



LANDMARK SUPREME COURT CASES · DALLAS
Wednesday, February 7, 2018

HUMANITIES TEXAS TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Old Red Museum • 100 South Houston Street • Dallas, 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.	Defining Federal Power <i>Joseph F. Kobylka, Southern Methodist University</i>
9:20–10:05 a.m.	Civil Liberties Cases <i>H. W. Perry, The University of Texas at Austin</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.	Criminal Procedure <i>Cullen Macbeth, Federal Public Defender, Nevada</i>
11:25 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Civil Rights Cases <i>Michael Les Benedict, The Ohio State University</i>
12:10–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00–3:15 p.m.	Primary source seminars
3:15–3:30 p.m.	Closing announcements

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FEATURED SCHOLARS

JOSEPH F. KOBYLKA is associate professor of history 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. Professor 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.

MICHAEL LES BENEDICT is professor emeritus at The Ohio State University, where he taught in the history department from 1975–2005 and currently works as a visiting scholar in the Mortiz College of Law. He received his BA and MA from the University of Illinois and his PhD from Rice University. He has been a visiting professor at MIT, Yale Law School, the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom, and Hokkaido and Doshisha Universities in Japan. Benedict is a recognized authority in Anglo American constitutional and legal history, the history of civil rights and liberties, the federal system, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. He has published over forty essays in leading American history and law journals in addition to half a dozen history books and textbooks. He served for thirty years as Parliamentarian of the American Historical Association before retiring this year and is currently working on the constitutional politics of the Reconstruction era.

CULLEN MACBETH graduated from Yale College in 2009 with a B.A. in Humanities. He then spent two years teaching 9th-grade English at a public high school in Clarksdale, Mississippi. In 2014, Cullen graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he studied constitutional law, criminal law, and criminal procedure, among other topics. After graduation he served as a law clerk to a federal district court judge in Phoenix, Arizona, and a federal circuit court judge in Salt Lake City, Utah. Cullen now works as an attorney at the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the District of Nevada, in Las Vegas. In that capacity he represents indigent defendants charged with federal crimes, both at the trial level and on direct appeal.

H. W. PERRY, JR. has tenured appointments on the faculties of the School of Law and the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. Previously, he was on the faculty at Harvard University and at Washington University. He has won major teaching awards at every university at which he has taught and is known for his use of interactive teaching. Most recently he has been awarded the UT Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award, and this past September he received the Teaching and Mentoring Award of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. He teaches a wide array of courses in the Law School and in the College of Liberal Arts at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His law school courses include: Constitutional Law I and a course on the First Amendment. His government courses include: Constitutional Interpretation, Civil Liberties, and the graduate Proseminar in Public Law. His research interests focus mostly on topics at the intersection of law and politics and on topics in constitutional law. He is most known for his award-winning book *Deciding to Decide: Agenda Setting in the U.S. Supreme Court* (Harvard University Press).