7:30–8:15 a.m. Check-in & breakfast
8:15–8:30 a.m. Welcome & opening remarks
8:30–9:15 a.m. The Election of 1896
   Karl Rove, Author and columnist
9:20–10:05 a.m. The Election of 1912
   David Crockett, Trinity University
10:05–10:25 a.m. Break & group photo
10:25–10:35 a.m. Humanities Texas educational resources
10:35–11:20 a.m. The Election of 1932
   George C. Edwards III, Texas A&M University
11:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m. The Election of 1948
   Jeffrey A. Engel, Southern Methodist University
12:10–1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00–3:15 p.m. Primary source seminars
3:15–3:30 p.m. Closing announcements

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