

**2017 Tulsa Chautauqua**  
**June 6 - 10**  
**The Great West: Cowboys and Cattle Trails**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6**

**12 Noon: The Black Seminole Indians, Freedmen and Maroons - Vanessa Adams-Harris**

Who are they? Where are they? What can we understand about the intermixing of a people and the territory they covered and traveled from South Carolina, Florida, Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. These were independent and autonomous communities who developed and shared a cultural identity and sometimes a separate identity.

**5:30pm: The Cowboy, the Cattle Drive and the Cow Town – Jim Armstead**

When the trail crews finally arrived at one of the more popular Kansas "cow town" destinations such as Dodge City, Abilene or Wichita, the cowboys headed straight for the wide open cow towns where they immediately spent most of their wages on new clothes, liquor, and entertainment -- and the cow towns flourished. The long cattle drives lasted only for about thirty years but the myth of the American cowboy will live forever!

**7:00pm: Jesse Chisholm portrayed by Michael Hughes**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

**12 Noon: Notable and Notorious Women of the West – Sally Ann Drucker**

Gamblers and ramblers, activists and artists: in this workshop, we'll examine the lives of some famous and infamous women whose names became well known, but we'll also look at ordinary women who had extraordinary lives, maintaining their families through tremendously challenging circumstances.

**5:30pm: The Parker Court: Taming Oklahoma! – Doug Mishler**

Hit the trail as we explore how Parker and his marshals tamed the rowdy chaos that was Oklahoma 1875-1896. We will go through an average case from crime to arrest to execution! We will visit with the most fascinating folks, from Parker to Belle Starr to Crawford Goldsby.

**7:00pm: Thaddeus Dunkley portrayed by Jim Armstead**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

**12 Noon: Diet, Railroads and the Cattle Industry in the Development of the West – Jim Armstead**

At the end of the Civil War some ranchers sought to gather and herd the Texas longhorns which had been scattered by the thousands during the chaos of the recent conflict. An immense new cattle industry was created by the 1880s, and the diet of the whole country was changed forever.

This workshop explores how the cattle trails and the railroads combined to transport the raw materials of the western states, including food, to the population centers of the East.

**5:30pm: The Wages of Droving Versus the Wages of Sin** (Suitable only for adults) – **Michael Hughes**

All nine cattle drive towns north of Oklahoma offered cowboys a staggering variety of legalized sins and entrapments to get them to stay until their money ran out and no longer. This workshop explores the truths about the “hells at the end of the trails” and offers some surprises, such as how infamous Dodge City was fairly orderly while unheard-of Hunnewell was the most shot-up town in America.

**7:00pm: Bettie Matthews Reynolds portrayed by Sally Ann Drucker**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9**

**12 Noon: Isaac Parker & the West in Film – Doug Mishler**

Isaac Parker and the West are mythic parts of the American Identity and have been a staple of American films. Together let us explore how cinema created and perpetuated both positive and negative stereotypes about Parker and the American West. (Media intensive)

**5:30pm: Captivity Narratives: Frontier Women Who Lived with the Indians – Sally Ann Drucker**

Trail riders and settlers feared Indian attacks; women said they'd rather be shot than captured. Yet in a number of published works, captured women who lived as tribal members give positive perspectives on Indian cultures and did not want to return to their old lives.

**7:00pm: Johanna July portrayed by Vanessa Adams-Harris**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

**12 noon: Songs, Tall Stories, and Funny Facts About the Western Cattle Trails** (Youth Workshop) – **Michael Hughes**

Come hear just a few of the 1,000 verses of the cowboy song “The Old Chisholm Trail” and learn there is no right way to holler “whoopie ti-yi-yo.” Learn the difference between a doggy and a doggie. Decide if you would have liked being with Shivering Lil better than Spotted Dick. And hear Dr. Hughes explain how he learned not to try to drive any cow smarter than he was.

**5:30pm: Patchwork Quilting on the Frontier – Vanessa Adams-Harris**

Quilts have stories. They also have a meaning and provide a comfort covering. I always asked my grandmother and mother about the designs of our quilts. What is a star? How is it made? Do the patterns mean something in particular? And where did the fabric come from? Let's talk quilts!!!

**7:00pm: “Hanging Judge” Isaac Parker portrayed by Doug Mishler**