



Welcome to Texas State's celebration of Women's History Month, which is focusing on women's creativity.

Honoring the creative expressions of women is a perfect theme for our university to celebrate. For 105 years, we have nurtured the creativity of women (and men) and celebrated their contributions to the arts and to society in general. In fact, one of our major symbols, the statue of the Fighting Stallions in the Quad, is the work of a female sculptor, Anna Hyatt Huntington.

From the founding of the university, women have played a big part in our vision and our success — more so than at most universities because we were founded as a teachers college. When the doors opened in 1903, 10 of the 17 faculty members and almost three-quarters of the students were women. During times of world wars, women practically kept the doors open!

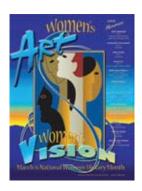
Women have been so vital to the history of Texas State University that it is appropriate for us to set aside a time to celebrate their (our!) contributions. We are delighted to do that today.

Sincerely,

Denise M. Travett

National Women's History Month Project 2008

2008 Theme Women's Art: Women's Vision



To honor the originality, beauty, imagination and multiple dimensions of women's lives, we have chosen Women's Art: Women's Vision as the theme for the 2008 National Women's History Month.

This is the story of amazing women's accomplishments that were acclaimed at the time but eventually ignored by history. Join us in ensuring that their achievements are never forgotten.

This year's theme provides an opportunity to discover and celebrate women's visual arts in a variety of forms and media that help us expand our perceptions of each other and ourselves.

National Women's History Month Project 2008 Honorees

- Judy Chicago 1939; painter/printmaker/tapestry/needlework
- Harmony Hammond 1954; painter
- Edna Hibel 1917; colorist
- Lihua Lei 1966; multimedia installation
- Rose Cecil O'Neill 1874-1944; painter/illustrator/sculptor
- Violet Oakley 1874-1961; muralist/stained glass artist
- Jaune Quick-To-See-Smith 1940; abstract painter/lithographer
- Faith Ringgold 1934; painter/quilter
- Miriam Schapiro 1923; print/painter
- Lorna Simpson 1960; photographer
- Nancy Spero 1926; painter
- June Claire Wayne 1918; painter/lithographer

Keynote Speaker



Katie G. Harvey President, KGBTexas

Katie Harvey began her agency at the age of 24, with one employee — herself — and \$2,000. In 13 years she has grown her full-service public relations and advertising firm from its humble origins to a debtfree, multi-million dollar company. It is now one of the largest womanowned strategic communication agencies in Texas and employs more than 30 people.

Key clients range from publicly traded companies such as

Administaff, Blockbuster, International Bancshares Corporation, Wal-Mart and McDonald's, to nonprofit entities such as the San Antonio River Authority and the San Antonio River Foundation.

Recognized as an outstanding business leader and innovator, Harvey serves on the board of the Texas Business Hall of Fame and is a member of their executive committee. KGBTexas has been ranked No. 1 on the *San Antonio Business Journal's* list of largest public relations firms for the last four years in a row. Most recently, Harvey accepted the "2007 Best Places to Work" award from the *San Antonio Business Journal*. She was also a recent recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award from Texas State.

In 2003, Harvey was recognized by the National Association of Women Business Owners for her efforts to uplift and mentor other women in business. She won the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award in the benefactor category, which recognized her commitment to devoting time, energy and financial resources to programs benefiting women.

Luncheon Program

Instrumental Performances School of Music Guitar Trio

Mark Cruz, Instructor of Guitar

Welcome Sandra Mayo, PhD, Director,

Multicultural and Gender Studies

Opening Remarks Denise M. Trauth, PhD, President,

Texas State University-San Marcos

Exhibit Reflections Patsy Pohl, Senior Lecturer, English

Musical Selections Texas State Women's Chorus

Joey M. Martin, PhD, Conductor Cecilia Kittley, Associate Conductor

Sunnie Oh, Piano

Grace Susan Hanson, Senior Lecturer, English

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker Richard Cheatham, PhD, Dean,

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Keynote Speaker Katie G. Harvey, President and CEO,

KGBTexas

Awards Presentations Rebekah Ross-Fountain, Senior Lecturer,

Philosophy

Faculty

Staff

Graduate Student

Undergraduate Student

Dorothy Evans, Director,

Alumni Relations

Pam Lemoine, Outreach Coordinator,

College of Liberal Arts

Alumnae

Closing Remarks Sandra Mayo, PhD, Director,

Multicultural and Gender Studies

Ann Marie Ellis, PhD, Dean,

College of Liberal Arts

Texas State Honorees



Faculty **Roseann Mandziuk, PhD, Professor**Department of Communication Studies

Through her teaching, mentorship, advocacy and award-winning research, Mandziuk has championed the role of women. Her research focuses on historical and contemporary images of women in the media, the orator Sojourner Truth and the persuasive power of public monuments and museums. She was

one of only 33 faculty and administrators in the nation selected for the prestigious 2005-06 American Council on Education Fellowship.



Staff

Jonnie L.M. Wilson, MA, Assistant Director

Multicultural Student Affairs

Wilson, employed at Texas State for 11 years, has worked as assistant director of Multicultural Student Affairs since 2001. She holds a master's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a bachelor's degree from Texas State. She has received five Texas State image awards and advises more than 12

student organizations that support women and diversity.



Graduate Student **Allana Welsh, Biology**

Professors and colleagues describe Welsh, a doctoral student in aquatic resources, as a woman who can do it all. While juggling the responsibilities of a single mom, Welsh has maintained a 4.0 GPA, passed her candidacy examination, and generated data in the laboratory that has been published in international peer-reviewed journals. Welsh

was a founding member and the first president of the graduate student organization in her department and now serves as vice president.



