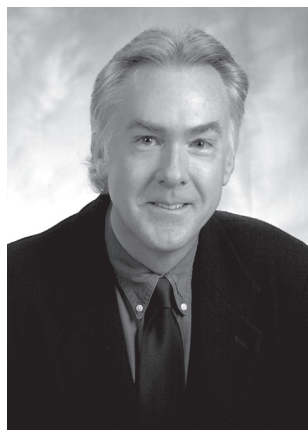


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2016 has been another very successful year for the Center for Texas Music History. We continue to offer graduate and undergraduate music history courses through Texas State University's History Department. This includes our popular class, "The History of Rock & Roll" (at both the graduate and undergraduate-level), which is part of the History Department's "Study Abroad in Chester, England" program. We plan on continuing to offer this and other courses on an ongoing basis as part of the university's Study Abroad program.

In addition to developing new courses and other educational programming for students, the Center for Texas Music History continues to provide student scholarships at Texas State. This year, we awarded the third annual Michael R. Davis Scholarship to graduate history major Lindsey Waldenberg. We are very grateful to Greg Davis for establishing this distinguished scholarship as a way to honor his brother and help support our students' educational endeavors. This year, we also awarded the first two student scholarships from Old Settler's Music Festival. Thanks very much to everyone at Old Settler's Music Festival for making this possible!

The Center's award-winning *John and Robin Dickson Series in Texas Music* (produced in collaboration with Texas A&M University Press) published three outstanding books in 2016—*Kent Finlay, Dreamer: The Musical Legacy Behind Cheatham Street Warehouse*, by Brian T. Atkinson & Jenni Finlay with a foreword by George Strait; Tamara Saviano's *Without Getting Killed or Caught: The Life and Music of Guy Clark*; and *Pickers and Poets: The Ruthlessly Poetic Singer-Songwriters of Texas*, edited by Craig Clifford & Craig D. Hillis.

As part of our core mission, the Center for Texas Music History continues to develop a variety of innovative programs

designed to educate students and the general public about how Texas music reflects the unique history and tremendous cultural diversity of our state.

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