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8:30 Welcome

8:45 Session 1

“River of Death: Regionalism and Trinity River Pollution in the Progressive Era,” **Meghan Scott-Chaber**, Texas Christian University

“Environmental Migrations from Mexico,” **Fernando Amador II**, California State University at San Marcos

“The Shrimp War: Scarcity and Violence on the Texas Coast,” **Blake Earle**, Texas A&M University-Galveston

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Session 2

“When the Bombs Don’t Come, but Natural Disasters Always Do: Creating a Conservation Civil Defense in the Early Cold War Great Plains,” **David Vail**, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“Finally Federal: Infrastructure, Intervention, and the Mississippi River Commission in New Orleans,” **Erica Price**, Arizona State University

“Incessant Rains and Strong Winds: Floundering and Innovation in Ceylon’s Watery Coffee Culture,” **Raymond Hyser**, University of Texas at Austin

12:15 Break

12:45 Lunch and Keynote

“The Atacama in Alabama: How Chilean Nitrate of Soda Restored Southern Soils—and Sparked an Agricultural Revolution”

Joshua Frens-String, University of Texas at Austin and affiliate of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS)

1:45 Break

2:15 Session 3

“Between the Cotton Fields and Big D: Rural Southern Americans and Experiences of Urbanization, 1900-1950,” **Rebecca Sharpless**, Texas Christian University

“A History of Passive Cooling in Turn-of-the-Century Rural Texas,” **Kenna Archer**, Angelo State University

“Environment, Urban Development and Austin Freedman Communities, 1839-1928,” **Sean Bogan**, East Texas A&M University