

Through Galveston into the Hinterland: The Galveston Movement Immigrants and the Communities They Entered

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This talk will provide some historical background behind the Galveston Movement, its goals, and ideological motives and will offer an interpretation of the effort that focuses on the immigrants themselves and the communities they became part of. Viewed this way, the Galveston Movement can be understood as an effort with national scope and importance. Galveston was the port of entry, and Texas received more of the immigrants than any other state, but this was not fundamentally a Texas event: altogether the immigrants were dispersed from Galveston to 236 American communities in 32 states. This presentation is based on Dr. Stone's ongoing research on the immigrants' subsequent lives, reflecting how the Galveston immigrants and the American communities they entered affected one another over the long run.

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