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AUTHOR GLEN SAMPLE ELY DEBATES TEXAS' IDENTITY CRISIS ON NOV. 3

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AUSTIN –The Texas State Library and Archives Commission announces a talk and book-signing by **Glen Sample Ely** on November 3 at 5:30 p.m. Ely, the erudite author of *Where the West Begins: Debating Texas Identity*, will discuss the diverse historical makeup and inner workings of a multiplicity of Texas identities. Southerners? Westerners? Just exactly who are we?

Ely will describe the differences between East and West Texas along with information he uncovered researching the book in TSLAC's archives. This free talk will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin.

Space is limited; advance RSVPs are requested and may be made by e-mailing rsvp@tsl.state.tx.us or calling (512) 463-5460. Copies of Ely's book and refreshments will be made available by the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, the event co-sponsor.

Former state historian of Texas, J.F. De La Teja, says *Where the West Begins: Debating Texas Identity* is "big—Texas big—myth-busting." According to Ely, much of the book could not have been possible without the Texas State Archives' Texas Adjutant General Civil War Correspondence and the Records of Texas Governor Pendleton Murrah. Ely lauds TSLAC professionals, including John Anderson, TSLAC Preservation Officer for their resourcefulness and help with his research.

"It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Ely on his research," says John Anderson, TSLAC Preservation Officer. "We are thrilled to welcome him to our Speaker's Series and look forward to hearing the results of his hard work."

A resident of Fort Worth, Ely has produced documentaries that have appeared on PBS, the History Channel, and the Discovery Channel. His scholarly work has appeared in journals such as the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* and the *New Mexico Historical Review*. For more info, go to www.texashistory.com.

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