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**GLO Save Texas History Symposium Reception to  
Feature Special Guest Bruce Shackelford of Antiques  
Roadshow**

Event to raise money for program, Symposium takes a look at Austin: In the Shadow of the Dome

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AUSTIN — On Saturday, November 14th, Land Commissioner George P. Bush will be joined by several well-known special guests at the VIP Meet & Greet and Save Texas History Reception at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center to help raise funds for this essential program. One of the special guests joining Commissioner Bush to celebrate the Save Texas History program is Bruce Shackelford, South Texas Heritage Curator for the Witte Museum in San Antonio, and an appraiser on "Antiques Roadshow", produced by WGBH Boston for PBS.

WHO: Texas General Land Office, Bruce Shackelford of the Witte Museum and Antiques Roadshow by WGBH Harvard Public Television, Texas History enthusiasts

WHAT: Save Texas History Reception

WHEN: Saturday, November 14th from 6:30-9:00 pm

WHERE: Texas Capitol Visitors Center, 112 E 11th St., Austin, TX 78701

WHY: To support the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History program, and conserve the 36 million documents, and 45,000 maps, sketches and drawing housed in the GLO Archives.

HOW: Register online at [www.savetexashistory.org](http://www.savetexashistory.org)

PRICE: Symposium registration - \$65; Symposium + Reception - \$150; Symposium + VIP Meet & Greet + Reception - \$250

The 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium, In the Shadow of the Dome: Austin by Day & Night will examine the diverse history of Austin in the 19th Century. From the Pig War, to Guy Town, to the Servant Girl Annihilator and the destruction of the State Capitol, this symposium will be a fascinating look at Austin in a new light. Registration is available, starting at \$65 per person at [www.savetexashistory.org](http://www.savetexashistory.org).

About Bruce Shackelford:

Bruce Shackelford served as Curator-Director of the Creek Council House National Landmark in the 1970s and 1980s. He then worked as an art dealer until the late 1980s

when he returned to the museum world as guest curator at the Witte Museum for the exhibit "Thundering Hooves" which toured nationally.

He is now the South Texas Heritage Curator for the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas. Shackelford has done a number of exhibitions dealing with the history of the American west and Texas art. He was the curator for the Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center at the Witte. During his time at the Witte Shackelford has written two books, Photography on the South Texas Frontier- Images from the Witte Museum Collection, and The Wests of Texas- Cattle Ranching Entrepreneurs.

Shackelford started working on the television series Antiques Roadshow for WGBH Harvard Public Television in the mid 1990s. He has participated on the show for 20 seasons as of summer 2015.

Shackelford currently serves at the South Texas Heritage Curator at the Witte Museum in San Antonio, Texas.

About Save Texas History:

Save Texas History, a project of the Texas General Land Office, is dedicated to preserving and promoting the historic documents and maps of the General Land Office Archives, serving as a teaching resource for Texas History education, and serving as a resource for digitizing Texas History.

This is the 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium. This year, the theme is Austin in the 19th Century. Speakers include Dr. David B. Gracy II, Dr. Andres and Juanita Tijerina, James L. Haley, Lt. (Ret) Doug Dukes, Richard Zelade, Jeff Kerr, Ali James, Teri E. Flack, Dr. Bruce Ellis, Buck Cole and Kevin Klaus.

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