

Cal State Bakersfield and the Public History Institute at CSUB

present



Oildale and Beyond

Interpreting the Region Through Words, Images, and Music

**A conference at CSU Bakersfield
in conjunction with the Oildale Centennial**

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, 8:00am to 5:00pm

(Check-in from 8:00-8:30am in the Walter Stiern Library)

The History Department and the Walter Stiern Library at **California State University, Bakersfield**, announce a conference on the history of Oildale, California, and the larger region (Bakersfield, Kern County, the Southern San Joaquin Valley).

2009 marks the centennial of this unincorporated area of metropolitan Bakersfield, a distinct working-class community that emerged rapidly after a major oil discovery in the area in 1899 and which has left a legacy in business, literature, and song.

Photo, book, and document exhibits will complement presentations exploring numerous aspects of the history of Oildale and the larger region, including

- ❖ the Bakersfield Sound
- ❖ the impact of national events on the region
- ❖ the experiences and contributions of various ethnic groups in Kern County
- ❖ the roles of oil and water

Also featured are two Oildale native sons:

Featured musician: Merle Haggard

Oildale native, singer, songwriter, and inductee into the Country Music Hall of Fame (solo, plus interview by Bob Price)

Keynote speaker: Gerald Haslam

Oildale native, writer and teacher, and author of over two dozen books, including *Workin' Man Blues* (UC Press, 1999)

Conference events are open only to those registered for the conference; as space is limited, we recommend you register early to reserve a spot. It will not be possible to register at the conference.

To register, fill out this form, detach, and mail to **Oildale Conference Registration**, CSUB Dept. of History, 9001 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield, CA 93311, with your **check payable to CSUB History Department**.

Name _____ Email address _____

Mailing address _____ Phone number _____

Registration fee includes a continental breakfast at registration, a deli sandwich lunch, plus snacks and water: **\$30 general public; \$25 seniors (65+); \$20 students.**