HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
Harlingen CISD Administration Building • 407 N. 77 Sunshine Strip • Harlingen, Texas

7:30–8:15 a.m.  Check-in and breakfast
8:15–8:30 a.m.  Opening remarks
8:30–9:15 a.m.  The Colonies’ Growing Separation from Britain
              Bill Meier, Texas Christian University
9:20–10:05 a.m. Declaring Independence
               Denver Brunsman, George Washington University
10:05–10:25 a.m. Break and group photo
10:25–10:35 a.m. Humanities Texas educational resources
10:35–11:20 a.m. Turning Points of the Revolutionary War
                 Woody Holton, University of South Carolina
11:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m. Women and the Revolution
                      Zara Anishanslin, University of Delaware
12:10–1:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:00–3:15 p.m.  Primary source seminars
3:15–3:30 p.m.  Final announcements

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FEATURED SCHOLARS

ZARA ANISHANSLIN is associate professor of history and art history at the University of Delaware, where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the history of early America and the Atlantic World, the methodology and philosophy of history, historic preservation and museum studies, the American Revolution, and material culture. Anishanslin received her PhD in the History of the American Civilization at the University of Delaware in 2009, where her dissertation won the prize for Best Dissertation in the Humanities. It also won the Zuckerman Prize in American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining the faculty at the University of Delaware in 2016, she was the Patrick Henry Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of History at the Johns Hopkins University in 2009–10. In 2013–14, she was a Mellon Fellow in the Center for the Humanities at CUNY’s Graduate Center; she spent 2014–15 as a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the New-York Historical Society. She also has taught at the City University of New York and Columbia University. Anishanslin regularly attends and presents her work at professional conferences, including those held by the American Historical Association, the Omohundro Institute, and Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. Her work has been published in a variety of venues, from online blogs to university presses. She is a frequent talking head historian on the Travel Channel show "Mysteries at the Museum." Most recently, she is the author of Portrait of a Woman in Silk: Hidden Histories of the British Atlantic World (Yale University Press, 2016), a Finalist for the Best First Book Prize of 2016 given by the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians.


WOODY HOLTON is Bonnie and Peter McCausland Professor of History at the University of South Carolina. His 2009 book, Abigail Adams, which he wrote on a Guggenheim Fellowship, won the Bancroft Prize. Holton is also the author of Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution (2007), which was a finalist for the National Book Award. His first book, Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves, and the Making of the American Revolution in Virginia (1999), won the Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award (presented by the New York Sons of the Revolution) and the Merle Curti Award (presented by the Organization of American Historians). His books are required reading on more than two hundred college campuses, and his work has been widely anthologized and also translated into German and Arabic. He is currently writing a comprehensive history of the American Revolutionary era.

BILL MEIER received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2009. He is currently associate professor and chair of history at Texas Christian University, where he specializes in the history of modern Britain, Ireland, and the British Empire. He is the author of Property Crime in London, 1850–Present (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011) and co-editor of a 2014 special issue of Éire-Ireland on Irish crime since 1921. He is currently writing a book on the history of terrorism in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Britain.