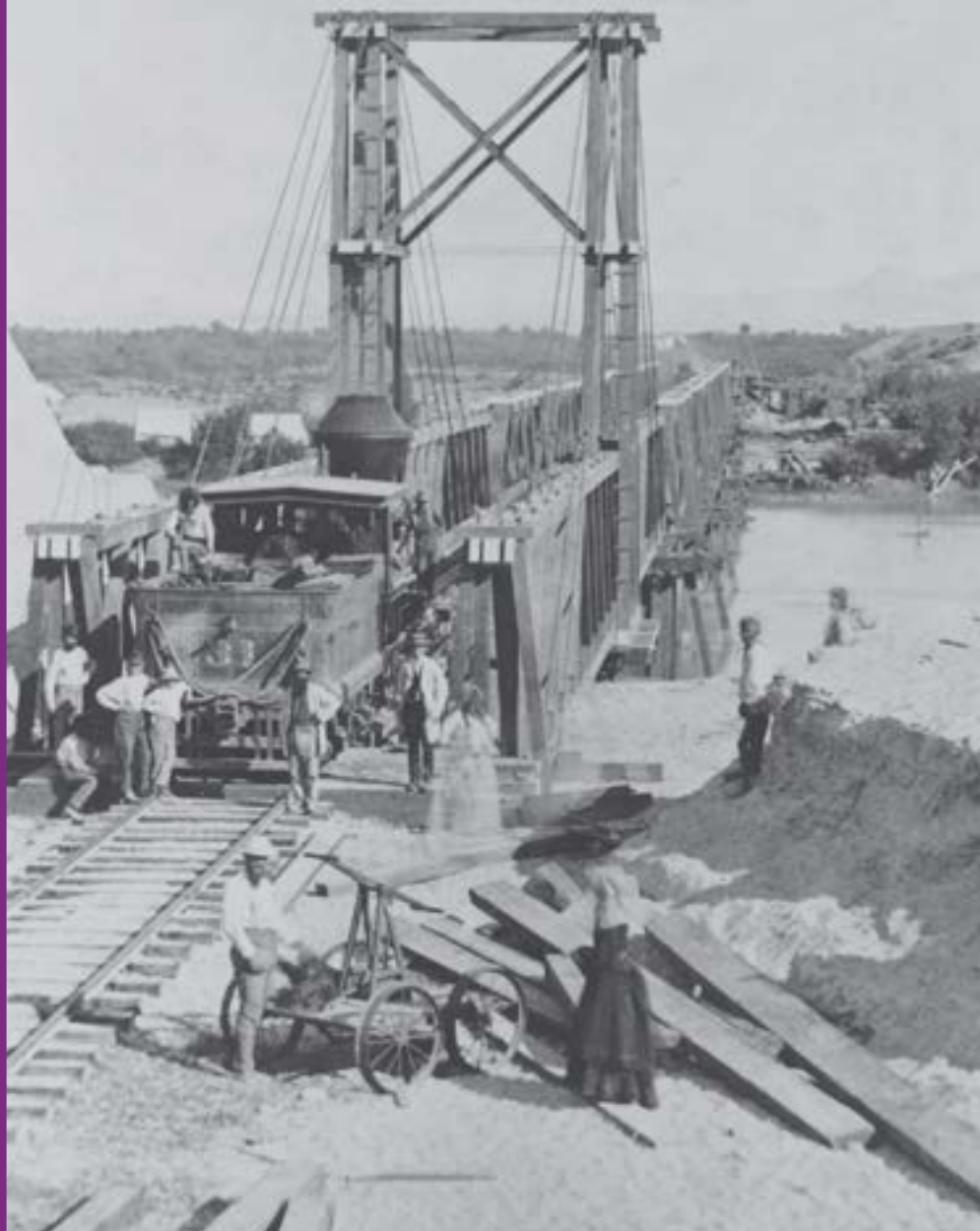


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## THURSDAY, April 28

### *Pre-conference Workshops:*

Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

### **8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – The Best of the Best: The National Register of Historic Places and Preserving Your Piece of History.** *Location:* Arizona Room.

