2018 NEH Summer Institute

A Reverence for Words: Understanding Muslim Cultures through the Arts
July 15-28, 2018

SCHEDULE
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Sunday, July 15 at New York University (NYU)
9:00am-2:00pm Arrival and check-in at St. George Towers, Brooklyn (unless otherwise arranged)
5:30pm Welcome reception and dinner at the Hagop Kevorkian Center at New York University (50 Washington Square South)

Monday, July 16 at NYU (morning, early afternoon); Islamic Cultural Center (late afternoon)
9:00am Welcome, ice breaker, and receive first half of stipend
9:30am Introductory session with an overview of the institute with City Lore and Poets House staff
10:00am Lecture: “The Language of the Qur’an and Its Influence on Literature” by Dr. Shawkat Toorawa, Yale University
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Toorawa and City Lore staff
12:00pm Lunch break
1:00pm Depart for Islamic Cultural Center
2:00pm Excursion: A Tour of the Islamic Cultural Center of New York (1711 3rd Avenue, Upper East Side) and discussion with Imam Chernor Saad Jalloh (Please dress in long pants/skirt and long sleeves; head scarf)
3:00pm Lecture: “Allah is beautiful and loves beauty: On the Importance of Art and Culture in Teaching Muslim American History” with Dr. Zain Abdullah, Temple University
4:00pm End of Session

Tuesday, July 17 at NYU
9:30am Making Connections
10:00am Lecture: “The Sufi Strain in Classical and Modern Arabic Poetry” with Dr. Muhsin al-Musawi, Columbia University
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. al-Musawi and City Lore staff
12:00pm Lunch break
1:00pm Seminar: “Bridging Cultural Terrains through the Prism of Islamic Calligraphy” with artist Mitra Dejkameh, Queens Museum
Classroom Connections with City Lore staff

3:00pm End of session

Wednesday, July 18 at NYU (morning and afternoon); City Lore (evening)
9:30am Making Connections
10:00am Lecture: “The Persian Lyric Tradition: Rumi and Hafez” with Dr. Jawid Mojaddedi, Rutgers University
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Mojaddedi and City Lore staff
12:00pm Lunch break
1:00pm Workshop: “Forugh in Translation and other Radical Women Poets” with Bushra Rehman, Teachers & Writers Collaborative
Teachers’ content discussion with Bushra Rehman and City Lore staff
3:15pm End of session
7:00pm Excursion: “Poetic Duels: Sheyr Jangi,” A Reading and Poetic Game with Classical and Contemporary Poets from the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, and Diaspora hosted by City Lore and Ping Chong + Company (City Lore, 56 East 1st Street). Featured poets include Marwa Helal, Haleh Liza, Jess Rizkallah, and Adeeba Shahid Talukder.

Thursday, July 19 at NYU
9:30am Making Connections
10:00am Lecture: “Masters of Urdu Poetry, Yesterday and Today” by Dr. Frances Pritchett, Columbia University
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Pritchett and City Lore staff
12:00pm Lunch break
1:00pm Workshop: “Bait Bazi: A Short Introduction” by Dr. Frances Pritchett, followed by a participatory bait bazi round facilitated by Amanda Dargan and Sahar Muradi
2:30pm Lecture and Workshop: “Langston Hughes in Turkestan” by Dr. Zohra Saed, Graduate Center at CUNY
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Zohra Saed and City Lore staff
4:00pm End of session

Friday, July 20 at NYU (morning); Islamic Center at NYU (afternoon)
9:30am Making Connections
10:00am Lecture: “Two Parallel Traditions: the Ottoman Lyric and the Turkish Folk Song” by Dr. Kemal Silay, Indiana University
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Silay and City Lore staff
12:00pm  Lunch break

1:00pm  Leave for Islamic Center at NYU

**1:15pm**  **Excursion:** Islamic Center at NYU (238 Thompson St.) – Friday service, followed by discussion with Imam Khalid Latif/representative from the ICNYU *(Please dress in long pants/skirt and long sleeves; head scarf)*

2:30pm  Return to Kevorkian Center

3:30pm  Institute Praxis: A Conversation with 2014 & 2016 NEH Alums Isaac Brooks, Clare Hagan, and Natalie Henson

5:00pm  End of session

**Saturday, July 21 at Untermyer Park and Gardens (morning);**

8:10am  Meet at Grand Central Station (89 E 42nd St, New York, NY)

8:20am  Depart from Grand Central Station on MetroNorth to Greystone Station

8:59am  Arrive Greystone Station and transport to Untermyer Park and Gardens

9:30am  **Excursion:** Untermyer Park and Gardens (945 N. Broadway, Yonkers) for tour of historic gardens, including the Walled Garden, inspired by Indo-Persian gardens of antiquity with docent and Untermyer mosaic artist Haifa Bint-Kadi

11:00am  Workshop: “The Elements of Persian Garden Design” with artist Haifa Bint-Kadi

12:30pm  End of session and transport to Amanda’s house in Hastings for lunch and independent project meetings

1:27pm  Train back to Grand Central Station

2:12pm  Arrival to Grand Central Station

**Sunday, July 22**  **No Programs**

**Monday, July 23 at City Lore**

9:30am  Making Connections

10:00am  Independent Project Meetings

12:00pm  Lunch break

1:00pm  Workshop: “Moroccan Rhythms Remixed” with Hatim Belyamani, founder of remix → culture

3:15pm  End of session

**Tuesday, July 24 at City Lore (morning); Poets House (evening)**
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| 10:00am| Lecture: “Poetry and Musical Imagination in Central Asia” by Dr. Theodore Levin, Dartmouth College  
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Levin and City Lore staff |
| 12:00pm| Lunch break                                                          |
| 1:00pm| Seminar: “Crosscurrents in Persian and Turkish Classical Music and Poetry” by musician Amir Vahab  
Classroom Connections with City Lore staff |
| 7:00pm| **Excursion**: Evening Public Performance at Poets House (10 River Terrace) for performance, “Sufi Songs: Persian and Turkish Classical Music and Poetry” with Amir Vahab & Ensemble |

**Wednesday, July 25 at the Metropolitan Museum**

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<td>Curatorial talk/tour on book arts of the Islamic World with Maryam Ekhtiar, Associate Curator of Islamic Art</td>
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<td>Pedagogy Workshop: “Teaching with Art from the Metropolitan Museum’s Islamic Wing” with Deborah Lutz, Met Museum Educator</td>
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<td>Further thoughts on classroom application with City Lore staff</td>
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**Thursday, July 26 at City Lore (morning); Harlem Walking Tour (evening)**

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Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Diouf and City Lore staff |
| 12:00pm| Lunch break                                                          |
| 1:00pm| Screening and Discussion: *In Search of Finah Misa Kule* with Sierra Leonean poet-historian Kewulay Kamara and Dr. Steve Zeitlin |
| 2:45pm| Depart for 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell in Harlem            |
| 3:30pm| **Excursion**: Muslim History Tour of Harlem with religious studies scholar Katie Merriman, UNC-Chapel Hill |

*City Lore: Understanding Muslim Cultures through the Arts*
6:00pm  End of session

Friday, July 27 at City Lore (morning); Brooklyn (afternoon)
9:30am  Independent project meetings with staff advisors
1:30pm  Depart for Bay Ridge
2:30pm  **Excursion and Celebratory Dinner:** “Bay Ridge’s Arab American Community”—folklorist and Bay Ridge resident Nicole Macotsis will lead a cultural and culinary discovery walk through Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, a thriving Arab American community
5:00pm  Celebratory final dinner at Yemen Cafe

Saturday, July 28
8am -12pm  Check out and departure from St. George Towers (unless otherwise arranged)