



WESTWARD EXPANSION · AUSTIN
Thursday, February 2, 2017

HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Byrne-Reed House • 1410 Rio Grande Street • Austin, Texas

7:45–8:30 a.m.	Check-in and breakfast
8:30–8:45 a.m.	Opening remarks <i>Michael L. Gillette, Humanities Texas</i>
8:45–9:30 a.m.	19th-Century Innovations in Transportation and Communications <i>John L. Larson, Purdue University</i>
9:35–10:20 a.m.	Manifest Destiny <i>Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee</i>
10:20–10:40 a.m.	Break and group photo
10:40–11:25 a.m.	The Mexican War <i>Jennifer L. Weber, University of Kansas</i>
11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Native Americans and Westward Expansion <i>Todd M. Kerstetter, Texas Christian University</i>
12:15–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00–3:15 p.m.	Primary source seminars
3:15–3:30 p.m.	Closing announcements

Image: Thomas Moran (American 1837–1926), *Cliffs of Green River*, 1874. Oil on canvas, Amon Carter Museum of American Art.

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FEATURED SCHOLARS

DANIEL FELLER is professor of history, distinguished professor in the humanities, and editor/director of The Papers of Andrew Jackson at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin and taught previously at Northland College and the University of New Mexico. His books include *The Jacksonian Promise: America, 1815–1840*, *The Public Lands in Jacksonian Politics*, and three volumes of The Papers of Andrew Jackson covering the presidential years 1829-1831. The 1832 volume is in press. Feller was the lead scholar for the PBS special *Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil, and the Presidency*, and he has appeared also on *History Detectives*, *Who Do You Think You Are*, and *Ten Things You Don't Know About*.

JOHN L. LARSON teaches early American history at Purdue University. He grew up in Iowa, received his undergraduate education at Luther College, and did his graduate work at Brown University. Before joining the Purdue faculty he served as director of research at Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement near Indianapolis, a living history museum dedicated to interpreting life on the antebellum American frontier during the age of Jackson. For ten years, beginning in 1994, he was co-editor with Michael A. Morrison of the *Journal of the Early Republic*. His publications include *Bonds of Enterprise: John Murray Forbes and Western Development in America's Railway Age* (1984), *Internal Improvement: National Public Works and the Promise of Popular Government in the Early United States* (2001), and *The Market Revolution in America: Liberty, Ambition, and the Eclipse of the Public Good* (2010). His research and teaching interests lie in early American economic development, economic policy, environmental history, and the American westward movement.

TODD M. KERSTETTER, associate professor of history at Texas Christian University, specializes in the history of the American West. He has written two books on the history of religion in the region. His recently published *Inspiration and Innovation: Religion in the American West*, surveys the roles religion has played in the trans-Mississippi West from before contact through the twenty-first century. His first book, *God's Country, Uncle Sam's Land: Faith and Conflict in the American West*, examines religion's role in conflicts between the United States and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Lakota Ghost Dancers, and the Branch Davidians. His articles have appeared in the *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Great Plains Quarterly*, *American Journalism*, and *Nebraska History*. He is currently working on two books on the West's environmental history.

JENNIFER L. WEBER is associate professor of history at the University of Kansas. She is the author of two books. Her first, for adults, is *Copperheads: The Rise and Fall of Lincoln's Opponents in the North*, about antiwar Democrats in the Civil War North. Her second, *Summer's Bloodiest Days: The Battle of Gettysburg as Told from All Sides*, is about the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath, and is targeted for nine- to fourteen-year-olds. The National Council for Social Studies in 2011 named *Summer's Bloodiest Days* a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People. Weber also has served as the executive editor of the *Key Concepts in American History* series for Library Binding press—eleven books explaining various aspects of government to middle school students—and edited a supplemented edition of *The Red Badge of Courage* for Everbind. Her most recent book, which she coedited, is *The Struggle for Equality*, a collection of essays in honor of her graduate adviser, James M. McPherson. She is currently working on a book about the Union's conscription effort and its consequences. In addition to her work at KU, she serves on the advisory board of the Abraham Lincoln Institute and the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College.