



TEACHING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION • HOUSTON

Thursday, November 1, 2018

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.	The Articles of Confederation <i>Woody Holton, University of South Carolina</i>
9:20–10:05 a.m.	Compromises in Adopting the Constitution <i>Joseph Kobyłka, Southern Methodist 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.	Federalists v. Antifederalists <i>Denver Brunsman, The George Washington University</i>
11:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	The Bill of Rights <i>Kelly Hopkins, University of Houston</i>
12:10–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00–3:15 p.m.	Primary source seminars
3:15–3:30 p.m.	Final announcements

Image: Howard Chandler Christy (1873–1952), *Scene at the Signing of the Constitution*, 1940.
Oil on canvas, Courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol, Washington, DC.

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FEATURED SCHOLARS

DENVER BRUNSMAN is associate professor and associate (vice) chair of the history department at George Washington University, where his courses include “George Washington and His World,” taught annually at Mount Vernon. He completed his MA and PhD degrees at Princeton University and his BA at St. Olaf College. His book, *The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World* (2013), received the Walker Cowen Memorial Prize for an outstanding work in eighteenth-century studies in the Americas and Atlantic world. He is also a coauthor of a leading college and AP U.S. History textbook, *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People* (2015; 2019) as well as the e-book, *Leading Change: George Washington and Establishing the Presidency* (2017). A retired Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves, his honors include induction into the George Washington University Academy of Distinguished Teachers (2016) and selection to the College Board AP U.S. History Development Committee (2018).

WOODY HOLTON is Bonnie and Peter McCausland Professor of History at the University of South Carolina. His 2009 book, *Abigail Adams*, which he wrote on a Guggenheim Fellowship, won the Bancroft Prize. Holton is also the author of *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution* (2007), which was a finalist for the National Book Award. His first book, *Forced Founders: Indians, Debtors, Slaves, and the Making of the American Revolution in Virginia* (1999), won the Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award (presented by the New York Sons of the Revolution) and the Merle Curti Award (presented by the Organization of American Historians). His books are required reading on more than two hundred college campuses, and his work has been widely anthologized and also translated into German and Arabic. He is currently writing a comprehensive history of the American Revolutionary era.

KELLY Y. HOPKINS is an Instructional Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the Graduate Program in the Department of History at the University of Houston. She received her BA from the Ohio State University, her MA from the University of Akron, and her PhD from the University of California at Davis. At the University of Houston, she regularly teaches the first-half of the American History survey where she focuses on improving undergraduate education and student success. She also teaches courses on Colonial North America, Native North America, and Sports History in America. Professor Hopkins’s research interests combine the fields of Native American, British and French Colonial American, Environmental, and Atlantic World history to investigate the colonial experiences and legacies of the interactions between European colonists and Native Americans. She has presented her research at numerous national, regional, and specialized conferences. In 2012-2013 she received a University of Houston Teaching Excellence Award, and in 2014 she earned a National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

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.