

Oildale and Beyond Conference

November 7, 2009

Program

8:00-8:30: Conference check-in
Includes continental breakfast

Dezember Reading Room
Walter Stiern Library

Exhibits: (may be viewed until noon)

“Oildale Generations”

by Jim Drennan

Local History Book and Photo Display

by Christopher Livingston

Photos and the Oildale Centennial Quilt

by Patricia Puskarich

Oildale: The Century Mark (DVD)

by James L. from Oildale

Trout’s Photo Collection

by Tom Rockwell

8:30-8:45: Welcome

Dr. Ed Sasaki, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Mr. Russell Johnson, Field Representative for Supervisor Mike Maggard

Mr. Bryan Williams, Field Representative for Assemblywoman Jean Fuller

Dr. Horace Mitchell, President, California State University, Bakersfield

9:00-10:05: **Session I**

Panel A: The Impact of National Events on Kern County, I

Room 104

Prof. Cliona Murphy, Chair

Science III

“The Spanish Influenza in Bakersfield: The Lost Winter of 1918”

Garth Milam, CSUB graduate student

“Freedom Begins at Home: Local Women’s Home Front Activities During WWII”

Prof. Gail Davidson, Department of Nursing, CSUB

“Building a New Deal: The Architectural Legacy of the New Deal in Kern County and the Southern San Joaquin Valley”

Dr. Douglas Dodd, Department of History, CSUB

Panel B: Experiences of Ethnic Groups in Kern County, I

Room 105

Curt Asher, Chair

Science III

“Oildale Basques”

Steve Bass, Local researcher

“Race, Social Class, and Education: A Career Memoir Beginning in 1960s North HS”

John Hefner, Retired Principal, Fruitvale Junior High School

“When the Dust Settles: Remembering a Shared Westward Past”

Tod Moquist, MA, Formerly Asst. to the Odyssey Project, CSUB

Panel C: Valley Resources: Oil
Dr. Jeanne Harrie, Chair

Room 107
Science III

"Before Oildale, There Was Oil Center"
Dean Van Zant, Oil Field Historian

"Cable Tool Drilling: Kern River Oil Field, 1900-1916"
Gilbert Gia, Local historian
Don Suverkrop, President, Creative Engineering

"Early San Joaquin Oil Gushers: How and When—A Pictorial Review"
Brian Briggs, Retired Drilling Engineer, Shell Oil Companies

10:10-11:40: **Session II**

Panel D: The Impact of National Events on Kern County, II
Dr. Douglas Dodd, Chair

Room 104
Science III

"Lockheed's Skunk Works and the U-2 Spy Plane in Oildale, California"
Seth Adams, CSUB undergraduate (read by Curt Asher)

"The Ku Klux Klan in Taft, California, ca. June 1921-June 1922"
Josh Dixon, MA, CSUB Lecturer, History Department

"Cage of Freedom: The German P.O.W. Camps in Kern County"
Steve Bsharah, Delano HS faculty; MA candidate, CSUB History Dept.

"Hooded Power in Kern County"
Kevin Jenkins, CSUB undergraduate

Panel E: Experiences of Ethnic Groups in Kern County, II
Dr. Constance Orlicki, Chair

Room 105
Science III

"The Chinese in Early Kern County History"
Ellen Miller, MA, CSUB; Instructor, Cerro Coso CC & Erwin Owen HS

"A Forgotten History in our Midst: the WWII African American Soldiers of Minter Airfield"
Marie Poland, CSUB graduate student

"The War on Poverty: Grassroots Struggles for Racial and Economic Justice in Kern Co."
Oliver Rosales, doctoral candidate, UCSB

"For the Paint at Heart: Examining the Impact of Art Education in Kern County"
Dr. Dianne Turner, Director, CSUB Children's Art Institute

Panel F: Valley Resources: Water
Dr. Cliona Murphy, Chair

Room 107
Science III

“Parting the Kern River: Keeping Peace in Kern County”
Rafael Villalon, CSUB undergraduate

“The Kern River: A Legend in Compromise”
Loren Hodge, Manager, Water Association of Kern County

“Water Supply Effects on Oildale and the Urban Community”
Jim Beck, Water Resources Manager, Kern County Water Agency

11:45-12:00: "Common Denominators," a play by **Louis Medina**
Directed by **Mandy Rees** **Multi-Purpose Room**
Student Union

12:00-12:45: lunch **Stockdale Room**
Runner Cafeteria

12:50-1:55: **The Bakersfield Sound**: a plenary session **Multi-Purpose Room**
Bob Price, Chair Student Union

“A Place Like Home: The Development of Country Music in Bakersfield and Oildale”
Jared Bradford, CSUB undergraduate

“My Friend Buck”
Kathryn Burke, MA, CSUB

“Hard Drivin' Country: The Honky Tonks, Musicians, and Legends of the Bakersfield
Sound”
Jeff Nickell, Director, Kern County Museum

2:00-2:40: Keynote Address by Gerald Haslam **Multi-Purpose Room**
"Discovering Home" Student Union

2:40-2:55: refreshments and opportunity drawing **Multi-Purpose Room**
Student Union

3:00 to 4:30: An interview and music with Merle Haggard **Multi-Purpose Room**
by journalist Bob Price of the *Bakersfield Californian* Student Union

4:30 to 5:00: Q & A, with Merle Haggard, Gerald Haslam, and **Multi-Purpose Room**
James L. Wattenbarger Student Union
Moderated by Prof. Douglas Dodd