

TEACHING THE TEXAS REVOLUTION • IN-PERSON WORKSHOP

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HUMANITIES TEXAS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Asia Society Texas Center • Houston, Texas

7:30–8:15 a.m.	Check-in and Breakfast
8:15–8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:30–9:15 a.m.	Causes of the Texas Revolution *Sam W. Haynes, University of Texas at Arlington*
9:20–10:05 a.m.	Tejanos in the Texas Revolution *Frank de la Teja, former Texas State Historian*
10:05–10:20 a.m.	Break and Group Photo
10:20–10:40 a.m.	Asia Society Texas Resources for Educators *Sumaira Dharani, Asia Society Texas*
10:45–11:30 a.m.	Significant Events of the Texas Revolution *Nicolas Cox, Houston City College*
11:35 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	Classroom Resources for Teaching the Texas Revolution *Courtney Abubakar, Texas History for Teachers*
12:20–1:10 p.m.	Lunch
1:15–3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Seminars
3:30–3:40 p.m.	Final Announcements

Image: *Surrender of Santa Anna* by William H. Huddle. Courtesy Texas State Preservation Board.

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NICHOLAS P. COX was born in Nebraska, raised in Brazoria County, Texas, and studied nineteenth-century history of the U.S. South at the University of Houston. He completed his PhD in 2012, taught for Alief ISD, New York City Department of Education (where he co-founded the Bronx Academy of Letters), and the University of Houston. He joined the instructional team at Houston City College in 2008, full-time in 2014, and held the position of history department program coordinator from 2015–2021. Since 2021, he has served as the history department chair. From 2024–25, he was Liberal Arts & Humanities Division interim dean. He is the current HCCS faculty senate president elect and will serve as president during the 2027–28 academic year. In addition to teaching and administrative service, he is a member of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission, Southern History Association, Alliance for Texas History, Society of Historians of the Early Republic, and formerly Texas State Historical Association. He spends way too much money on books and records and too much time driving and hiking in the national forests or to the top of state highpoints.

JESÚS F. "FRANK" DE LA TEJA is Regents' Professor Emeritus and University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Texas State University in San Marcos, where he was also Supple Professor and director of the Center for the Study of the Southwest. He obtained a PhD from The University of Texas at Austin, and between 1985 and 1991 he worked in the Archives and Records Division of the Texas General Land Office. He has published extensively on Spanish, Mexican, and Republic-era Texas, and has served on the board of directors, as president, and as executive director of the Texas State Historical Association. He was the inaugural Texas State Historian (2007–2009), is a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas Catholic Historical Society, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and the Philosophical Society of Texas, and a former Humanities Texas board member. Retired, he continues to write about and consult on early Texas history topics.

SAM W. HAYNES is a professor in the Department of History at The University of Texas at Arlington, where he also serves as the director of the Center for Greater Southwestern Studies. He is the author of four books and several edited works on the United States and Texas. His most recent work, *Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas* (Basic Books, 2022), won several book prizes, including awards from the Texas State Historical Association, the Philosophical Society of Texas, and the Texas Institute of Letters, and was listed as one of the "Best Books of 2022" by the journal *Foreign Affairs*. He also directs the Center's digital humanities project, Texas in Turmoil: Mapping Interethnic Violence, 1821–1879.