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**CONVENTION**

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Yuma April 14-17, 2016



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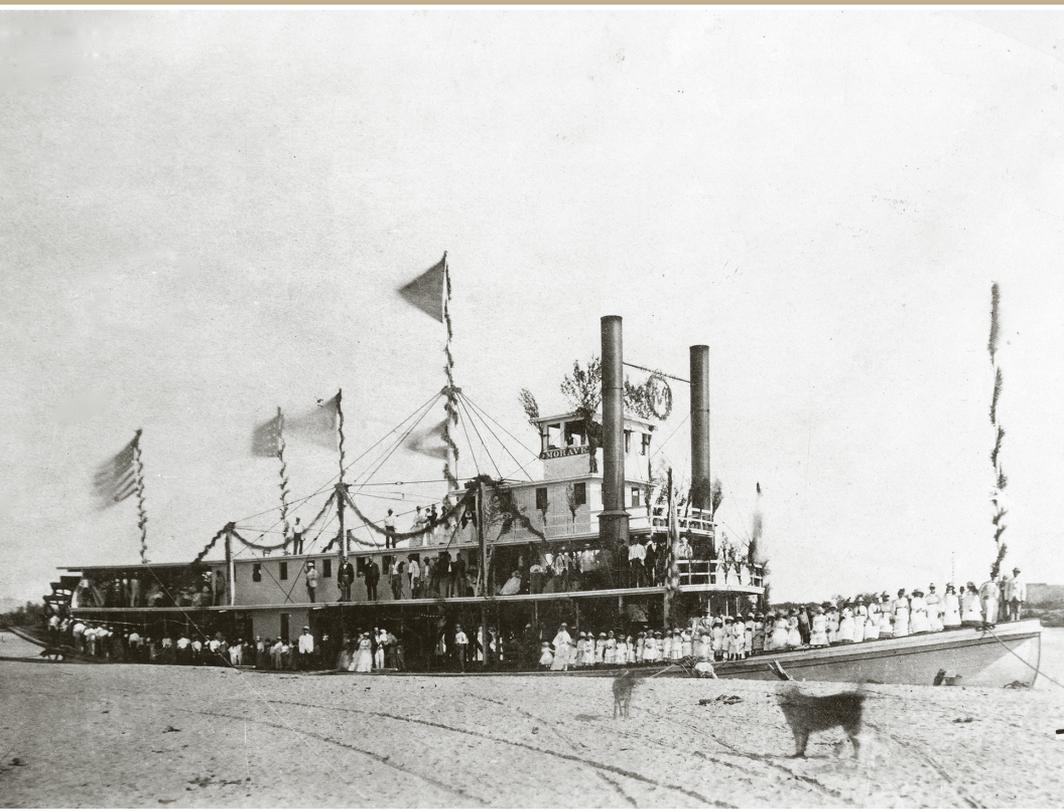
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*Steamboat Mohave on the Colorado River. AHS #27,301.*

## THE CONVENTION

# Program

*Thursday, April 12*

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### **Pre-conference Workshops.**

*Location: Heritage Branch, Yuma County Library, 350 Third Ave.*

#### **Workshop #1. How to Draw on Your Family History to Tell a Story. 9:00–10:15 A.M.**

Liz Warren, director of the South Mountain Community College's Storytelling Institute, and Megan Finnerty, founder of the Arizona Storyteller's Project and reporter at the *Arizona Republic*, will walk you through how to use memory to craft a true story about you or your family for a specific audience and occasion. Come with a person or moment in mind. Be ready to take notes, and to tell out loud. This is an interactive session.

**Fee: \$25.00**

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#### **Workshop #2. Storytelling Techniques for Educators and Museum Professionals.**

**10:30–11:45 A.M.**

We invite you to come with a story in mind or materials you are working on. This session will walk you through how to use the five senses, memory, telling details, and the narrative best practices from a variety of disciplines to bring history alive through story. We will draw from the tricks and tips from storytelling talents including Ira Glass, Donald Davis, Sarah Koenig, and many others. Be ready to take notes and to tell out loud. This is an interactive session.

