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**Hard Times and Public Policy:
Facing Economic Challenges, Past and Present**
at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

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*An institute at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
for history, civics and social studies teachers that is also open to
American studies, history, and political science graduate students.*

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Program

For over two decades, the American Studies Summer Institute has afforded school teachers and graduate students in American Studies, political science, history, and related disciplines an opportunity to explore in depth a topic drawn from American history, politics, culture, or social policy. The intensive two-week program held at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum includes informative and thought-provoking lectures and discussions led by a distinguished group of scholars and guests.

This year's program offers a critical and historical examination of the social and political impact of severe downturns in the U.S. economy. The Institute will consider

varied dimensions of the United States' current attempts to deal with economic hard times while also providing historical case studies of the causes and consequences of U.S. economic crises. We will draw upon experts with diverse perspectives from a variety of disciplines to examine the impact of economic crises on areas such as income and poverty, labor and employment, the financial sector, housing, businesses, families, marriage and divorce, education, health care, and public spending priorities. Institute lecturers will assess public policies, past and present, and will also propose ways of identifying how popular forms of cultural expression commented on and responded to economic crises.

The Institute will be directed by Paul Watanabe, Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and Nina Tisch, Education Specialist at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Participants may earn three graduate credits in American Studies. For those wishing to receive graduate credit, the fee for this grant-supported course is \$195. (A non-credit option is available for \$100.) Graduate students must complete a major paper. Teachers who wish to receive graduate credit must complete a 10-page research paper, annotated bibliography, and lesson plan. Teachers may receive PDPs upon completion of a lesson plan.

Registration

To register: Please fill out and return this registration form as soon as possible, but no later than May 29, 2009. In the event that registration requests exceed the available capacity, preference will be given to graduate students enrolled in the UMass Boston American Studies Program and to middle school and high school teachers.



The registration form should be sent to:
The Summer Institute
John F. Kennedy Presidential
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For further information, please call the Kennedy Library Education Department at 617-514-1581.

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