Programs

Conversations from the Front Porch – December 2021
East Austin’s Living Histories: The Legacy of the John S. & Drucie R. Chase Building and Beyond

This event brings the University of Texas Center for Community Engagement into conversation with East Austin historians to discuss the importance of storytelling and cultural preservation in the context of intensified gentrification. This conversation specifically highlights the ongoing preservation of the John S. & Drucie R. Chase Building located within the Robertson Hill neighborhood. Panelists use the legacy of Chase Building as an entry point into a broader discussion about the history and development of Black life and culture in East Austin.

Interviews from the ZUMBI Archives

- Florinda Bryant – October
- Kellee Coleman – November
- Greg Farrar – December

Projects & Initiatives

The Texas Colored Teachers Association Legacy Project
December 2021

This project explores the legacy of The Colored State Teachers’ Association of Texas (CSTAT), which was the original steward of the Chase Building. We examine archival photos, magazines, and historiographies reproduced in books and journal articles, to understand CSTAT’s mission and impact. This project is especially interested in CSTAT members connected to Black education in East Austin. Therefore, we also provide brief biographical sketches of Black Texas educators, such as L.C. Anderson, Miss Ellie Alma Walls, H.T. Kealing, and others. Ultimately, we hope to display the contributions of the Colored State Teachers Association of Texas in a community archive housed at the Chase Building, as well as provide accessible information on digital platforms.