



The Witte Museum Invites You to Join Us Online or In Person for
CONFERENCE ON TEXAS: FROM TEJAS TO TEXAS
Featuring: Texas Trailblazers Awards
 May 13 -14, 2021 | Witte Museum

DAY 1 - MAY 13



11:30 a.m

Check-in and Registration

12:00 - 1:15 p.m

Texas Trailblazers Awards Luncheon
in Partnership with Texas Monthly

Honoring: Michael Bolner and the Bolner Family

Featuring:

Gathering at the Waters

From Tejas to Texas - Marise McDermott | President and CEO, *Witte Museum*

Big Wonderful Thing - Stephen Harrigan

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Black Cowboys: Limitations and Freedoms on the Wide Range

Mike Searles, Ron Davis | Moderator: Aaronetta Pierce

2:40 - 3:40 p.m.

José de Escandon and the Colonia Nueva:

The Colonization of the Lower Rio Grande

Armando Alonzo | Moderator: Ricardo Romo

Meeting the Spanish: Los Adaes, Texas'

First Spanish Capital

Francis X. Galan | Moderator: Bruce Shackelford

3:50 - 4:50 p.m.

Curious Creole House of Diplomacy: The French Legation in Texas

Ken Hafertepe

Moderator: Cynthia Evans

Marcario Leal: Tejano Captive

Among the Comanche

Joaquin Revaya-Martinez

Moderator: Francis X. Galan



DAY 2 - MAY 14



9:00 a.m

Coffee - Courtesy of **Jefferson Bank**

9:30 a.m

1718: Texas Indians Meet the Catholic Church

Rebecca Simmons and Mickey Killian

Moderator: Elvira Sanchez Kissler

10:40 - 11:40 a.m.

A Stranger in a Strange Land: Álvaro

Núñez Cabeza de Vaca's Sojourn

Across Texas

Brandon Seale

Moderator: Harry Shafer

How Land Shapes the People

Useful Wild Plants

Scooter Cheatham

From Presidio to the Pecos: The Chandler

Boundary Survey, 1856

Orville Shelburne

Moderator: Lynn Marshal



12:00 p.m.

Lunch Program Sponsored by Wells Fargo - Veltri and Velasquez

Music Evolution from Tejano to Texan

Speaker: Hector Saldaña

Lunch provided by Fresh Horizons

1:20 - 2:20 p.m.

How the Battle of Medina influenced the

Battle of the Alamo: Through the Eyes of

José Francisco Ruiz

Art Martinez de Vara

Moderator: Ricardo Romo

La Patrona: Women Ranchers in

the Wild Horse Desert

Debbie Liles, Amy Porter

Moderator: M.M. McAllen

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Juneteenth: The Evolution of an

Emancipation Celebration

Elizabeth Hayes Turner

Violence in the Hill Country

Nicholas K. Roland

Moderator: Carey Latimore

Curanderismo and Faith Healers:

Frontier Health Care

Jennifer Koshatka Seman

American Tacos

José Relat

Moderator: Johnny Hernandez



3:40 - 4:30 p.m.

Space Cowboys: New Texas Industries and Old Traditions

Tom Foster - *Texas Monthly* | Joshua Baer - Founder and CEO, *Capital Factory*

Jag Bath - CEO of *FAVOR* and Chief Digital Officer, *H-E-B*