Undergraduate Student **Brittney Leigh Patton**Criminal Justice/Psychology

Patton is a scholarship cadet in the Texas State Army ROTC detachment, Department of Military Science. She is a dual major in psychology and criminal justice who maintains a 4.0 GPA and will graduate this May after only three years. She is rank ordered number 63 out of the 4,099 Army ROTC cadets in the nation.

Honored Alumnae



College of Applied Arts **Vanessa Victoria Valdez** BS, Criminal Justice, 2006

Valdez is a legislative aide for the Texas Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. She delivered the commencement address at her graduation from Texas State in December 2006. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in public affairs at The University of Texas at Austin, with a focus on criminal justice policy.



McCoy College of Business Administration **Christine R. Griffith** BBA, Accounting, 1991

Griffith joined KPMG — one of the Big Four accounting firms in the country — immediately after graduation in 1991. She works as a tax partner in KPMG's Houston office and focuses on the energy industry, including upstream oil and gas exploration and production, and oil field service and supply

companies. She has published numerous articles in *American Oil* and *Gas Reporter* magazine and has been a frequent speaker on tax issues.



College of Education **Yolanda Almendarez** BS, Education, 1969 Elementary Certification

Almendarez is the assistant superintendent of teaching and learning at San Marcos ISD. She participated in a roundtable discussion about effective reading initiatives with President George W. Bush in January 2000. Almendarez earned her bachelor's degree in education and

three certifications from the university.



College of Fine Arts and Communication **Katie Harvey**BS, Journalism, 1991

Katie Harvey began her agency at the age of 24, with one employee — herself — and \$2,000. In 13 years she has grown her full-service public relations and advertising firm from its humble origins to a debt-free, multi-million dollar company. It is now one of the largest woman-owned strategic

communication agencies in Texas and employs more than 30 people.



College of Health Professions **Shawn McCormick** AS, Respiratory Therapy, 1978 BS, Health Professions, 1985

McCormick is chair and CEO of Zoey LP and Summit DME of San Antonio. She founded Zoey LP in May 2001 to develop fun, creative and educational tools to help children and their families learn how to gain control over asthma. She has been

a registered respiratory therapist for 30 years.



College of Liberal Arts **Diane Hirsch**BA, Political Science, 1982

Hirsch serves as managing counsel of litigation for Valero Energy Corporation, America's largest independent oil refinery. She also serves on various nonprofit boards and professional development boards. She currently serves as president of the South Texas chapter of the Association of Corporate

Counsel. She graduated from the university's paralegal program.



College of Science **Tyra Montgomery** BS, Chemistry, 1981 MS, Chemistry, 1984

After three years as a visiting professor at the University of Houston, Montgomery received a tenure track appointment at the University of Houston-Downtown and is now an associate professor of chemistry. For her commitment to her students and profession, she was

honored with the university-wide Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Houston-Downtown.

Texas State University Past Honorees

Faculty	
2005	Patti Giuffre, PhD, Associate Professor of Sociology

2006 Jocelyn Pollock, PhD, Professor of Criminal Justice

Staff

2005 Joanne Smith, PhD, Vice President for Student Affairs

2006 Jane Hughson, Assistant Director, Computing Support Services

Graduate Student

2006 Priscilla Delgado, Interdisciplinary Studies, Bilingual Studies

Undergraduate Students

2005 Kelly Smith, Sociology Kara Sweidel, Applied Sociology

2006 Ashley Weaver, Interdisciplinary Studies, Early Childhood Education

Alumnae

2005 Lisa Dvorak, BS, Education, 1977Ponce "Heloise" Cruse Evans, BS, Education, 1974

Karon K. Guenther, Psychology, attended 1970-1973

Linda Randon Gundy, BS, Criminal Justice

2006 Tricia Tingle, BS, Education, 1978

Judy Bishop, BS, Home Economics, 1963 MS, Curriculum and Instruction, 1993

Nelwyn Moore, BS, Home Economics, 1951 MEd. 1996

Keynote Speakers

2005 Lydia Blanchard, PhD, Chair, Department of English (1993-2005)

Nina Vaca-Humrichouse, Distinguished Alumna
 BA, Speech Communications, Business Administration, 1994
 CEO, Pinnacle Technical Resources

Southwest Texas Women: The First Hundred Years LBJ Student Center, third floor



The Gypsies - The 1904 Women's Basketball Team Women's basketball was the first varsity sport at Southwest Texas State Normal School.

In 1999, as part of the centennial celebration of the university's founding, the SWT President's Council for Women in Higher Education commissioned the exhibit titled Southwest Texas Women: The First Hundred Years (1899-1999). Installed for nine months in

the Albert B. Alkek Library, the exhibit paid tribute to more than 1,500 women who have helped develop the institution that is known today as Texas State University-San Marcos.

Because the 1999 study of the role that women have played at the university was the most comprehensive one ever attempted, the university retained it as a permanent exhibit in the LBJ Student Center. The exhibit's original designer and coordinator, English Department Senior Lecturer Patsy Pohl, directed details of the second installation.

Denise Trauth, the university's first female president, dedicated the permanent exhibit during Homecoming 2003, a year marking the passing of a century since Southwest Texas State Normal School first opened its doors to students. Since then, this exhibit has inspired its countless visitors and given them reason to reflect on the richness and diversity of women's history at Texas State.

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