

Beef Cattle Economy Seminar Planned Wednesday at SWOSU

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Dr. Leland Turner, assistant professor of American history and cultural geography at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, will present a seminar entitled, "Science and the Saddle: Scientific Investigations and the Transformation of the Queensland, Australia Beef Cattle Economy" this Wednesday, September 7, on the Weatherford campus.

The public is invited to the 4 p.m. presentation in Room 212 of the Old Science Building on the SWOSU campus. Admission is free.

In 2007, Turner was awarded a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship to Australia. The fellowship enabled him to expand and complete his doctoral dissertation: a comparative/transnational study of the cattle economies of Queensland, Australia and Texas. His manuscript, "Outback by Southwest: Australians, Texans, and King Ranch Cattle," is under review with the University of Oklahoma Press.

The bulk of Turner's research considers the livestock industry and attendant themes such as arid land environments, the diffusion of agricultural science and technology, and economic development. He has published four articles addressing topics such as economic collectivism in livestock agriculture, political activism and cattlemen's associations, and comparative rangeland studies.

Turner arrived at SWOSU in January 2010. He has a Ph.D. in History from Texas Tech University but also has roots in Oklahoma—he holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Tulsa.

Dr. Turner's seminar is sponsored jointly by the SWOSU departments of Social Sciences and Biological Sciences.

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