**Fee: \$25.00**

Tuesday, April 14

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**Workshop #3. Saving Your Personal Archive.**

**Noon-3:00 P.M.**

Do your files contain original photographs? Would you like to learn more about how to save them, both physically and digitally? Do you know how to handle your digital identity? Arizona Historical Society archivists will share information on how to store, handle, organize, and preserve your history. Topics to be covered include photograph preservation, records management, and digital storage.

**Fee: \$15.00.**

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**3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. – Conference Registration.**

*Location: Conference Center Lobby.*

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

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**4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. – Plenary Session.**

*Location: Gila/Southern Pacific Ballroom.*

**Welcome –**

**Eleventh Annual McFarland Forum – Bob Boze Bell and Stuart Rosebrook of *True West Magazine* will host a special screening of the classic 1957 Glenn Ford and Van Heflin film, “3:10 to Yuma,” based on a story by Elmore Leonard.**

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**6:30 P.M.- Opening Night Dinner.**

*Location: Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballroom.*

*Friday, April 15*

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: Women in Law, Politics, and Culture.**

*Location: Southern Pacific Room.*

*Chair: Melanie Sturgeon, Arizona State Archives.*

**Britnee Leigh Rynearson**, “The Case of Dolores Moore: History of the First Woman (Allegedly) Hanged in the Arizona Territory.”

**Meredith Haley Whiteley**, “Raising Ladies in the Desert: The Challenges of Place, Progressivism, and Modernism.”

**Mary Melcher**, “Divorce in Arizona, 1870-1925: A Common Occurrence?”

**Session 1B: Apache Wars and Warriors.**

*Location: Gila Room.*

*Chair: Shelly Dudley, Guidon Books.*

**Deni J. Seymour**, “Captain Francisco Tovar’s 1776 Battle of Las Mesitas: A Revised Perspective.”

**Douglas R. Watson**, “Crook’s Campaign Cartography.”

**David W. Higgs**, “The Death of Dutchy: Conflict and Culture Among the Apache Prisoners of War.”

*Friday, April 15*

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**Session 1C: Arizona Archives Alliance.**

*Location: Anza/Redondo Room.*

Archivists from around the state feature archival materials that focus on Arizona's borderlands.

*Moderator: Libby Coyner, Arizona State Archives.*

*Panelists: Dennis Preisler, Arizona State Archives; Veronica Reyes, University of Arizona; Elizabeth Dunham, Arizona State University; Jonathan Pringle, Northern Arizona University.*

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**10:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M.**

**Session 2A: A Historian, a Journalist, and a Storyteller Walk Into a Bar—Oral Traditions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

*Location: Southern Pacific Room.*

What is it about storytelling that compels us to stop, listen, and respond? This is a conversation between three professionals in search of truth through collecting, telling, and teaching stories. They will discuss best practices, values, and protocols related to their disciplines and how each contributes to our knowledge of the past and the present

*Moderator: Linda Whitaker, Arizona Historical Society Library and Archives.*

*Panelists: Melanie Sturgeon, Ph.D., Arizona State Archivist; Megan Finnerty, B.A., National Public Radio and Arizona Republic journalist; Liz Warren, M.A., South Mountain Community College Institute of Storytelling director.*

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**Session 2B: Setting the Record Straight.**

*Location: Gila Room.*

*Chair: John Lacy, Tucson.*

**Doug Hocking**, “The Life and Times of Tom Jeffords, Friend of Cochise: Dispelling Some Inaccuracies.”

Gary Carter, “Revisiting the Vulture Gold Mine: Debunking the Myths.”

Thomas B. Moy, “The Anatomy of a Setup: The Yuma Prison Outbreak of 1887.”

