



LANDMARK SUPREME COURT CASES · HOUSTON
Thursday, February 7, 2019

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.	Defining Federal Power <i>Joseph F. Kobylka, Southern Methodist University</i>
9:20–10:05 a.m.	Civil Liberties Cases <i>Terri B. Davis, Lamar University</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.	Civil Rights Cases <i>Michael Les Benedict, The Ohio State University</i>
11:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Criminal Procedure Cases <i>Cullen Macbeth, Federal Public Defender, Maryland</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

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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 journals of American history and law journals in addition to half a dozen history books and textbooks, one of which is *The Blessings of Liberty*, an American constitutional history textbook now in its third edition. He is presently a visiting scholar at The University of Texas Law School, where is working on his current project on Salmon P. Chase and the Constitutional Politics of the Civil War Era.

TERRI B. DAVIS is department chair and associate professor of political science at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. She holds a PhD in government from The University of Texas at Austin, an MA in interdisciplinary studies, and a BS in political science from the University of Texas at Tyler. She specializes in American constitutional law, judicial process, and administrative law. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Liberty Bell Award by the Jefferson County Bar Association and national recognition for teaching excellence by the American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha. At Lamar, she has been named Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, Academic Advisor of the Year, Student Organization Advisor of the Year, and awarded both the University Merit Award and Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition to her current position as department chair, she has served Lamar as President of the Faculty Senate, Chair of the Arts and Sciences Council, Pre-Law Advisor, Interim Chair of the Lamar Honors Program, and Interim Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2017, she and her colleague, James P. Nelson, completed a now-published textbook, *The Texas Constitution: The People, History, and Government of the Lone Star State*, (Lamar Literary Press, 2017). Her publications have also appeared in a number of peer-reviewed journals including *Studies in Media and Communication*, *Open Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Sociology*, *Social Issues in America*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, *History of European Ideas*, and the *Educational Resources Information Center*.

JOSEPH F. KOBYLKA is associate professor of political science at Southern Methodist University. He earned his BA in government and history at Beloit College and his PhD in political science from the University of Minnesota. Since joining the SMU faculty in 1983, he has published three books—*The Politics of Obscenity*, *Public Interest Law: An Annotated Bibliography*, and *The Supreme Court and Legal Change: Abortion and the Death Penalty*—and several journal articles and book chapters. His teaching interests touch on American constitutional law and politics, judicial decision-making, and American political thought. He is currently finishing a biography of former Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun and will then turn to a study of recent church-state litigation. Kobylka assisted in developing the award-winning 2007 PBS series *The Supreme Court*. His “Cycles of American Political Thought”—thirty-six lectures on the development of political philosophy in America—was published by The Teaching Company in late 2006. Selected twice by SMU to give the Opening Convocation Address (2001, 2014) and recipient of four SMU research grants and fellowships, Kobylka has also won numerous teaching and service awards at SMU. He serves as faculty advisor to the Honor Council, the Political Science Symposium, and Pi Sigma Alpha.

CULLEN MACBETH graduated from Yale College in 2009 with a BA in humanities. He then spent two years teaching 9th-grade English at a public high school in Clarksdale, Mississippi. In 2014, Cullen graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where he studied constitutional law, criminal law, and criminal procedure, among other topics. After graduation he served as a law clerk to a federal district court judge in Phoenix, Arizona, and a federal circuit court judge in Salt Lake City, Utah. Cullen then worked for two years as an attorney at the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the District of Nevada, in Las Vegas. In that capacity he represented indigent defendants charged with federal crimes, both at the trial level and on direct appeal. He now works for the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the District of Maryland, handling direct appeals and post-conviction matters, as well as assisting trial attorneys with complex motions and special projects.