



THE CIVIL WAR ERA · HOUSTON
Thursday, February 22, 2018

HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens • 6003 Memorial Drive • Houston, 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>James Sidbury, Rice University</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*.

JAMES SIDBURY received his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1991 and taught at the University of Texas at Austin from 1991 until 2011. He is a historian of race and slavery in the English-speaking Atlantic world from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century with a special interest in the ways that non-elite peoples conceived of their histories and, through their histories, their collective identities. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on Atlantic History, Early North American History, and the history of race and slavery in the United States and the Caribbean. He is currently at work on a synthetic book analyzing the era of the American Revolution as an era of race formation.

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.