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Reflecting On An American Tragedy

THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS 20 YEARS LATER

APRIL 18, 2013
TRUETT SEMINARY,
POWELL CHAPEL

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
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ADMISSION IS FREE

9:00 AM - WELCOME

KENNETH W. STARR, PRESIDENT, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
WILLIAM H BELLINGER, JR., CHAIR, BAYLOR RELIGION DEPT.
RODNEY STARK, CO-DIRECTOR, BAYLOR ISR

9:30 AM - INTRODUCING THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS

"THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS AND TEXAS RELIGIOUS HISTORY"
J. GORDON MELTON, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN RELIGIOUS HISTORY, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

"A PICTORIAL INTRODUCTION TO THE MT. CARMEL PROPERTY" — MATTHEW WITTMER, DOCUMENTARIAN

THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS DILEMMA: "TO OBEY GOD OR MAN?"
PHILLIP ARNOLD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REUNION INSTITUTE (HOUSTON) AND FOUNDER OF THE RELIGION CRISIS TASK FORCE

11:00 AM - PUTTING A HUMAN FACE ON THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS

"LISTENING TO BRANCH DAVIDIANS: LEARNING FROM THE SURVIVORS" — CATHERINE WESSINGER, PROFESSOR, RELIGIOUS STUDIES, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

NOON - LUNCH

1:15 PM - THE FRUITS OF CONFLICT

"THE CHALLENGES OF NEGOTIATING AT WACO" – GARY NOESNER, CHIEF, FBI CRISIS NEGOTIATION UNIT (RETIRED)

2:15 PM - THE FRUITS CONFLICT (CONT.)

"THE ROLE OF STATE MILITARIZATION IN THE 1993 BRANCH DAVIDIAN CONFLICT" — STUART A. WRIGHT, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, LAMAR UNIVERSITY

3:30 PM - WACO, THE BRANCH DAVIDIANS AND THE WIDER WORLD

"REMEMBER WACO! THE DISASTER IN POLITICS AND POPULAR CULTURE" — PHILIP JENKINS, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY