

## **I) OVERVIEW**

### ***A Reverence for Words: Understanding Muslim Cultures through Poetry & Song***

**July 13-27, 2014; New York, NY**

**Application Deadline: March 4, 2014**

**Notification by March 31, 2014**

City Lore, in collaboration with Poets House and Teachers & Writers Collaborative, presents a two-week NEH Summer Scholars Institute for middle school and high school teachers. The institute will examine the high regard for poetry and its relationship to music and to the art of the book in the cultures of the Islamic world, both historically and in contemporary society. It draws on the arts from the Arab world, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, and West Africa to give teachers, and ultimately their students, an opportunity to deepen their understanding and knowledge of Muslim cultures and the contributions of Islamic civilizations to world literature, history and culture.

Highlights:

- Dr. Jawid Mojaddedi (Rutgers University) on Rumi
- Field trip to the Metropolitan Museum's Islamic Wing
- Dr. Bruce Lawrence (Duke University) on the Qu'ran
- Walking tours of New York's ethnic neighborhoods
- Dr. Sylviane Diouf (New York Public Library) on Islam & the Blues
- Performances & artist demonstrations