4) HOUSING & FACILITIES

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**Housing**

The Hotel Deauville in Manhattan’s Murray Hill neighborhood will provide non-smoking, en suite singles for Summer Scholars at a rate of $159 per night. Participants should expect clean but basic accommodations. More information can be found on their website at [http://www.hoteldeauville.com](http://www.hoteldeauville.com).
No formal arrangements have been made with other establishments, but additional housing possibilities include the following. Please be advised that accommodations at these establishments (with the exception of owner vacation rentals) are also basic, dormitory style rooms. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

- Vanderbilt YMCA  
  [http://www.ymcanyc.org/association/guest-rooms/vanderbiltrooms](http://www.ymcanyc.org/association/guest-rooms/vanderbiltrooms)

- Westside YMCA  

- International House/Hostel  
  [www.ihouse-nyc.org](http://www.ihouse-nyc.org)

- New York Loft Hostel  
  [http://www.nylofthostel.com](http://www.nylofthostel.com)

- Airbnb  
  [https://www.airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com)

- Vacation Rentals by Owner  
  [http://www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com)

**Facilities**

- **Computer & Internet Access:** It is recommended that institute participants bring laptop computers or tablets. Wireless internet access will be available at both City Lore and Poets House. It is also available for free at selected branches of the New York Public Library and at the Hotel Deauville.

- **Libraries:** Readings for the institute will be on reserve at City Lore (as well as in packets). Participants also have access to the many branches and research libraries of the New York Public Library while they are in town ([http://www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org)).

- **Travel to New York City:** New York is served by 3 major airports: Newark Liberty International, JFK, and LaGuardia. The city is also served by Amtrak at Penn Station and regional and national bus companies at Port Authority Bus
Terminal. As July is the height of the tourist as well as college intern season in New York, advanced travel arrangements are highly recommended.

• **Local Travel:** As the institute takes place primarily in Manhattan, participants are encouraged to use public transportation. Both City Lore and Poets House, as well as our field trip sites, are easily accessible via subway. Service status, a trip planner, and other useful information can be found at [http://new.mta.info](http://new.mta.info). Fare information can be found here: [http://www.mta.info/metrocard/mcgtreng.htm](http://www.mta.info/metrocard/mcgtreng.htm). Participants are urged not to drive in Manhattan. Parking near City Lore and Poets House is difficult and expensive.

• **Additional Information:**

  o **Walking:** New York is a walking city, so please bring comfortable shoes. There won’t be much walking most days, but you will need to walk to the sessions and to run errands. Please be prepared to walk on field trip days.

  o **Dining:** While accommodations are expensive, it is possible to eat well on a budget in New York. We will provide lists of cheap restaurants, groceries, and green markets to participants.

  o **Shopping & Sightseeing:** If you are coming to New York primarily to shop and sightsee, this is not the institute for you. Our schedule is a full one. While there will be personal time in the evenings and on the weekends, most days are filled with the institute’s programmatic activities. However, there will be several opportunities to explore the neighborhoods of Muslim New York with City Lore and our guest faculty.

  o **Family & Partners:** We strongly recommend that you don’t bring your family or partner. Alternative housing is expensive, and, in accordance with NEH regulations, we do not allow auditing of the institute.