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FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY WELCOMES NOTED HISTORIAN GORDON WOOD

On June 10, 2019, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will host Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Gordon S. Wood. His keynote lecture on the origin of political parties in the United States opens a 3½-day professional development institute for Texas classroom teachers. The institute, titled *The Early American Republic: From Washington to Madison*, is sponsored by Humanities Texas, Texas Christian University and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

"It's impossible to overstate the importance of perspective and context in our world today," said Van A. Romans, museum president. "It is a privilege to welcome Gordon Wood to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History for an evening that will surely inspire educators working with our young people."

Gordon S. Wood is Alva O. Way University Professor Emeritus at Brown University. He is the author of many works, including *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776–1787* (1969), which won the Bancroft Prize and the John H. Dunning Prize in 1970, and *The Radicalism of the American Revolution* (1992), which won the Pulitzer Prize for History and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize in 1993. His volume in the Oxford History of the United States entitled *Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789–1815* (2009) was given the Association of American Publishers Award for History and Biography in 2009, the American History Book Prize by the New York Historical Society for 2010 and the Society of the Cincinnati History Prize in 2010. In 2011, he was awarded a National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama and the Churchill Bell by Colonial Williamsburg.

"We are honored to have Gordon Wood, one of the nation's most distinguished historians, launch our 2019 Fort Worth institute," says Michael L. Gillette, executive director of Humanities Texas.

At the institute, Wood and other distinguished scholars from universities across the nation will work with teachers to improve the quality of classroom teaching in Texas. The institute offers dynamic presentations, probing discussions and focused seminars in which scholars and teachers developed strategies for engaging students.

This event is made possible with support from the State of Texas and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Humanities Texas is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to advance education through programs that improve the quality of classroom teaching, support libraries and museums and create opportunities for lifelong learning for all Texans.

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