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**Session 2C: Preserving History and Communities.**

*Location: Anza/Redondo Room.*

*Chair: Lynn Haak, Tucson.*

Christine Rhodes, “The Cochise County Recorders, 1881-1920: Preserving Cochise County’s Enduring History and Its Influence on the Historical Flavor of the Southwest.”

J. J. Lamb, “Tucson’s Barrio El Rio—Beyond Activism: How Does a Community Tell Its Story.”

Lee Ann Powers and Joe Skamel, “Preserving the History of Globe and Miami . . . One Grave at a Time.”

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**Noon–1:30 P.M. – Arizona Historical Society *Al Merito* Luncheon.**

*Location: Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballroom.*

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**2:00 P.M.–3:15 P.M.**

**Session 3A: Politics at Work.**

*Location: Southern Pacific Room.*

*Chair: Gordon Dudley, Scottsdale.*

John Langellier, “In Gadsden’s Shadow: Apaches and Filibusters.”

Blaine P. Lamb, “Camp Jecker and the Tale of the Wayward Surveyors.”

Stephen G. Williams, “1924: The Year of Arizona’s Split Decision.”

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**Session 3B: Entrepreneurs and Speculators.**

*Location: Gila Room.*

*Chair: Philip VanderMeer, Ph.D., Arizona State University.*

Sheila Roe, “Clarkdale, Arizona: The Far-Reaching Legacy of William Andrews Clark.”

*Fairways, April 15*



*Sanguinetti House, 1880s. AHS #60348.*

Robert F. Palmquist and Anne E. Collier, “A Real Life Colonel Sellers: James S. Clark as Gilded Age Speculator.”  
Virgil Alexander, “John B. ‘Jack’ Newman, Arizona Entrepreneur, 1885-1910.”

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**3:30 P.M.–4:45 P.M.**

**Session 4A: Automobiles and Planes.**

*Location:* **Southern Pacific Room.**

*Chair:* **John Booth**, Arizona Public Media.

**Susie Morris**, “Early Motoring Across Southern Arizona to the Imperial Valley of California.”

**Tina Clark and John Booth**, “The Record-breaking Flight of *The City of Yuma*.”

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**Session 4B: Cold Cases and Unsolved Mysteries.**

*Location:* **Gila Room.**

*Chair:* **Vince Murray**, Prescott.

**Jane Eppinga**, “Arizona’s Unsolved Mysteries.”

**Ron Woggon**, “The Murder of J. V. Houten: Tombstone’s Oldest Cold Case.”

**Paul Cool**, “The Misdirections of Confessin’ Gus: The Hunt for June Robles from Maricopa to Sonora.”

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**6:00 P.M. Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens reception and dinner.**

Mingle in E. F. Sanguinetti’s enchanted rose gardens and tour his 19th century adobe home at the AHS Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens. Madison Avenue, in front of the museum, will be closed at nightfall for wine and dinner under the stars.

*Friday, April 15*

*Saturday, April 16*

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**7:30 A.M.–noon. – Registration. Location: Conference Center Lobby.**

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

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**8:30 A.M.–9:45 A.M.**

**Session 5A: Conflict, Punishment, and Redemption in Yuma County.**

**Location: Southern Pacific Room.**

*Chair: Bruce Gwynn, Yuma.*

**David Devine**, “Showdown in Yuma: The 1877 S. P. Bridge Battle.”

**Bernard J. Wilson**, “Arizona Territorial Penitentiary in Yuma: The Mistreatment of Women.”

**Garner A. Palenske**, “Wyatt Earp in Yuma County: The Transition to a New Life.”

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**Session 5B: Murder, Science, and Automobile Travel in Northern Arizona.**

**Location: Gila Room.**

*Chair: Fred Veil, Sharlot Hall Museum.*

**Bill Peterson**, “Murders and Strange Deaths in Northern Arizona Prior to 1930.”

**Kevin Schindler**, “Percival Lowell’s Impact on Science and Culture 100 Years Later.”

**Kathy Farretta**, “The Riordans’ Travels in Northern Arizona and the Southwest.”

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**10:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M.**

