



THE CIVIL WAR ERA · CORPUS CHRISTI
Thursday, February 1, 2018

HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Art Museum of South Texas • 1902 North Shoreline Boulevard • Corpus Christi, 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> <i>Jon Parrish Peede, National Endowment for the Humanities</i>
8:30–9:15 a.m.	Slavery <i>Andrew Torget, The University of North Texas</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.

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*.

ANDREW J. TORGET is a historian of nineteenth-century North America at the University of North Texas, where he directs a digital history lab and teaches classes on the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. The founder and director of numerous digital humanities projects—including Mapping Texts, the Texas Slavery Project, Voting America, and the History Engine—he served as co-editor of the Valley of the Shadow project at the University of Virginia and as the founding director of the Digital Scholarship Lab at the University of Richmond. The co-editor of several books on the American Civil War, he has been a featured speaker at Harvard, Stanford, Rice, Duke, and the National Archives in Washington, DC. In 2011, he was named the inaugural David J. Weber Research Fellow at the Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University. His most recent book, *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands, 1800–1850*, has won eleven book awards including the Weber-Clements Center Prize for Best Non-Fiction Book on Southwestern America from the Western Historical Association.

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.