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It's been another very successful year at the Center for Texas Music History. We continue to develop new graduate and undergraduate music history courses through Texas State University's Department of History. In fact, we offered our first ever Study Abroad classes this year ("The History of Rock & Roll" and "The History of Texas Music") as part of the Department of History's Study Abroad in Chester (England) program. The courses were so popular with students that we plan to offer them again next summer as part of the 2015 Study Abroad in Chester program.

In addition to developing new courses and other educational programming for students, the Center for Texas Music History also continues to provide student scholarships at Texas State. This year, we awarded the second annual Michael R. Davis Scholarship to Audrey Najera, graduate history major. We are very grateful to Greg Davis, Michael Davis's brother, for establishing this important scholarship as a way to honor his sibling and help support our students' educational endeavors. We also succeeded in raising enough money to permanently endow the new Kent Finlay scholarship. We are very grateful to the Randy Rogers Band, Robin Schoepf and everyone else who contributed so generously to the Finlay scholarship endowment.

The Center's award-winning *John and Robin Dickson Series in Texas Music* (produced in collaboration with Texas A&M University Press) will soon publish several new books examining the history of Texas music. The Center's popular NPR series, *This Week in Texas Music History*, is now in its sixth year and is broadcast on NPR affiliate stations throughout the Southwest to an estimated audience of one million listeners. Our sincerest thanks to Humanities Texas for its generous grant in support of *This Week in Texas Music History*.

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