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HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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7:30-8:15 a.m.	Check-in and Breakfast
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Michael L. Gillette, Humanities Texas</i>
8:30-9:15 a.m.	The Congress <i>Sean M. Theriault, The University of Texas at Austin</i>
9:20-10:05 a.m.	The Presidency <i>George C. Edwards III, Texas A&M University</i>
10:05-10:25 a.m.	Break and group photo
10:25-11:10 a.m.	The Federal Judiciary <i>Terri B. Davis, Lamar University</i>
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	The Federal Bureaucracy <i>Chase Untermeyer, Former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar</i>
12:00-12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45-3:00 p.m.	Primary Source Seminars
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Closing Announcements

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FEATURED SCHOLARS

TERRI B. DAVIS is 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, a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Texas at Tyler. She specializes in American constitution 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 recognition of Outstanding Teaching by the national 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, and Interim Chair of the Lamar Honors Program. Her publications have 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.

GEORGE C. EDWARDS III is University Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University, where he holds the Jordan Chair in Presidential Studies. He is also a Distinguished Fellow at the University of Oxford. A leading scholar of the presidency, he has written or edited twenty-five books on American politics. He is also editor of *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and general editor of the *Oxford Handbook of American Politics* series. Professor Edwards has served as president of the Presidency Research Section of the American Political Science Association, which has named its annual Dissertation Prize in his honor and awarded him its Career Achievement Award. He has served as both the Olin and the Winant Professor of American Government at Oxford and the John Adams Fellow at the University of London, and has held senior visiting appointments at Sciences Po-Paris, Peking University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He authored studies for the 1988, 2000, and 2016 U.S. presidential transitions.

SEAN M. THERIAULT is professor of government at The University of Texas at Austin. He is currently researching the distinction between ideological and war-making behavior in the U.S. Congress. He has published three books, *The Power of the People: Congressional Competition, Public Attention, and Voter Retribution* (Ohio State University Press, 2005), *Party Polarization in Congress* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), and *The Gingrich Senators: The Roots of Partisan Warfare in Congress* (Oxford University Press, 2013). He has also published numerous articles in a variety of journals on subjects ranging from presidential rhetoric to congressional careers and the Louisiana Purchase to the Pendleton Act of 1883. His classes include the U.S. Congress, Congressional Elections, Party Polarization in the United States, and the Politics of the Catholic Church. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the Friar Society Teaching Fellowship (the biggest undergraduate teaching award at UT) in 2009, UT Professor the Year in 2011, and the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award in 2014. In 2012, he was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Before obtaining his Ph.D. from Stanford University (in 2001; MA in Political Science in 2000), he attended the University of Richmond (BA, 1993), and the University of Rochester (MS in Public Policy Analysis, 1996).

CHASE UNTERMEYER has been an international business consultant since returning in 2007 from Qatar, where he served for three years as United States ambassador on appointment of President George W. Bush. He has held both elected and appointed office at all four levels of government—local, state, national, and international—in addition to work in journalism, academia, and business. He is a graduate of Harvard College and served as an officer in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. The many government posts he has held include Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs under President Reagan and Director of Presidential Personnel under the first President Bush. He also served as director of Voice for America, the overseas broadcasting arm of the US government, from 1991 to 1993. He has also served as director of public affairs for Compaq Computer Corporation and vice president for government affairs and professor of public policy at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He is a member of the Texas Ethics Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations, as well as a member of the boards of the St Luke's Episcopal Health Charities and of Harris County Precinct 1 Street Olympics. In previous part-time public service, he has been member and chairman of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy, a commissioner of the Port of Houston, president of the Houston READ Commission, a member of the board of National Public Radio, a member of the Defense Health Board, and chairman of the State Board of Education, appointed by then-Governor George W. Bush.