**Session 6A: Reinventing Arizona.**

*Location: Southern Pacific Room.*

*Chair: John Southard, Tempe Historic Preservation Officer.*

**Shane Murphy**, “Julius Farlee, John Hance, W. W. Bass and the Birth of Grand Canyon Tourism.”

**Erik Berg**, “Vintage Arizona: The Growth, Death, and Rebirth of a Local Wine Industry, 1700–1982.”

**John Booth**, “The Little Outfit Ranch School.”

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**Session 6B: Arizona in Print, Film, and Photography.**

*Location: Gila Room.*

*Chair: Norma Jean Coulter, Phoenix.*

**Catherine H. Ellis and David F. Boone**, “Editing *Pioneer Women of Arizona*.”

**Jim Babbitt**, “Handsome Heroes and Treacherous Villains: The Making of Zane Grey’s *Wild Horse Mesa*.”

**Stuart Rosebrook and Marilyn Szabo**, “The Making of a Book: *At Work in Arizona—The First 100 Years*.”

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**Noon–1:30 P.M. – Lunch.**

*Location: Castle Dome/Colorado River Ballroom.*

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**2:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.**

**Session 7A: Arizona Justice Forum.**

*Location: Southern Pacific Room.*

Historians and legal experts discuss the historic and contemporary issues involved in the 1887 Court-Martial of the Apache Kid and his escape en-route to the Yuma Penitentiary.

*Saturday, April 16*

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**1:30 P.M.–5:15 P.M. – Field Trips.**

**Passport to Adventure: Trolley Ride Through Centuries of Yuma History.**

The adventure begins with a visit to Yuma’s landmark Quartermaster’s Depot, where a tour guide will share stories of Yuma’s waterways, steamboats, and life at the army depot dating back to the mid-1800s. Next stop—the Yuma Territorial Prison. Tour the newly updated exhibits while listening to stories of inmates who survived or died in the dark cells. Then, relax and enjoy appetizers and wine hosted by a downtown Yuma winery.

**It’s a Date! Farmer’s Wife Agricultural Tour of Yuma.**

This excursion will leave the Hilton Garden Inn for a scenic tour of Yuma’s agricultural landscapes and sprawling irrigation canals. Who best to tell Yuma’s story than a farmer’s wife, herself. Along the way, visit Martha Gardens for a refreshing date shake and a brief history of the booming Medjool date industry.

**River Walk and Bird Watching.**

Stroll near the lazy Colorado River as you make your way through East Wetlands Park, while our tour guide reminisces about riverboats and the raging river waters of days gone by. Take time along the way to spot some of the 400 species of birds who make a seasonal stop or year-round home amid the area’s diverse habitat.

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**6:00 P.M. – Reception. Location: Ballroom C.**

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**7:00 P.M. – Awards Banquet. Location: Ballroom C.**

Saturday, April 16

*Sunday, April 17*

9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

**Ghost Town Road Trip.** Climb aboard to the 1800s! Registrants will board a bus to Castle Dome ghost town and mine, where they will experience firsthand the rugged life of a miner. Guests will follow creaking boardwalks to the church, saloon, hotel, jail, doctor's and dentist's offices, and much more. Our tour guide will bring this dusty ghost town back to life. You might just hear the thunderous roar of steel crushing rock. Chow will be served after the tour.

**Accommodations:** Hilton Garden Inn Yuma/Pivot Point, 310 N. Madison, Yuma, AZ 85364. Phone: 1-928-785-1853, or [www.yumapivotpoint.hgi.com](http://www.yumapivotpoint.hgi.com). Rates: \$109 per night, queen or king, plus tax. *Make reservations by March 25.*

For conference information call Emily Orzel 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.**

*Sunday, April 17*



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