The National Register of Historic Places is a valuable mechanism for preservation of the places we feel are important. Sponsored by Arizona Historical Research (AHR) in cooperation with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), this workshop will use stories from some of Arizona's best nominations to explain how the National Register works, the nomination process, the benefits of a listing, and what others have successfully done. Workshop leaders are: Vivia Strang, SHPO National Register coordinator; Vince Murray, AHR historian; and Jim Garrison, State Historic Preservation officer. **Fee:** \$20.00. **Registration deadline:** April 1. Make checks payable and mail to: Arizona Historical Research, 5025 N. Central Ave., Suite 575, Phoenix, AZ 85012. For information, contact: Vince Murray at (480) 829-0267; or vince@azhistory.net.



*Yuma Projects Office Historical Photo 7-6  
National Archives Photo (115-JAJ-781 Yum Box 309) Laguna Dam; view of California sluiceway below the gates.  
March 24, 1909*

**8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (with a lunch break) – Water, Water Everywhere: Recovering from Archival Disasters. Sponsored by Friends of Arizona Archives (FAZA).**

*Location:* Yuma Room.

Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records preservation officer Jim Neal and retired librarian and professional genealogist Betsy Frith Gottsponder will provide guidance on how to prepare for the unexpected archives disaster and how to recover from one. The first half of the workshop will review some notable Arizona archives disasters and the kinds of damage that can happen. We will discuss how to avoid disaster through proper planning and the writing of a disaster-recovery plan. The second half of the program (after lunch on your own) will continue the writing of the plan and will provide some hands-on recovery for book, paper, and electronic records. **Fee:** \$25.00 for FAZA members; \$35.00 for non-members. **Registration deadline:** April 22. Make checks payable and mail to: Friends of Arizona Archives, P.O. Box 64532, Phoenix, AZ 85082-4532. For information, contact Dennis Preisler at [historianforhire@yahoo.com](mailto:historianforhire@yahoo.com); or e-mail [faza.events@gmail.com](mailto:faza.events@gmail.com).

**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – How to Get Your Article Published.** *Location:* California Room.

*Journal of Arizona History* editor Bruce J. Dinges and author Erik Berg, a member of the journal's board of editorial consultants, will provide background on the Arizona Historical Society's journal, along with tips and helpful advice on how to get your article manuscript published, as well as advice on how to write an effective book review. Bring your ideas and manuscripts for comment and critique. **Fee:** \$20.00 tax-deductible contribution to Friends of The Journal of Arizona History. **Registration deadline:** April 1. Make checks payable and mail to: Friends of The Journal of Arizona History, 949 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85719. For information, contact: Bruce J. Dinges at (520) 617-1160; or [bdinges@azhs.gov](mailto:bdinges@azhs.gov).

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Conference Registration.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby.

**Booksellers set up.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby.

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Plenary Session.** *Location:* Gila/Southern Pacific Ballroom.

**Welcome** – Yuma Mayor Alan L. Krieger

**Sixth Annual McFarland Forum – The Lower Colorado River: Its Past, Present, and Future.** Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area executive director Charles Flynn, director of programming and curator of cultural resources Tina Clark, and landscape architect and restoration expert Fred Phillips discuss the natural and human history of Yuma and the Lower Colorado River and the current efforts to renew this National Historic Landmark.

**6:30 p.m. – Opening Night Dinner.** *Location:* Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballroom.

## **FRIDAY, April 29**

**7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Registration.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby.

**Book Displays.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby.

**8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Session 1A: 1920s and the New Deal.** *Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

*Chair:* Doug Kupel, City of Phoenix.

Patricia A. Bonn, “Kactus Klan: Ku Klux Klan in Arizona, 1921-1925”

Mary Melcher, “‘Tis a Sobering Experience’: Providing

Contraceptives for Impoverished Arizonans during the 1930s”

Robert D. Leighninger, Jr., “Potholes and Politics: Phoenix City Government and the Public Works Administration during the New Deal”

**Session 1B: Pioneer Legacies.** *Location:* Gila Room.

*Chair:* Jim Turner, Tucson.

Catherine H. Ellis, “From Oatmeal to an Observatory: Lavinia and Henry Steward”

Todd W. Bostwick, “Omar A. Turney: Engineer, Archaeologist, Library Trustee”

Emily Jacobson, “Jewish Identity in Pioneer Arizona: Anna and Lillian Solomon and Suitable Love”

**Session 1C: Indigenous Perspectives.** *Location:* Anza/Redondo Room.

*Chair:* David H. DeJong, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project.

