NEH Summer Institute for Teachers

The Early Republic and Indian Country, 1812-1833

July 16 to August 10, 2012

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Professor John W. Hall, U.S. Military History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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This summer institute will examine the transformation of the lands between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River from “Indian Country” to “U.S. territory,” from North to South, between 1812 and 1833. The Newberry Library has long been in the forefront of the study of Native America, in both its collections and sponsored scholarship, and it is the perfect place to host an institute that bridges the divide between American Indian history and traditional narratives of U.S. history by exploring the borderlands and backcountry of the trans-Appalachian west.

Participating teachers and educational professionals will benefit not only by working with top-flight scholars and the resources available at the Newberry Library, and in other archives and museums in the Chicago area, but also by providing an opportunity to investigate more deeply an all-too-often overlooked topic in American history—the cultural, political, social, and economic interactions among the diverse groups of people who occupied and travelled through Indian Country during the era of the Early Republic.

Schedule and Arriving at the Institute

The institute will begin on Monday, July 16 with an introduction and orientation at 9:00 am in 2-West, 2nd floor of the Newberry Library. Unless specified otherwise, all sessions run from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Since the library reading rooms and reference areas are closed on Mondays, we will hold a library orientation and tour on Tuesday, July 16 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. At that time we will show you the location of your carrel and how to page books to them.

All participants should lock up their outerwear and bags in the first floor lockers and only bring what they need for their research (laptops, notebooks, pens and pencils) beyond the security kiosk. Lockers require one quarter to lock and your quarter is returned when you insert the key to unlock the door. These lockers are not intended for overnight storage and may be emptied nightly by facilities staff.
**WEEK ONE**

**Monday, July 16: Meet in 2-West (second floor)**
9:00 – 12:30  Dr. Scott Stevens, Introduction to Institute and discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Workshop on Maps by Jim Ackerman, 2-West

**Required**

**Tuesday, July 17**
9:00 – 12:30  Dr. Scott Stevens, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Newberry Library Orientation and Tour by Lisa Schoblasky and Jo Ellen Dickie

**Required**

**Wednesday, July 18**
9:00 – 12:30  Dr. Scott Stevens, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Manuscripts Show-and-Tell

**Required**

**Thursday, July 19**
10:00 – 1 pm:  **FIELD MUSEUM**, Logistics for the field trip to be determined

**Friday, July 20**
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Ann Keating, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Teaching Discussions with Frank Valadez

**Required**

**Recommended**
- Milo M. Quaife, Chicago and the Old Northwest, 1673-1835 (Urbana, IL, 2001), Ch. 13
WEEK TWO

Monday, July 23
9:00 – 12:30  Scott Forsythe, Archivist, National Archive and Records Administration

Tuesday, July 24
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Ann Keating, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections

Required

Recommended

Wednesday, July 25
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Susan Sleeper-Smith, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections

Required

Thursday, July 26
9:00 – 12 pm  Research Newberry Collections
2:00 – 5:30 pm  Prof. Susan Sleeper-Smith, discussion of readings

Required

Friday, July 27
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Susan Sleeper-Smith, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Teaching Discussions with Frank Valadez

Required
WEEK THREE

Monday, July 30
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Dave Edmunds, discussion of readings

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Tuesday, July 31
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Dave Edmunds, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections

Required

Wednesday, August 1
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Dave Edmunds, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections

Required

Thursday, August 2
10:00 – 1  CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM, Logistics for the field trip to be determined
Friday, August 3
9:00 – 12:30    Prof. Ann Keating, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm      Teaching Discussions with Frank Valadez

**Required**

**Recommended**
- H.A. Musham, "Where did the Battle Take Place?" Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, 36, no. 1 (March 1943)
WEEK FOUR

Monday, August 6  Prof. John Hall, discussion of readings

9:00 – 10:30  The Erosion of the “Middle Ground” [1815 to eve of Black Hawk War]

Required
- Hall, Uncommon Defense, 1-119

Recommended

11:00-10:30  Indian Leadership [Black Hawk, Keokuk, White Crow, Billy Caldwell]

Required
- Hall, Uncommon Defense, 120-144.

Recommended

Tuesday, August 7:  Prof. John Hall, discussion of readings

9:00 – 10:30  Competing Interests and Loyalties: Officers, Traders, Agents, and Metis in the Black Hawk War

Required
- Hall, Uncommon Defense, 145-205

Recommended
11:00-12:30  **The Ethnic Cleansing of the Old Northwest, Pt. 1**

**Required**
- Hall, Uncommon Defense, 206-263

**Recommended**
- Bowes, *Exiles and Pioneers*, Chapter 2 “Pottawatomie’s, Delawares, and Indian Removal in the Great Lakes.”

1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections

**Wednesday, August 8**  Prof. John Hall, discussion of readings

9:00 - 10:30:  **The Ethnic Cleansing of the Old Northwest, Pt. 2**

**Required**

**Recommended**

10:30 – 12:30:  **After Removal**

**Required**

1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections
Thursday, August 9
9:00 – 12:30  Prof. Ann Keating, discussion of readings
1:30 – 3pm  Research Newberry Collections

**Required**
- James A. Clifton, "Chicago, September 14, 1833: The Last Great Indian Treaty in the Old Northwest," Chicago History 9, no. 2 (Summer 1980)

**Recommended**

Friday, August 10
9:30 – 3:30  Participant Presentations and final discussion