**Dr. Douglas Brinkley** is a Professor of History at Rice University, a Fellow at the James Baker III Institute of Public Policy, and a Distinguished Fellow at the Briscoe Center for American History. His most recent book, *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* was published in 2009 and became an instant New York Times best-seller. He received his doctorate in U.S. History from Georgetown University in 1989. Dr. Brinkley is currently working on a book about the Santa Fe Trail, illustrated with the artwork of Thomas Hart Benton.

**David Todd** is the founder, coordinator, and interviewer for the Conservation History Association of Texas. He has also worked as an environmental attorney, environmental donor, and cattle rancher, and has taught at the Rice University School of Architecture. He has served on the boards of the Texas Audubon Society, Texas Conservation Alliance, Texas League of Conservation Voters, and the Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter. He has a B.A. from the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at Princeton University, a M.S. from the Brown School of Engineering at Rice University, and a J.D. from the School of Law at Emory University.

**Dr. Steve Windhager** is the founding director of the Landscape Restoration Program at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Through this program, the Wildflower Center conducts research in applied ecology and offers consulting on a wide variety of ecological issues. He organized the 1998 and 2003 Society for Ecological Restoration (SERI) International Conferences, was on the board of directors for SERI International from 1998 to 2004, and currently sits on the editorial board for SERI's journal, *Restoration Ecology*. Steve also directs the Center's newest undertaking, the Sustainable Sites Initiative, which is a joint project with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the United States Botanic Gardens to create sustainable design guidelines for landscapes. He received his Ph.D. in environmental science from the University of North Texas.

**Dr. Patrick Cox** is Associate Director for Congressional History at the Briscoe Center. The author of numerous articles in academic journals, magazines, and newspapers, Cox served as the project director for the Texas House Speakers Oral History Program. He also served as an historical advisor to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. He is the co-author of *The House Bill Come to Order: How the Texas Speaker Became a Power in State and National Politics* (University of Texas Press, March 2010) with Dr. Michael Phillips. Cox received his doctorate in History from The University of Texas at Austin, and his M.A. from Texas State University, where he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Liberal Arts.
CONSERVING TEXAS, PRESERVING HISTORY: Understanding Our Texas Landscape

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