

Experts explore Texas conservation successes and failures

Museum hosts panel on next steps to preserve natural landscape

AUGUST 23, 2016 (AUSTIN, TX) — Join the Bullock Texas State History Museum on Monday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. for [Land and Legacy: Preserving Natural Texas](#), a conversation about protecting our environment and the exploration of conservation efforts from the 20th century to today. Preserving the natural landscape is not a new concept, but strategies to address environmental concerns have changed over the years. Panelists will give an overview of successes and failures in Texas conservation efforts and will discuss the next steps in preserving the state's environmental heritage.

"We hope this panel will provide an understanding of what Texans have done in the past to preserve the natural landscape with the idea that people will leave inspired to do more now and in the future," Bullock Museum Director of Education Kate Betz said.

Panelists include historian and lecturer from the University of Texas at San Antonio, Neel Baumgardner; author and professor of history at Rice University, Douglas Brinkley; and director for The Nature Conservancy in Texas, Laura Huffman. They will share specific examples of environmental challenges and preservation efforts in Texas from the local, state and national levels.

"Throughout history, Texans have had a unique relationship with the natural landscape around them. The tie between people and the physical place that they call home is a key part of Texas's identity," Betz said.

This program is held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the creation of the National Parks Service and the Bullock Museum's latest special exhibition, [Journey Into Big Bend](#), on view at the museum through Sept. 18, 2016. Produced by the



Big Bend South Rim, is one of numerous large-scale photographs on view at the Bullock Museum. Courtesy David Locke, Helotes

Bullock Museum, this exhibition highlights the state's first national park formed in 1944 – Big Bend National Park, located in far west Texas. Stunning photography, artifacts and reflections of those who have studied, protected and explored this vast and valued ecosystem are featured.

The *Land and Legacy* program is free, however, RSVPs are recommended and seating is limited. Visit TheStoryofTexas.com for more information and to RSVP.

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