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TSLAC LAUNCHES NEW SPEAKER SERIES WITH FORMER STATE ARCHIVIST DAVID B. GRACY II

Lorenzo de Zavala
State Archives and
Library Building

AUSTIN – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is proud to announce the launch of its new TSLAC Speaker Series with a fitting first event: a talk and book signing by **Dr. David B. Gracy II**, author of “The State Library and Archives of Texas: A History, 1835-1962.” This free talk will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin.

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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 Gracy’s book will be made available by the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, the event co-sponsor.

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Before he became the Gov. Bill Daniel professor in archival enterprise at the University of Texas-Austin’s School of Information, Gracy served as director of the Texas State Archives at TSLAC from 1977 to 1986. His lifelong love of history first brought him to what was then the Texas State Library and Historical Commission in 1959, when he worked as an archival assistant while earning his bachelor’s degree in history from UT. After acquiring his master’s at UT and doctorate from Texas Tech (both in history), he established two archival programs at Georgia State University before returning to TSLAC in ’77.

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The insights he gained on the job gave him the foundation for his book, a lively recounting of the agency’s birth and growth that starts even before the famed Texan Archive War, immortalized by the bronze replica of cannon-toting boardinghouse owner Angelina Eberly that stands on Congress Avenue in Austin.

Commission Chairman
Sandra J. Pickett

Published in 2010 by the University of Texas Press, Gracy’s book features a foreword by current TSLAC Director and Librarian **Peggy D. Rudd**, who calls Gracy “a prodigiously talented researcher and writer.”

Members
Sharon T. Carr
Martha Doty Freeman
Larry G. Holt
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Sally Reynolds
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“I can’t think of a better way to kick off our new speaker series than an evening with the man who has provided such an exciting document of our past,” says Rudd. “His book is a wonderful birthday present to launch us into our second century of service and to showcase the renovations that transformed the Zavala building into a top-notch information and archival resource ready to face the future.”

Director and Librarian
Peggy D. Rudd

Upcoming series speakers include: Library futurist **Stephen Abram**, Feb. 24; Texas Independence Day with author **H.W. Brands**, March 2; quilt expert **Marcia Kaylakie**, plus the documentary, “Quilts in Women’s Lives,” March 17; and the Texas Reading Club kickoff with state musician **Sara Hickman**, May 23.

Assistant State Librarian
Edward Seidenberg

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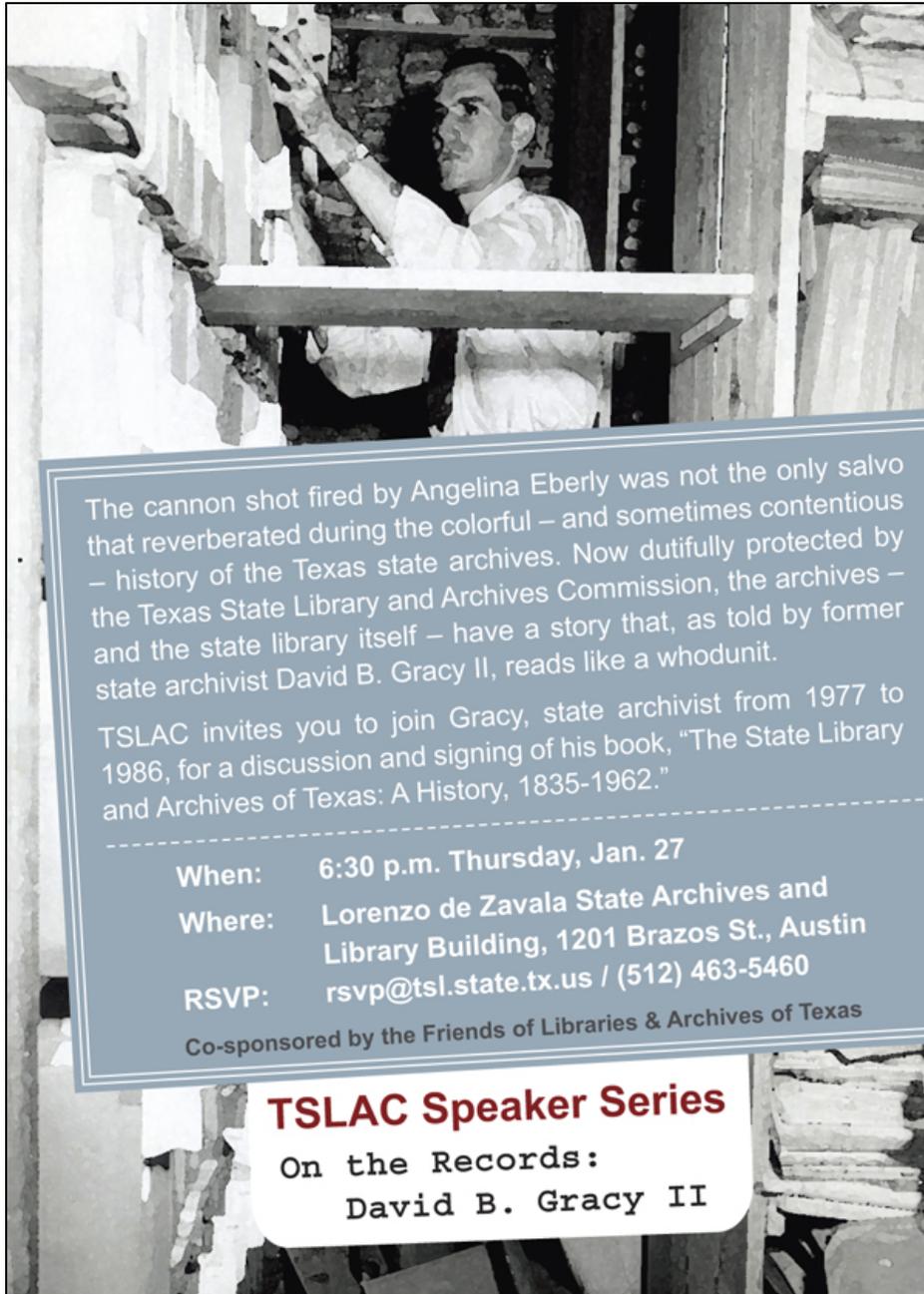
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The cannon shot fired by Angelina Eberly was not the only salvo that reverberated during the colorful – and sometimes contentious – history of the Texas state archives. Now dutifully protected by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the archives – and the state library itself – have a story that, as told by former state archivist David B. Gracy II, reads like a whodunit.

TSLAC invites you to join Gracy, state archivist from 1977 to 1986, for a discussion and signing of his book, “The State Library and Archives of Texas: A History, 1835-1962.”

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