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**Texas Wesleyan welcomes 125 art educators from local museums and schools
for annual TAEA Regional Conference**

FORT WORTH, June 7 – The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Area III Regional Conference will be held on June 12 at Texas Wesleyan University’s historic campus, located at 1201 Wesleyan St. For directions, visit <http://www.txwes.edu/contact/mapdirections.htm>. The conference begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. and includes 125 art educators from 46 counties in Northern and Eastern Texas, who represent museums, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and institutions of higher education. Throughout the day, there will be workshops, presentations, demonstrations, hands-on learning experiences, talks of special interest to art educators, and a luncheon with keynote speaker Terri Thornton, education director of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Thornton will discuss her transition from public school teacher to museum educator.

Conference presenters include local artists, educators and curators from the Amon Carter Museum, Dallas Museum of Art, Kimbell Art Museum, Meadows Museum and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

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TAEA was organized in 1919 as the Art Section of the Texas State Teachers Association and adopted its present name in 1966. TAEA has three main goals: to generate a greater interest in and love of art, to define and encourage studies and research about art education, and to act as a spokesman for art in education and public relations. For more information on TAEA or the Area III annual conference, visit the Web site at www.taea.org.

Texas Wesleyan University was founded in Fort Worth in 1890 as a United Methodist institution with a tradition in liberal arts and sciences. It is the mission of Texas Wesleyan to develop students to their full potential as individuals and as members of the world community. Wesleyan's historic campus is located in east Fort Worth with the law school located downtown. For over 100 years, the art department at Texas Wesleyan has been a dynamic contributor to the cultural and academic life of the University and the surrounding community. The department has a faculty of professional artists, maintains an active exhibition season and nurtures students as artist-scholars in an intimate, challenging and supportive environment.

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