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State University**

# Inside CHSS

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**From the Dean's Office**

**Meet Your Marketing and Communications Coordinator**



I've always had a passion for empowering those around me to be the best versions of themselves.

This is only possible when you have a positive, supporting community as well as the resources needed to reach your goals. Within this new role for CHSS, I aspire to empower the Bearkat Community; students, faculty, staff, and alumni alike.

Together, empowered, and supported, we can continue cultivating a culture of belonging in CHSS, paving the way for students yet to step foot on SHSU's campus.

Tiffany Hubrig

## Career Journeys

### Ty Hilliard - Waco Mammoth National Monument

"I always knew I wanted to major in history, but I wasn't entirely sure what I wanted to do with it. I pretty much knew I didn't want to go into teaching so I was keeping my options open. It wasn't until I took the public history course that the department of History offers under Dr. Doleshal, that I really found a passion in going into public history."

Ty Hilliard

SHSU Graduate - 2024

Major in History, Minored in Spanish

[Follow Ty's Career Journey](#)



## Ingrid Patino - Holocaust Museum Houston



Ingrid Patino  
SHSU Graduate - 2019  
Double major in History & Spanish

[Follow Ingrid's Career Journey](#)

## News

### CHSS Newsletter Naming Contest Winner

In April of this year, we ran a naming contest for this very newsletter and after viewing over

forty submission, we found our winner!

Congratulations Kristen Zeman (Sophomore, Psychology) for winning the eternal glory of naming our newsletter "Inside CHSS", and winning the \$300 contest prize!



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## National Book Awards Festival Author Lineup for October

The National Book Foundation was founded in 1989 to administer the National Book Awards, which has been one of the most prestigious literary prizes in the country since 1950. The Foundation also produces numerous educational and public programs that help connect readers to books in new and meaningful ways.

"SHSU's partnership with the National Book Foundation is one of the only few like it in the country. Because of this partnership, we are able to bring in some of the best writer's working today to our community! The festival activities themselves have a direct impact on our university community, our public schools, our students, and our faculty."

- Dr. Jacob Blevins

[View the National Book Award Festival Schedule](#)



Lacy M. Johnson  
Moderator

*Top:* LaToya Watkins, Author  
*Bottom:* Anthony Cody, Author  
Shing Yin Khor, Author

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## 2024 London Study Abroad Recap





"It really is so much fun, if I had the chance I would do it a million and one more times!"

-Amy Dellacrosse

[Read About Amy's  
Adventure](#)

"You're able to see new places and experience different cultures while earning credit toward your degree!"

-Tina Ellison

[Read About Tina's  
Adventure](#)

"It's an experience you'll never forget. You'll talk about it for years to come."

-Dr. Robert Donahoo

[Read About Dr. Donahoo's Adventure](#)

## Successes

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Founded in 1979, TRP: The University Press of SHSU (Texas Review Press) is committed to publishing quality poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and scholarship.

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This year, for the first time, a TRP published book has the honor of being selected for the National Book Awards Longlist! We congratulate this distinguished author.

[See the Announcement from The New Yorker](#)

# NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS LONGLIST



*The Book of Wounded Sparrows*  
by Octavio Quintanilla



## POETRY

### CHSS 2023-2024 Annual Awards

[View the List of Winners and Categories](#)



**Excellence in Teaching (Tenured and Tenure-Track):**

Dr. Jadwiga Biskupska, History,

Dr. Benjamin Park, History

**Excellence in Teaching (Non-Tenure Track):** Jennifer Child, English

**Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments:** Dr. Brian Jordan, History

**Excellence in Service:** Dr. Frances Brandau, Communication Studies

**Excellence in Staff Performance:** Sarie Fuller, Former Assistant to the Chair of English



*Back:* Dean Chien-pin Li, Dr. Benjamin Park, Dr. Brian Jordan

*Front:* Dr. Frances Brandau, Sarie Fuller, Jennifer Child, Dr. Jadwiga Biskupska

## Opportunities

**Need a little something extra on your resume?**

CHSS is now accepting applications to become an ambassador!

This is a great opportunity for students to represent the college at university events and network with leaders across campus and the community.

[Apply to Become a CHSS Ambassador Today](#)

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## CHSS Skill Workshops for Students

Join us this fall for the 2024 Skills Workshop Series, building on last year's success. We're offering five workshops this semester, covering essential skills like business communication, intercultural communication, and critical thinking. Don't miss out on the chance to win scholarships, connect with peers, and enhance your skills!

