



• SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015 • 9AM - 12PM •

**NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM**  
• 3400 MT. VERNON AVE • FORT WORTH, TX 76103 •



**Debbie Liles, Ph.D.**

**"Southern Roots, Western Foundations: The Peculiar Institution and Livestock in Texas, 1845-1865"**

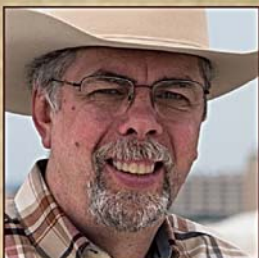
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**Buffalo Soldiers and Black Cowboys in American History**



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**Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney Western Heritage Symposium**  
**National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum, 3400 Mt. Vernon, Fort Worth, TX 76103**  
**Program Agenda for Saturday, July 25, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration/Set Up/Coffee & Nibbles
- 9:30 a.m. - Welcome and Introductions - Museum Staff
- 9:45 a.m. - Presentation #1 and Q&A – Wayne Ludwig
- 10:15 a.m. -Stretch Break/Set Up for next presentation
- 10:30 a.m. - Presentation #2 and Q&A - Richard Robinson
- 11:00 a.m. - Stretch Break/Set Up for next presentation
- 11:15 a.m. - Presentation #3 and Q&A - Debbie Liles
- 11:45 a.m. - Closing Remarks and Museum Tours Begin - Museum Staff

**Speakers:**

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**Topic: A Brief Talk on Black Cowboys in History**

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