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**THE PATH TO POWER:
LBJ & THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY**

APRIL 16-19, 2015

Join Jacqueline Dirks, professor of history, and Mike Teskey, director of Alumni Relations, in an examination of the Texas Hill Country that President Lyndon Baines Johnson called home. Using volumes of Robert Caro's biography of LBJ as the main subject texts (along with some other suggested readings), we will explore the LBJ Library, Johnson City, the Texas White House, and areas in between. Lest you think this extended weekend is all about LBJ, April is prime wildflower season, so we will also visit the Wildflower Research Center (one of Ladybird's legacies) along with experiencing some Austin (and Luckenbach) music and dining on Texas barbeque.

Price: \$750 per person includes airport pick-ups, lodging (double occupancy), opening reception, breakfasts, lunches, two dinners, ground transportation, and entrance fees. \$400 per person price excludes lodging.

Your Itinerary

Thursday, April 16: Welcome

Afternoon arrival into Austin (AUS).

The program will kick off with a reception and happy hour that will also include members of the Austin/San Antonio Reed alumni group. We will gather at the location where LBJ gathered to watch election results: the historic Driskill Hotel.

Dinner will be on your own. You can choose between a host of restaurants in downtown Austin. Whether you want a Tex-Mex or fine-dining establishment, you are sure to enjoy your dining experience in Austin.

Then there is music. If you are into music and want to check out the great selection of music on Austin's popular 6th Street, then you will be in heaven. Lots of energy and lots of fun is in store on this first night.

Friday, April 17: The Land

After breakfast, we will begin our exploration of the land where the nation's 36th president was born, a spot he held so special that he spent a quarter of his presidency here. One cannot understand Johnson without understanding the land. Our first stop will be one of Ladybird Johnson's legacies: the Wildflower Research Center. Located on the edge of Austin, this lovely site showcases how the rugged land is home to an intimate and colorful array of flora. And since April is part of the wildflower season, we will learn a little about the flowers we will see along the roadsides in the Hill Country.

Texas and barbeque go hand in hand, so we will head out to the famous Salt Lick barbeque restaurant for lunch and enjoy this gustatory experience before a scenic driving tour of the Texas Hill Country, focusing on the back roads to get a sense of the land, the topography and the small communities that comprise the region. We will then stop for a walk and ADA accessible hike through Pedernales Falls State Park.

Then it is off to Fredericksburg, where we will check into our rooms and then the evening is free for you to enjoy as you wish. Some will surely choose to dine at the Althaus, a German-style beer garden restaurant. Others may opt to check out the Friday night fish fry. And since Fredericksburg is a very popular tourist destination, there is no shortage of other eating options.

Saturday, April 18: The people of the Hill Country and LBJ

After breakfast on your own, we will depart for our day focusing on LBJ and the people of the Hill Country. We will drive to the Sauer-Beckman Living History farm on the edge of the LBJ park. This park interprets what life was like for the German residents of the Hill Country during the turn of the 20th Century.

Then we will enter the LBJ Ranch and the Texas White House. The experience begins with a driving tour where with a number of stops where to get a perspective of the ranch and why it resonated so much with LBJ. It still is a working ranch, so you may see some of the livestock and there surely will be some workers driving around tending to their business.

The highlight of the tour to the LBJ Ranch is the “Texas White House.” It is now open to the general public (since Ladybird’s death in 2007) and tours are led by National Park Service guides. Each guide has a deep knowledge of the Johnson family and many knew Ladybird and know Linda and Lucy. More than any presidential site you may have visited, this is bound to have special resonance with anyone who was alive during the 1960s.

This will conclude our morning and we will head west to Johnson City for lunch and to visit where LBJ grew up. The small towns and communities bear the names of the families who settled this land, and we will visit a number of small communities and talk with the descendants of the original settlers—they all fondly remember the Johnsons, especially Ladybird. We will visit the Stonewall peach co-op, the Hye post office, and Weinheimer’s store. Then it is off to visit the place where “everybody’s somebody.”

