Dr. Scott W. Palmer (Professor and Chair of History at UT Arlington) draws upon two decades of experience researching, writing, and teaching aviation history to help junior- and high-school teachers incorporate both the history of technology and the history of flight culture into their own instructional repertoires. Directly aligned with TEKS standards, Dr. Palmer’s two presentations provide essential information, concepts, and key terms along with access to multimedia materials and lesson plans that may be easily adapted for use in any 7th-12th grade social studies classroom.

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9:30 am - Check in; light breakfast included

10:30 am- “The ‘Look and Feel’ of the Modern: The DC-3 and the Rise of 20th-Century America”

The Douglas DC-3 was a marvel of twentieth-century American technology and industry. Combining cutting edge design and a raft of innovative features, the airplane revolutionized flight and gave rise to the passenger airline industry. But its success was by no means a foregone conclusion. In this first presentation, participants will learn how a disparate combination of public and private institutions, cutthroat business competition, visionary engineers, and blind luck contributed to the creation of arguably the most beautiful aircraft ever to grace the skies. The talk concludes with an evaluation of the DC-3’s central role in defining how mid-century Americans came to understand and represent the “modern” through reference to the airplane’s influence on “streamlined” industrial design and minimalist architecture.

12:30 pm - LUNCH provided

1:30 pm - “Teaching Texas History through the History of Aviation”

Remember the Alamo? Of course you do! But do you remember Katherine Stinson? Wiley Post? Or Frank Lorenzo? These pioneering aviation figures are as much a part of Texas history as Santa Ana, Jim Bowie, and William Travis. In this second presentation Dr. Palmer introduces participants to leading individuals, events, and institutions that shaped the state of aviation and the State of Texas from c. 1900 to the early twenty-first century. In addition to identifying key milestones and resources related to the history of (Texas) aviation, this presentation will provide multiple examples of how these little covered, but fascinating, subjects can be embedded into the TEKS periodization for teaching Texas History.

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