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America's Past

Memory Matters: Constructing America's Past

at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

July 9–20, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(National Park Service)



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.

Constructing America's Past

Memory Matters:

The American Studies Summer Institute

Join us this summer for an intensive two-week program of thought-provoking lectures and discussions led by distinguished scholars and guests. The American Studies Summer Institute, an annual program co-sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Boston and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, offers educators and graduate students the opportunity to explore a rich topic with contemporary resonance, drawn from American social, cultural, and political history.

This year's program, held at the Kennedy Library, will explore how America's past has been defined and redefined by a range of agents--from memorials, museums,

monuments, and other tourist sites, to textbooks, family stories, communal observances, and popular culture. We will investigate how contests over the primacy of one or more of these narratives have had far-reaching consequences for the structuring of American social and civic society, including delineation of "we, the people," and for the development of American historical consciousness.

The Institute will ask the following underlying questions: What is historical consciousness? How is it produced and where is it narrated? What is a "usable past"? What are the ideas, social relations, and technologies that have shaped and reshaped popular and elite (or sanctioned)

remembrances of American history? How have various Americans in a range of social locations challenged official narratives of their histories?

Drawing upon experts from a variety of disciplines and with diverse perspectives, the Institute will be directed by Pat Reeve, Chair and Associate Professor of History at Suffolk University, and Education Specialist Nina Tisch at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Participants may earn three graduate credits in American Studies. For those who wish to receive graduate credit, the fee for this grant-supported course is \$505. For teachers taking the course for PDPs only, a non-credit option is available for \$150.

Registration

Registration deadline: May 25, 2018

To register: Please fill out and return this registration form as soon as possible, but no later than May 25, 2018.

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 secondary school teachers.



The registration form should be sent to:
The Summer Institute
John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
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For further information, please call the Kennedy Library Department of Education and Public Programs at 617.514.1581.

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