



THE CIVIL WAR ERA · AUSTIN
Friday, February 23, 2018

HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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

7:30–8:15 a.m.	Check-in and breakfast
8:15–8:30 a.m.	Opening remarks <i>Michael L. Gillette, Humanities Texas</i>
8:30–9:15 a.m.	Slavery <i>Daina Berry, The University of Texas at Austin</i>
9:20–10:05 a.m.	Secession <i>Daniel Feller, University of Tennessee</i>
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.	The Civil War <i>Jennifer L. Weber, University of Kansas</i>
11:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Reconstruction <i>Michael Les Benedict, The Ohio State University</i>
12:10–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00–3:15 p.m.	Primary source seminars
3:15–3:30 p.m.	Closing announcements

Image: Conrad Wise Chapman (1842–1913), *The Fifty-ninth Virginia Infantry—Wise’s Brigade*, ca. 1867, oil on canvas, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas, 2001.7.

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FEATURED SCHOLARS

MICHAEL LES BENEDICT is professor emeritus at The Ohio State University, where he taught in the history department from 1975–2005 and currently works as a visiting scholar in the Mortiz College of Law. He received his BA and MA from the University of Illinois and his PhD from Rice University. He has been a visiting professor at MIT, Yale Law School, the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom, and Hokkaido and Doshisha Universities in Japan. Benedict is a recognized authority in Anglo American constitutional and legal history, the history of civil rights and liberties, the federal system, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. He has published over forty essays in leading American history and law journals in addition to half a dozen history books and textbooks. He served for thirty years as Parliamentarian of the American Historical Association before retiring this year and is currently working on the constitutional politics of the Reconstruction era.

DAINA RAMEY BERRY is associate professor of history and African and African diaspora studies and the Oliver H. Radkey Fellow in American History at The University of Texas at Austin. She is the author of *Swing the Sickle for the Harvest is Ripe: Gender and Slavery in Antebellum Georgia* (Illinois, 2007). She is also an award-winning editor of *Enslaved Women in America: An Encyclopedia* (ABC-CLIO, 2012) and *Slavery and Freedom in Savannah* (UGA, 2014). In addition to her written and editorial work, Berry has appeared on several syndicated radio and television shows including *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *The Tavis Smiley Show*, C-SPAN's *Book TV*, and NPR's *The Takeaway*. She is an advocate for public history and served as one of the technical advisors for the remake of *Roots* the mini-series (A+E and History, 2016). Her scholarship has been supported by: the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Association of University Women, the Ford Foundation, and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, and her most recent book *The Price for their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from Womb to the Grave, in the Building of a Nation* (Beacon Press) received favorable reviews in *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post* as well as *Essence*, *Crisis*, and *Vibe* magazines.

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 four volumes of The Papers of Andrew Jackson covering the presidential years 1829–1832. 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*, *Ten Things You Don't Know About*, and most recently, CNN's *Race for the White House*.

JENNIFER L. WEBER is associate professor of history at the University of Kansas, where her specialty is Civil War studies. Her publications include *Copperheads*, which is about anti-war Democrats in the North and the danger they posed to the war effort, and an anthology in honor of her graduate school adviser, James M. McPherson. Professor Weber is committed to reaching as wide an audience as possible, so she also has written a children's book for grades 4-8 called *Summer's Bloodiest Days* on the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath. This was named a notable trade book by the National Council for Social Studies. She has also served as executive editor for the Key Concepts in American History Series, aimed at middle and high school students. Jenny is currently a visiting professor at the United States Air Force Academy. She's also working on a book about America's first draft and the rise of big government.