoils" Painting by Doug Hall



R. David Edmunds

Recently retired, Dave Edmunds is the Watson Professor of American History (emeritus) at the University of Texas at Dallas, and has also taught at numerous colleges or universities across the United States, including The University of Wyoming, T.C.U., Indiana University, The University of California at Berkeley, and U.C.L.A.

He received a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, and has held fellowships from the Ford Foundation, the Newberry Library, and the Guggenheim Foundation. The past president of both the Western History Association and the American Society for Ethnohistory, Edmunds has been honored with the Award of Merit by the American Indians Historians Association, and by special honorary awards from several tribes.

He has received five teaching awards from four separate universities. The author or editor of 10 books and over 100 articles or essays, Edmunds has served as a consultant to numerous film-makers, television producers, and to many museums and government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Museum of the American Indians at the Smithsonian. He recently has served as an expert witness in support of several tribal governments in their legal defense of reservation lands from state and local governments.

CONSULTANTS

Stephen Warren

Stephen Warren hails from Bethesda, Maryland, but considers Bloomington, Indiana, his hometown. His loyalty to the Hoosiers stems, in part, from the fact that he met his wife, Dr. Kristy Nabhan-Warren, there as an undergraduate. Keith Smart's baseline jumper against Syracuse for the 1987 NCAA championship might also have something to do with it. Fortunately, unlike Hoosier basketball, his fortunes with Kristy have continued to blossom. Kristy and Steve both teach at the University of Iowa, and they have three great kids: Cormac (13), Declan (10), and Josie (7).

Since 2001, Steve has been a frequent visitor to Oklahoma, where he has worked with many different federally-recognized tribes, including the three federally-recognized Shawnee Tribes as well as the Miami Nation, the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, the Delaware Nation, the Yuchi, and the Sac and Fox. In addition to his two books, *The Shawnees and Their Neighbors, 1795-1870* (The University of Illinois Press, 2005), and *The Worlds the Shawnees Made: Migration and Violence in Early America* (The University of North Carolina Press, 2014), he has served as a consultant and commentator on the WGBH/American Experience documentary, *Tecumseh's Vision*. When he is not teaching, Steve works on a number of projects, including the Eastern Shawnee Tribe's grant, "A Search for Eastern Shawnee History," and several initiatives sponsored by the Ohio Historical Society

Robert J. Miller

Robert Miller “Bob” is the Legal Historian for the ANA history project. He is a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and resides in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Miller’s grandfather was William Captain, and his mother is Hazel Leona Captain (Miller). Bob is an accomplished writer and presenter. One of his main roles is researching and writing for the Eastern Shawnee history book.

Marti Chaatsmith

Marti L. Smith Chaatsmith (Comanche Citizen/Choctaw Descendent) is a Cultural Authority for the history project. She is Associate Director of the Newark Earthworks Center at Ohio State University. Ms. Chaatsmith is currently working on ways to increase participation of American Indian people and Tribal Nations in initiatives relating to the interpretations and preservation of Ohio’s ancient Ceremonial Earthworks and to promote research and understanding of the culture that created them. One of her main roles for this project is the production of a Cultural Preservation Plan for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Justin Gibson

Justin Gibson is the IT Specialist for the Northeast Technology Center (NTC) and the technician for the history website. Mr. Gibson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK before his career in computers and teaching in the public school system for 26 years. Justin was awarded Grove Jr. High Teacher of the Year in 1995. While teaching, he also coached football and wrestling where he earned Will Rogers Conference Coach of the Year in 1996. Recently, Mr. Gibson was honored as the NTC Claremore Support Employee of the Year. Although he grew up in Jay, OK he resides in nearby Miami, OK with his daughter Anna and wife Tammy who is an Eastern Shawnee employee. Other children include Zach and his wife Christina, Meghan and her husband Bradey, and Jed and his wife Hannah. Justin likes to fish and garden, especially tomatoes.

Renee Gokey

Renee Gokey (enrolled member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, also Shawnee Sac-n-Fox, and Miami from her paternal Grandparents) is a Cultural Authority for the ANA history project. She was born and raised in Oregon. Mrs. Gokey is a staff member of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. One of her main roles for this project is writing a children's story book on the history of the Eastern Shawnee.

Stacia Kuceyeski

Stacia Kuceyeski is the Director of Outreach at Ohio History Connection in Columbus, Ohio. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from Ohio State University while minoring in Italian. Ms. Kuceyeski also earned a Master's Degree from Ohio State University in Cultural Policy and Arts Administration. Stacia received the American Association for State and Local History Award of Merit in 2008, and again in 2012. Ms. Kuceyeski is a sought after presenter on public history programming, community-based programming, and museum education.

Leslie Miller

Leslie Miller is an Eastern Shawnee tribal citizen located in Portland, Oregon who consults as the Research Technician for this project. Her father is Robert Miller; Grandmother Hazel "Jimmer" Captain; Great-Grandfather William Captain; and Great-Great-Grandfather Thomas Captain.

Ms. Miller has a BA in History, Reed College, 2001; MA in History, University of Hawaii, 2008; CELTA (Cambridge English Language Teaching to Adults) Degree. She has worked tirelessly in her research efforts with travel as well as adding metadata to digitized material recovered from various archives, libraries, and depositories to be uploaded to the Eastern Shawnee digital library.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The duties of the Advisory Council are to meet on a quarterly basis in order to listen and share input with decisions made concerning the history project, suggest direction for certain tasks, and keep the history project on track. Their voice is heard by project staff and taken into account as the project team implements the identified activities.

Advisory Council Members are: Norman Amos, Patty Amos, Justin Barrett, Ben Dixon, Larry Dushane, Tammy Gibson, Ceremonial Chief Shawn King, Lamont Laird, Sue Rendell, Carrie Silverhorn, Maliah Silverhorn, and Chance Wallace. Others working on the grant in attendance during the Advisory Council Meetings are: Melanie Allen, Audrey Dixon, Robin Dushane, Karlee Gibson, Tami Lowery, Lola H. Purvis, and Chief Glenna J. Wallace.



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