Luckenbach was the name of the German family that owned this land until they sold it to Hondo Crouch. Hondo put Luckenbach on the map. From the 1970s to today, it has been a place where you can listen to music every day of the week—be from a singer performing at the general store or on the stage on a Friday or Saturday night for the dances. We will visit the store, grab a beer and a listen, and you can choose if you want to stay or return later in the evening for a dance.

As we enjoy our Shiner Bock or other beverage of choice, we will debrief and discuss what we experienced of Johnson’s favorite place and how it shaped him (and how history was shaped because of it?).

Sunday, April 19: LBJ and his legacy

At 9 a.m., we will depart Fredericksburg and head back to Austin and visit the LBJ Presidential Library. The library recently underwent a major renovation. The bulk of the exhibits were reopened in December, 2012, on the occasion of the centennial of Ladybird’s birth. We will spend the balance of our time visiting the library before gathering at a local restaurant for a late lunch and concluding discussion before people with mid afternoon/evening departures need to head to the airport.

Optional Sunday evening activity for those staying overnight (Sunday lodging is not included in the price):

Just south of Austin lies the world largest cave of bats (Mexican Freetail bats), and we can arrange a visit to Bracken cave to see a truly spectacular site, the bats taking flight in the evening. This takes the spectacle that occurs under Austin’s Congress Street Bridge every night and turns it up a notch! Those who visited last year thought it was a real highlight of the trip.

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations in Austin and Hill Country lodging properties
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes
- Ground transportation (including airport pick up and drop off, unless there are significant flight delays).
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch daily

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- Two dinners (Friday and Saturday)
- Opening reception (hosted appetizers, but not alcohol)
- Entrances to all attractions

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines
- Meals and beverages, other than specified
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature
- Personal and baggage insurance
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above

*Please Note : The Itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing,
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YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING:

AUSTIN HAPPY HOUR WITH AREA ALUMNI; WILDFLOWER CENTER, SALT LICK RESTAURANT, COMMUNITY OF BLANCO, FREDERICKSBURG, LBJ BOYHOOD HOME AND RANCH, SAUER BECKMAN LIVING HISTORY FARM, JOHNSON CITY, STONEWALL, HYE, LUCKENBACH, ENCHANTED ROCK, WILLOW CITY LOOP, LBJ PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: REED COLLEGE

DATES: APRIL 16-19, 2015

COSTS: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

	MAIN TRIP BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	BRACKEN CAVE EVENING EXTENSION
LAND ONLY COST	\$750 PER PERSON	\$ 50 (EXCLUDES LODGING)
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$150 PER PERSON	

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CITY: AUSTIN, TX (AUS)

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CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Office of Alumni Relations, Reed College, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR, together with a deposit of \$300 per person by March 1, 2014. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 30 days prior to departure –March 16, 2015.)

ACCOMMODATIONS: This is a busy weekend in Austin and the Hill Country. We have worked to obtain the best reasonably priced accommodations available.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are not guaranteed – all reasonable effort will be made to accommodate travelers.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately three weeks prior to departure. Final payment is due 15 days prior to departure (April 1, 2015)

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

Refund of deposit is made up to 15 days prior to departure, less \$100 per person

NOT INCLUDED: Excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Reed College nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of Reed College shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. The college may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The College reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the College reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the College uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the college for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on the program constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this program, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the College.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the

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duration of their trip to Austin and the Texas Hill Country. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, damage/ theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Reed College, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

RESERVATION FORM:

LBJ Heartland

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$300 Per Person) to hold _____ place(s) on the journey to Austin, TX and the Texas Hill Country beginning on April 16, 2015. Cost is \$750 per person, double occupancy, land only (exclusive of airfare). Cost excluding lodging is \$400 per person. Final payment due date is: April 1, 2015

Please make check payable to REED COLLEGE OR charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CCV: _____

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Reed Class Year _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Reed Class Year _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if REED COLLEGE cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement.
- Post-Extension to Bracken Cave \$50.

I/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)