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University of St. Thomas' Women, Culture and Society Program Presents "The Little Known Ima Hogg: A Woman Ahead of Her Time"

Houston (April 14, 2008) – Before Ima Hogg was known as “The First Lady of Texas” and leading philanthropist of the 20th century, she was a little-known tomboy, horsewoman, and an adventurous college co-ed. Rediscover the formative years of one of Texas history’s most respected women with historian, Dr. Virginia Bernhard.

Bernhard will deliver the first annual Zambosco-Thomas Lecture in Women, Culture and Society entitled, “The Little Known Ima Hogg: A Woman Ahead of Her Time,” at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 4, in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center 3909 Graustark.

Bernhard joined University of St. Thomas in 1972 rising to the rank of professor of history and chair of the department before retiring in 2006. She received her bachelor’s degree from Rice University in 1959 and a MA in 1961 from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her Ph.D from Rice in 1971.

Bernhard served as the first director of the Women, Culture and Society program which was established in 2005. Her areas of publications include colonial American history, Texas history, and the history of slavery in the British colony of Bermuda. Her published works include: *Ima Hogg: The Governor’s Daughter* (1984); *The Birth of American Feminism: the Seneca Falls Women’s Convention of 1848* (1995), among others.

Women, Culture and Society (WCS) is an interdisciplinary program offered at the University of St. Thomas for an undergraduate minor. In order to uncover this “richness of the femininity,” the WCS minor aims to introduce students (both women and men) to scholarship on women across the disciplines, including Catholic teachings on the dignity and vocation of women, to increase awareness of women in culture and society, to address social justice concerns, and to provide students with appropriate service learning opportunities in the community.

For more information on the lecture or the program, contact Fr. Ted Baenziger at ejb@stthom.edu.

This event is free and open to the public. An RSVP is requested. Seating is limited. This inaugural WCS lecture is named in honor of the late Elsa Zambosco-Thomas, a Spanish professor at UST, who served as the director from 2006 to 2008. Zambosco-Thomas was a member of the UST faculty from 1968 to 2008. The History Department and the Center for Irish Studies co-sponsor this event.

