



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

- 9:30am Making Connections
- 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

- 10:00am** **Excursion:** The Metropolitan Museum of Art – Islamic Art Wing (1000 5th Avenue)
- 10:00am Breakfast & Welcome (City Lore staff)
- 10:30am Curatorial talk/tour on book arts of the Islamic World with Maryam Ekhtiar, Associate Curator of Islamic Art
- 11:30am Curatorial Q&A
- 12:00pm Lunch break
- 1:30pm Pedagogy Workshop: “Teaching with Art from the Metropolitan Museum’s Islamic Wing” with Deborah Lutz, Met Museum Educator
- 3:00pm Further thoughts on classroom application with City Lore staff
- 3:30pm End of Session

Thursday, July 26 at City Lore (morning); Harlem Walking Tour (evening)

- 9:30am Making Connections and distribute second half of stipend
- 10:00am Lecture: “The Blues and the Muslim Call to Prayer” by Dr. Sylviane Diouf, Schomburg Center/ New York Public Library
Teachers’ content discussion with Dr. Diouf and City Lore staff
- 12:00pm Lunch break
- 1:00pm Screening and Discussion: *In Search of Finab 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

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)