



TEACHING LANDMARK SUPREME COURT CASES

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HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

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7:30–8:15 am:	Check-in and Breakfast
8:15–8:30 am:	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:30–9:15 am:	Separation of Powers and Federalism Joseph F. Kobyłka, Southern Methodist University
9:20–10:05 am:	Civil Liberties Cases Kevin McGuire, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
10:05–10:25 am:	Break and Group Photo
10:25–10:35 am:	Humanities Texas Educational Resources
10:35–11:20 am:	Civil Rights Cases Alyx Mark, Wesleyan University
11:25 am–12:10 pm:	Criminal Procedure Cases Pamela Corley, Southern Methodist University
12:10–1:00 pm:	Lunch
1:00–3:15 pm:	Afternoon Seminars
3:15–3:30 pm:	Final Announcements

Image: West Facade of the United State Supreme Court Building at dusk, Washington, DC. Photo by Joe Ravi. CC-BY-SA 3.0.

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