Helana Ruter, “Ethnographic Investigations along the Gila River, from Gila Bend to Yuma”

Sean P. Harvey, ““Helping the Indian to Help Himself”: Tohono O’odham Water Rights and the Quest for Self-Government”

Kathryn L. Sweet, “Political Negotiation and Jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation, Arizona, and Public Law 280”

**Session 1D: Steamboats on the Colorado River: A Video Premiere.** *Location:* Hilton Garden Inn Riverfront Ballroom.

Producer Roger Pearsall and Director Bob Boze Bell premiere this *True West* video that is part of a new docudrama to celebrate Arizona’s Centennial.

**10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Session 2A: Roads West.** *Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

*Chair:* John Lacy, Tucson.

Reba Wells Grandrud, “Kit Carson, the Army of the West, and Arizona’s Inscription Rock”

Patricia A. Etter, “All Roads Lead to Yuma”

David P. Robrock, “Yuma Crossing, 1849: The Year the World Rushed In”

**Session 2B: Land and Water: A History of Our Essential Resources.** *Location:* Gila Room.

*Chair:* John R. Norton III, former Deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Jack L. August, Jr., “John R. Norton and the Movement for ‘Corporate’ Water in the Salt River Valley”

Matthew Bailey, “Arizona’s Next Bucket of Water: A History of the Central Arizona Project’s Acquisition, Development and Delivery Program”

Carlos Ronstadt, “Land Tenure: Patterns of Public and Private Ownership in Arizona”

**Session 2C: What Does It Mean?** *Location:* Anza/Redondo Room.

*Chair:* John Langellier, Sharlot Hall Museum.

Pieter “Pete” Burggraaf, “Just What Does ‘Hassayampa’ Mean, and Why Knowing It is Instructive”

Richard C. Shaw, “Heraldry of the West: A Presentation on the History and Cryptography of Livestock Brands”

Gerry Haase and James McKie, “The Willie Drannan Rock Inscriptions: The Man, the Myth, the Legend (?)”

**Session 2D: The Historical League Presents Tastes & Treasures: A Storytelling Cookbook of Historic Arizona.**

*Location:* Hilton Garden Inn Riverfront Ballroom.

*Moderator:* Norma Jean Coulter. *Panelists:* Ruth McLeod, Zona Lorig, Leslie Christainsen

**Noon – 1:30 p.m. – Arizona Historical Society Al Merito Luncheon.** *Location:* Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballroom.

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Session 3A: History Makers.** *Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

*Chair:* Bob Spude, National Park Service, Santa Fe.

Matt Boness, “The Walrus and the Rainbow: George W. P. Hunt and Arizona’s Fight for Legitimacy Among the Western Powers”

John Southard, “Ascending Eagle: The Depression Era Recovery of Valley National Bank under the Leadership of Walter Bimson, 1933-1939”

Susan Irwin, “Benjamin J. Sacks and His Collection of the American West”

**Session 3B: Highways & Byways.** *Location:* Gila Room.

*Chair:* Gordon Dudley, Scottsdale.

Cindy Hayostek, “Arizona’s First Hard-Surfaced Highway and the Doan Family Tragedy”

Anne E. Collier, “Good Water and Good Roads: The Story of George W. Parsons’ Desert Signpost Campaign”

Roberta Serface, “The Forgotten Highway: Broadway of America in Arizona”

Sessions for  
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*Lowering assembly of No.2 turbine into place at Siphon Drop Power plant. June 14, 1926*



**Session 3C: When the Big Birds Landed in the Desert: The Vital Role of Commercial Air Travel in the Growth and Development of Tourism in Arizona Cities.**

*Location:* Anza/Redondo Room.

*Chair:* Greg Davis, Superstition Mountains Historical Society.

Rachel Cernick, “Commercial Air Travel’s Influence on the Tourism Industry in Laughlin, Nevada, and Bullhead City, Arizona”

Robert Carr, “Wings in the Desert: Commercial Air Travel’s Vital Role in the Making of Phoenix”

Daniel Bubb, “Commercial Air Travel’s Influence on the Tourism Industry in Tucson”

**Session 3D: Patrolling the Line: 150 Years of Border Crossing.** *Location:* Hilton Garden Inn Riverfront Ballroom.

*Moderator:* F. Arturo Rosales, Arizona State University.

*Panelists:* Joseph Stout, Bill Broyles, Mark Haynes.

**3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Session 4A: Early Cartography of the Southwest.**

*Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

*Chair:* Andrew Wallace, Northern Arizona University.

