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# Announcing the William P. Clements Center Symposium for 2011-2012 Co-sponsored with the Center for the American West at the University of Colorado

### SUNBELT PRISONS: A NEW FRONTIER OF RESISTANCE, STATE POWER, AND RACIAL OPPRESSION

Over 2.2 million Americans are now in prison, and millions more are under the auspices of the criminal justice system (via jail, probation, or parole). The astonishing growth of the incarcerated population, and carceral institutions, is a national phenomenon rooted largely in particular regions. Indeed, such historically unprecedented prison growth has been driven largely by the states of the "Sunbelt." This region also leads the nation, and world, in prison construction, penal management trends (such as privatization and supermaximum 23-hour-a-day cell lockdown), and the use of the death penalty.

To consider how and why the US Sunbelt has become so central to mass incarceration and the construction of the carceral state, organizers ROBERT CHASE (Clements Center

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History, 2009-10) have assembled a diverse group of accomplished scholars. This symposium will build new eqppgevkqpu"c o qp i "ue j qnctn { "Łgnfu."kpenwfkp i "rqnkvkecn" and social history; state violence, formation, and power; historical sociology and criminology; Chicano studies and history of the Borderlands; Native American studies; and Black Power studies. It will serve as a showcase for an emerging body of historical work on prisons, mass incarceration, the construction of the carceral state, gzrgtkgpegu"qh"eqpŁpg o gpv."cpf"ejcpikpi"rtcevkegu"qh"

imprisonment and immigrant detention. The symposium offers a historical consideration of the politics of crime, race, and punishment in this region from the end of Reconstruction through the era of the convict lease, progressive reform, New Deal-era state building, post-World War II struggles over rehabilitation and prisoners' rights, to the post-Civil Rights era of mass incarceration and racially disproportionate rates of imprisonment.

Vjg"Łtuv" y qtmujqr"cpf" public presentation by symposium participants will be held in Boulder at the University of Colorado on September 16-17, 2011. A second gathering will be held at SMU in Dallas in spring 2012. So far eqpŁtogf"rctvkekrcpvu" include the following: ETHAN BLUE, University of Western Australia; **DAVID** HERNANDEZ. UCLA: KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ, UCLA; PIPPA HOLLOWAY, Middle

Tennessee State University; VOLKER JANSSEN,
California State—Hwmgtvqp="TALITHA LAFLEURIA."Hnqtkfc"
Atlantic University; CATHLEEN LAVENDER, College of
State Island, CUNY; VIVIEN MILLER, University of
Nottingham, U.K.; ROBERT PERKINSON, University of
Hawaii at Manoa; and KERAMET ANN REITER, U.C.
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#### SYMPOSIA IN DEVELOPMENT

2012-2013: With the working title of *Reuniting the*Stories of Slavery in North America, co-sponsored

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and co-organized by BONNIE MARTIN (SMU) and

JAMES F. BROOKS (SAR), this symposium will

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DeGolyer Library has recently acquired 106 novels set in Mexico by English and American authors. Dates of publication range, roughly, from 1850 to 1950. And the action takes place from the time of the Spanish conquest to

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#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011

## **Clements Center Brown Bag Lecture**

12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Texana Room, DeGolyer Library, SMU 6404 Hyer Lane & McFarlin Blvd.

Visualizing Time and Place Using Photographic Postcards

Picture postcards are visual materials that have great utility in urban historical research. Dan will explore the use and application of photographic

postcards to urban study on the international border of Mexico and the U.S. Postcards enable a researcher to see change by comparing one place at two times, a method called rephotography. Photographic postcards, arranged systematically, also permit a researcher to visualize place serially—through time—

enhancing the understanding of change in a location. Serial visual analysis using postcards presents a swcnkv{"vq"uggkpi"rnceg"vjcv"ku"fkhŁewnv"vq"cejkgxg"ykvj" more conventional historic photographs or from land use sources like maps and archival records alone.

Dan received his Ph.D. in geography from UCLA and is Professor of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning at Arizona State University. He is spending his fellowship year at the Clements Center completing

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