[Signup for a Skills Workshop](#)

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The logo for Scholarships4Kats features the word "SCHOLARSHIPS" in white, uppercase letters on an orange rectangular background. To its right, the word "4KATS" is displayed in white, uppercase letters on a dark grey rectangular background.

Scholarships4Kats opens every year on September 1st. Completing your Scholarships4Kats application early is crucial for maximizing your opportunities and minimizing stress. By starting early, you give yourself ample time to gather all required documents, craft thoughtful responses, and ensure every detail is accurate.

**The priority date to have your application submitted for the 2025-2026 aid year is November 1, 2024.**

[Apply for Free Money](#)

## Upcoming Events

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### September 2024

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#### Medical and Health Humanities Speaker Series

**Wednesday, September 18th**

**AB4, Room 220, 4:00pm**

Join Marina DiMarco as she discusses "The Mystery of disappearing Social Causes: Explanation Laundering in the Health Sciences

[Register for Marina's Talk](#)

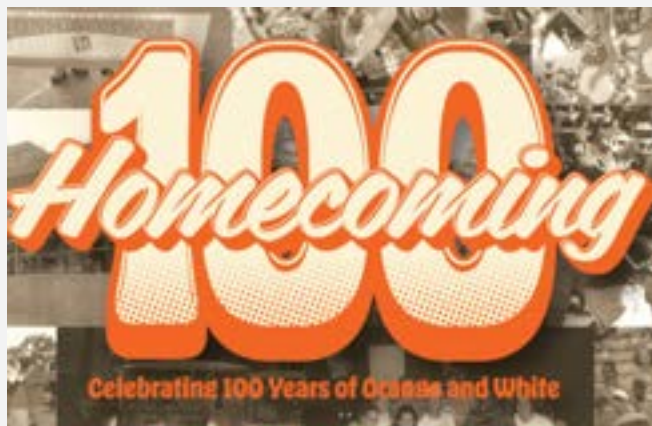


## Homecoming Week

**September 16th - 21st**

Be sure to get involved with the various Homecoming Week Activities!

[View Homecoming Events](#)



## 51st Annual Distinguished Alumni Gala

**Friday, September 20th**

## **CHSS 400(Holcombe), 4:30pm - 5:15pm**

Eleven Sam Houston State University alumni contributing significantly to their professions, communities, and alma mater will be recognized during this year's homecoming festivities.

Honoring Chris Tritico, Distinguished Alum, Political Science

[View Gala Schedule](#)



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**October 2024**

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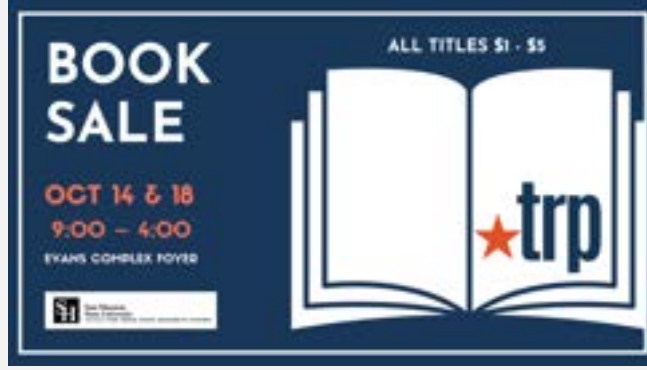
## **TRP Book Sale**

**October 14th and October 17th**

**Evans Complex Foyer, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Looking for a good read?

TRP: The University Press of SHSU will be having a book sale, all titles under \$5.00.



## National Book Award Festival

**Tuesday, October 15th**

**LSC, Orange Ballroom, 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

Join National Book Award–honored authors Anthony Cody (*Borderland Apocrypha*, 2020 Poetry Finalist), Shing Yin Khor (*The Legend of Auntie Po*, 2021 Young People’s Literature Finalist), and LaToya Watkins (*Holler, Child*, 2023 Fiction Longlist) for readings and conversation on the porous boundaries of genre, of history, and of place.

[View the Author Lineup](#)



## [View More Upcoming Events](#)



**Got a story? We want to brag about you!**

If you have any events, stories, successes, announcements, or news about students, faculty, staff, or alumni please send it over!

We want our Bearkat Community to celebrate with you!

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