Jim Byrkit and Tom Jonas, “Peñalosa, Coronelli, and Kino: Early Cartographers of Arizona”

David H. Miller, “Sublime Cartography: Baron von Egloffstein and the Cartography of the Colorado Plateau”

Jay Cravath, “Mapping the Lower Colorado: The Expedition of Lt. Joseph C. Ives”

**Session 4B: Northern Arizona in the Raw.** *Location:* Gila Room.

*Chair:* Elizabeth Stewart, Phoenix.

Rebekah Tabah, “Dane Coolidge: Naturalist, Author, Photographer, Poet”

Richard Quartaroli, “The Grand Canyon Rose”

Daniel E. Karalus, “Supplying Demand: Reclaimed Water in Grand Canyon National Park, 1926-1972”



Yuma Projects Office Historical Photo 14  
National Archives Photo (11S-JAJ-732) Ferry at Yuma Crossing, April 5, 1909

**Session 4C: Flour Milling in Arizona and the Hayden Flour Mill.** *Location:* Anza/Redondo Room.

*Chair:* Catherine May, Salt River Project.

Victoria Vargas, “Introduction to the Hayden Flour Mill Project, Tempe, Arizona”

Thomas Jones, “Early Milling in Arizona and the Hayden Flour Mill”

Scott Solliday, “Hayden Flour Mill Oral History Program”

**Session 4D: (FAZA) The Arizona Archives Summit: The Quiet Revolution That May Change Your Research Experience.** *Location:* Hilton Garden Inn Hotel La Jolla Room.

*Moderator:* Melanie Sturgeon, Arizona State Archivist.

*Presenters:* Melanie Sturgeon; Rob Spindler, ASU Hayden Library Archives and Special Collections; Linda Whitaker, Arizona Historical Foundation; Peter Runge, NAU Cline Library Special Collections and Archives.

**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Quartermaster Depot Reception & Dinner (cash bar, entertainment, and dinner).**

The Yuma Sheriff’s Posse, well known for their culinary skills on the barbeque, will cook in vintage cowboy attire. Dinner is served chuck-wagon style. Western wear, jeans, and cowboy hats are encouraged. Music entertainment by Jay Cravath.

**SATURDAY, April 30**

**8:00 a.m. – noon. – Registration.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby.

**Book Displays.** *Location:* Conference Center Lobby.

**8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Session 5A: Theodore Roosevelt Dam Centennial: A Hundred Years of History and Partnership.** *Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

*Chair:* Jon Czaplicki, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

James L. LaBar, “Trail + Canal = Dam”

Shelly Dudley, “‘Great Things Will Come’: Theodore Roosevelt Dam”

Bryan M. Lausten, “Theodore Roosevelt Dam: A Hundred Years of History and Partnership”

**Session 5B: Arizona Biographies.** *Location:* Gila Room.

*Chair:* Kevin Schindler, Lowell Observatory.

D. L. Turner and Jeanine Wright Smith, “‘I Never Met a Man I Couldn’t Take’: The Life and Legacy of Lorenzo Wright”

Erik Berg, “‘Champion Tenderfoot’: Hayden Talbot’s 1907 Arizona Autobiography”

Alan L. Roesler, “Ralph A. O’Neill, Arizona’s Other WWI Flying Ace”



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Indians of Yuma selling their beadwork to the tourists as the trains enter the station at Yuma, Arizona; on the main line of  
the Southern Pacific. April 5, 1909 W.J.L.*

**Session 5C: Natives & Strangers: Disparate Treatment in the Imposition of Capital Punishment for Train Robbery in Arizona Territory.** *Location: Anza/Redondo Room.*

*Chair: Anne E. Collier, Walnut, California.*

Stan A. Lehman, “Sentenced to be Hanged: Train Robbery in Arizona Territory, 1894”

Robert F. Palmquist, “Special Officer of the Tucson Division: ‘Billy’ Breakenridge and the Pursuit of Armer and Toren, 1894”

**Session 5D: Interpreting Historic Communities: Creating Interpretive Signage for Arizona’s National Parks.**

*Location: Hilton Garden Inn Riverfront Ballroom.*

*Moderator: Vince Murray, Arizona Historical Research.*

*Panelists: Leah Harrison, Megan Keough, Amy Long, and Kim Engle-Pearson, Arizona State University*



*Yuma Projects Office Historical Photo 17- 20 National Archives Photo (115-JAJ- 1093 Yum)*

*Making gaging of Colorado River at Yuma station. Gage height 31 feet, discharge 182,000 cubic feet per second. Note man in car leaning out with hand in water. June 27, 1921*

**10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Session 6A: McFarland Student Scholar Session.**

*Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

*Chair:* Kathleen Garcia and Bill Phillips.

