HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES

January 26  The Voting Rights Act of 1965
5:00–6:15 p.m.  J. Todd Moye, University of North Texas

February 16  House Articles of Impeachment for President Nixon
5:00–6:15 p.m.  David Greenberg, Rutgers University

February 23  The Pentagon Papers
5:00–6:15 p.m.  Mark A. Lawrence, LBJ Presidential Library

March 2  President Reagan’s 1983 “Evil Empire” Speech
5:00–6:15 p.m.  Jeremi Suri, The University of Texas at Austin

March 9  The 1977 National Women’s Conference
5:00–6:15 p.m.  Nancy Beck Young, University of Houston


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