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Humanities Texas Professional Development Workshop
October 1, 2024 • Edinburg
Region One Education Service Center

7:30–8:15 am	Check-in and Breakfast
8:15–8:30 am	Welcome and Announcements
8:30–9:55 am	Republic of Texas, U.S.-Mexico War, Early Statehood (1845–1859)
9:55–10:05 am	Break and Group Photo
10:05–11:30 am	Secession and Civil War (1860–1865)
11:30 am–12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15–12:30 pm	Humanities Texas Educational Resources
12:30–1:55 pm	Early Reconstruction (1865–1870)
1:55–2:05 pm	Break
2:05–3:30 pm	The End of Reconstruction and Its Aftermath (1871–1890s)
3:30–3:45 pm	Final Announcements

Image: Charles L. Smith, *Independence Hall at Washington-on-the-Brazos*, c. 1852, courtesy of The State Preservation Board, Austin, Texas.

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