McFarland Scholars present their award-winning projects.

**Session 6B: Catching the Bad Guys.** *Location:* Gila Room.

*Chair:* Bill Porter, Kingman.

Betsy Frith Gottsponer, “You are Invited to a Hanging: Territorial Sheriff Gus Livingston”

Brad Smith, “The Occurrences at Kenyon Station”

Paul Cool, “Buried Under Rumors: Fog, Facts, and the Kidnapping of June Robles”

**Session 6C: Sports, Culture, and Tourism.** *Location:* Anza/Redondo Room.

*Chair:* Charles Flynn, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

J. Stuart Rosebrook, “Play Ball! Professional Baseball in Yuma, 1909-1956”

Devon Leal Bridgewater, “The Jazz Scene in Phoenix”

James W. Garrison, “State Heritage Areas as a Part of Arizona’s Tourism Industry”

**Session 6D: A Woman's Place: Re-envisioning Women in Yuma's Past.** *Location:* Hilton Garden Inn Riverfront Ballroom.

*Moderator:* Tina Clark, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area. *Panelists:* Joan Meacham, director of Arizona Women's Heritage Trail; Heidi Ossalaer, Arizona State University; Carol Brooks, Arizona Historical Society.

**Noon – 1:30 p.m. – McFarland Scholar Award Luncheon.**

*Location:* Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballroom.

*Speaker:* Jim Turner. Sponsored by Arizona Humanities Council

**2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Session 7A: Territorial Justice Forum.** *Location:* Southern Pacific Room.

Historians and legal experts discuss the issues involved in the court-martial of Apache Scouts following the Cibecue uprising, 1881.

**1:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Field Trips.**

**Downtown Historic Walking Tour.** Enjoy a slideshow of Historic Yuma, then take a stroll down the Yuma Historic Riverfront, the Main Street Historic District, the Century House Museum, and stop at the Yuma Art Center to view some of Yuma's fine art.

**Yuma Proving Ground Heritage Center and Laguna Dam.** This unique museum preserves and shares the history of the U.S. Army testing facility. The Laguna Dam was the first dam constructed on the Colorado River.

**6:00 p.m. – Reception.** *Location:* Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballrooms.

**7:00 p.m. – Awards Banquet.** *Location:* Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballrooms.



*Yuma Projects Office Historical Photo 2-1 National Archives Photo 11S-JI-98  
HP-400-49D IMPERIAL PROJECT, CALIFORNIA View showing the steamboat St. Vallier with crew at Heading No.3 of  
the Imperial Canal, Mexico, preparing to dam off the third heading or intake of the Imperial Canal during the high water of  
the Colorado River. June 1, 1905. Photographer W.J.L.*

**SUNDAY, May 1 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Yuma Territorial Prison-Imperial Date Gardens Tour and Colorado River Cruise.** The bus will load from the hotel lobby and transport attendees to the Yuma Territorial Prison for breakfast and a tour behind bars. It will then proceed to the Imperial Date Gardens, where visitors can grab a date shake and see how this sweet treat is packaged, processed, and picked. The tour will conclude with a Colorado River tour and lunch, as Captain Ron spins yarns about the Southwest and the riverboats and their captains who navigated the river more than a century ago on this one-of-a-kind paddleboat. (Limit 30 people).

**Accommodations:** Hilton Garden Inn Yuma/Pivot Point, 310 N. Madison Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364. Phone: 1-928-783-1500; fax: 1-928-783-1540. [www.hiltongardeninn@res.hilton.com](mailto:www.hiltongardeninn@res.hilton.com). Or use the link on the convention website: [www.arizonahistory.org](http://www.arizonahistory.org). Rates: \$99 single or double per night, plus tax. **Make reservations by April 14.**

For conference information call Nancy Stonehouse or Bruce Dinges at (520) 628-5774. Or, visit our website: [www.arizonahistory.org](http://www.arizonahistory.org). **Space for meals and special events is limited. Please register early.**



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