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GLO Save Texas History Symposium Reception to Feature Special Guest Dr. Douglas Brinkley, Nationally Renowned Historian

Event to raise money for program, Symposium takes a look at Austin: In the Shadow of the Dome

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AUSTIN — On Saturday, Nov. 14, Land Commissioner George P. Bush will be joined by several well-known special guests at the VIP Meet & Greet and Save Texas History Reception at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center to help raise funds for this essential program. One of the special guests joining Commissioner Bush to celebrate the Save Texas History program is Dr. Douglas Brinkley, Professor of History, Rice University, CNN Presidential Historian and author of the forthcoming book *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America*.

WHO: Texas General Land Office, Dr. Douglas Brinkley, CNN Presidential Historian and Rice University Professor of History, Texas History enthusiasts

WHAT: Save Texas History Reception

WHEN: Saturday, November 14th from 6:30-9:00 pm

WHERE: Texas Capitol Visitors Center, 112 E 11th St., Austin, TX 78701

WHY: To support the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History program, and conserve the 36 million documents, and 45,000 maps, sketches and drawing housed in the GLO Archives.

HOW: Register online at www.savetexashistory.org

PRICE: Symposium registration - \$65; Symposium + Reception - \$150; Symposium + VIP Meet & Greet + Reception - \$250

The 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium, *In the Shadow of the Dome: Austin by Day & Night* will examine the diverse history of Austin in the 19th Century. From the Pig War, to Guy Town, to the Servant Girl Annihilator and the destruction of the State Capitol, this symposium will be a fascinating look at Austin in a new light. Registration is available, starting at \$65 per person at www.savetexashistory.org.

About Dr. Douglas Brinkley

Douglas Brinkley is a Professor of History at Rice University, bestselling author, and presidential historian for CNN who has described him as "a man who knows more about

the presidency than just about any human being alive." He serves as a contributing editor for *Vanity Fair*. A frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*, he is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Century Association, and the Society of American Historians. In a recent profile, the *Chicago Tribune* deemed him "America's new past master."

In May 2012 *Cronkite*, the definitive biography of the CBS News anchorman, was published by HarperCollins. It was selected as one of *The Washington Post's* best books of 2012. Other award-winning biographies include *Wheels for the World: Henry Ford and the Making of America* and *Rosa Parks: A Life*.

He is also finishing the third volume of his U.S. conservation history series, titled *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America*. The first two volumes-*The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* and *The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879 to 1960*-were published in 2009 and 2011, respectively.

No less than eight of Brinkley's books have been selected as *New York Times Notable Books of the Year*. Likewise, each of his most recent publications have been *New York Times* bestsellers: *Voices of Valor: D-Day: June 6, 1944* (2004), *Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War* (2004), *The Boys of Pointe du Hoc: Ronald Reagan, D-Day and the U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion* (2005), *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* (2006), *The Reagan Diaries*, (2007), *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* (2009), *The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960* (2011), and *Cronkite* (2012).

Brinkley completed his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University and received his doctorate in U.S. Diplomatic History from Georgetown University in 1989. He then spent years at the U.S. Naval Academy and Princeton University teaching history. Before coming to Rice, Dr. Brinkley served as Professor of History and Director of the Roosevelt Center at Tulane University in New Orleans. From 1994 until 2005, he was Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies at the University of New Orleans.

Brinkley has also been actively involved in the conservation community. Over the course of his career, he has held board or leadership advisory roles in the American Museum of Natural History, Yellowstone Park Foundation, National Audubon Society and the Rockefeller-Roosevelt Conservation Roundtable. In 2015 he was awarded the Robin W. Winks Award for Enhancing Public Understanding of National Parks by the National Parks Conservation Association.

He won the Benjamin Franklin Award for *The American Heritage History of the United States* (1998) and the Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Naval History Prize for *Driven Patriot* (1993). He was awarded the *Business Week* Book of the Year Award for *Wheels of the World: Henry Ford, His Country, and a Century of Progress*.

About Save Texas History:

Save Texas History, a project of the Texas General Land Office, is dedicated to preserving and promoting the historic documents and maps of the General Land Office Archives, serving as a teaching resource for Texas History education, and serving as a resource for digitizing Texas History.

This is the 6th Annual Save Texas History Symposium. This year, the theme is Austin in the 19th Century. Speakers include Dr. David B. Gracy II, Dr. Andres and Juanita

Tijerina, James L. Haley, Lt. (Ret) Doug Dukes, Richard Zelade, Jeff Kerr, Ali James, Teri E. Flack, Dr. Bruce Ellis, Buck Cole and Kevin Klaus.

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