

# EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL WESTERN HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

This joint presentation of



Attendees are invited to enjoy the Westerners' monthly dinner prior to the evening talk. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner served about 6 p.m. It will also feature the presentation of the Sharlot Hall Award, presented annually to a living Arizona woman in recognition of her valuable contributions to the understanding and awareness of Arizona and its history. Dinner cost is \$30 per person and reservations are required. Mail reservation and payment by October 20 to:

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## Sally Jacobs:

### Arizona's First Female Sports Columnist

Heidi Osselaer, Ph.D.

Time: 9:30 a.m.

She was a sports columnist for the *Arizona Republican*, the state's leading newspaper in 1912. The only problem was that Sally Jacobs knew little about sports, was often confined to the women's pages, common for the time, and covered ladies' luncheons and literary clubs. But she quickly expanded her purview to include political commentary, social justice, and even the state's athletic teams. Despite her sports short-comings, Jacobs was admired for her clever prose that readers loved because it made them laugh, especially her female followers whom she called "fair fanettes." Jacobs understood the role sports played in the consumer economy that was emerging in modern American society during the 1910s.

## Hollywood's Bronze Buckaroo: The Story of Herb Jeffries

Steve Renzi

Time: 10:30 a.m.

America's first and only African-American singing cowboy, Herb Jeffries appeared in movies and on stage for African-American audiences during the 1930s. He could ride, rope and sing with the best of them. This presentation will explore the life and career of Herb Jeffries, the *Bronze Buckaroo*.

## Hattie Lount Mosher:

### Fighting for Her Business and Her Life

Dr. Mary Melcher

Time: 1:00 p.m.

During a time when traditional gender roles dictated that women should be dependent on men, Hattie Lount Mosher was fiercely independent, making all of her own decisions

based on her own values. She became an admired businesswoman and well-known figure in Phoenix during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Her fall from financial wealth and societal acceptance, however, was nothing if not spectacular. Living by strong principles and fighting male city officials, she died alone and impoverished.

## "Junior Bonner" – The Legacy of Summer '71 and Film Making in Arizona

Stuart Rosebrook, Ph.D.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Screenwriter Jeb Rosebrook's screenplay "Junior Bonner" was filmed on location in Prescott and Yavapai County in the summer of 1971. Starring Steve McQueen and released in 1972, "Junior Bonner" has become a cult-classic and was recently named one of the top 100 Western films. In looking back a half-century, what is the legacy of "Junior Bonner" in Prescott, discover why it is considered one of the most important Westerns made in Arizona.

## Grácia Liliana Fernandez:

### Tempe Normal's (ASU) First Professor of Spanish

Christine Marin, Ph.D.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Old Main is the oldest standing building at Arizona State University. In 1885, the Territorial Normal School (that became ASU) was founded and, by 1901, the school library was on the second floor of Old Main. The first Latina librarian, Grácia Liliana Fernandez of St. Johns, was hired in 1907 and, within three years, she became the school's first professor of Spanish – a Latina teaching Hispanic culture – and was instrumental in students earning teaching-training diplomas in Territorial Arizona.

## "I Felt the Call and I Must Go!" –

### Military Wives on the Arizona Frontier

Jan Cleere

Time: 7:00 p.m.

When the U.S. Army ordered troops into Arizona Territory to protect and defend the frontier populace, military men often brought their wives and families with them, particularly officers who might be stationed in the West for years. Most of the women were from refined, Eastern-bred families with little knowledge of the territory they were entering. Yet they came to make homes for their families. They learned to cope with the sparseness, heat, sickness and danger, including wildlife they never imagined. They played an important role in civilizing the Arizona frontier.

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