

PRESERVATION, PROGRESS, AND POLITICS

IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

NCHC Place As Text Faculty Institute

March 14-18, 2020

This project of NCHC's Place as Text Committee takes participants to Charleston to investigate the intersection of its history, cultural tourism, and economic development. Charleston, founded in 1670, is home to the first and largest historic district in America and is credited with beginning the historic preservation movement in the United States. Charleston was recently named by Condé Nast magazine as the best tourist destination in the world. However, only select aspects of Charleston's controversial history are celebrated and commodified, and its recent rapid economic development has created environmental, cultural, and political tensions that go unnoticed by the casual visitor. Institute participants will utilize

City as Text™ pedagogy to uncover, interpret, and analyze these issues that are pertinent to disciplines across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences.



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INSTITUTE AT A GLANCE

Participants will engage in direct observation, mapping exercises, writing assignments, interviews, and discussions. The Institute will culminate with a workshop on adaptations of City as Text™ methodology to participants' home campuses, to academic service-learning immersion projects, and to residential travel programs.

Saturday, March 14:

Introductions and initial explorations of downtown Charleston; debriefing seminar followed by opening reception. Writing time in the evening and dinner in small groups.

Sunday, March 15:

Brief meeting to discuss initial

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COSTS AND DEADLINES

PROGRAM FEE: \$875 (includes \$350 non-refundable deposit)

sions. These costs are not included in the registration fee.

The Institute hotel is the Hampton Inn Historic District, 345 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29403. The phone number is 1-843-723-4000. Direct links for booking online will be provided after registration is complete. To get the special group rate discount, you must make your reservation by **January 31, 2020** and identify yourself as part of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) group - **Group Code: NCH**. Discounted hotel nightly rates are \$249 for March 13-14 and \$189 for March 15-17. Participants may arrive in Charleston on March 14 provided they are ready to begin the Institute activities promptly at 2:00 PM. Departures should be scheduled for Wednesday, March 18. The hotel offers a free breakfast each morning.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

For online registration, credit card payment, and submission of statement of interest*, go to nchchonors.org/events/place-as-text

*Statement of Interest: In the designated space in your online registration, please briefly describe your interest in the Institute, experiential learning, education, cultural studies, etc.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Both the structure and content of this institute apply remarkably well to travel sites of all kinds; we will explore and compare these possibilities together.

PARTICIPANTS

The **Preservation, Progress, and Politics Institute** is designed for honors and non-honors faculty and professional staff who wish to incorporate interdisciplinary and field-based elements into their courses and programs. Alumni of earlier

writings and to organize travel routes. Morning explorations of downtown Charleston; afternoon exploration of areas outside of the peninsula, such as Park Circle and Sullivan's Island. Late afternoon discussion group discussion. Dinner in small groups followed by writing time.

Monday, March 16:

All-day explorations of areas outside of the peninsula, such as Mount Pleasant's Old Village and

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE:

January 31, 2020

This cost covers Institute reading materials, instructional fees, opening reception, and final group dinner. It does not include travel to and from Charleston, hotel accommodations, local transportation, or most meals.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Charleston is accessible by plane or car. Transportation from the Charleston International Airport to the hotel is available by cab or Uber/Lyft. Participants can expect to walk during much of the Institute, in addition to using public transportation, taxis and Uber/Lyft during the Institute excursion.

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NCHC Institutes have used City as Text™ pedagogy in disciplines ranging from the arts and social sciences to math and science. Ideal as integrative learning modalities, these experiential strategies include reflective practices and writing assignments that can be adapted for use in student orientations, campus assessments, and professional development workshops. Identifying and transferring principles of integrative experiential learning are important goals of this Institute.

INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

Participants should arrive in Charleston in time for a prompt 2 pm start to the Institute on Saturday, March 14th.

Daniel Island. Turning Point discussion in the afternoon. Dinner in small groups. Turning Point Essay due at midnight.

Tuesday, March 17:

Daylong workshop. Analysis and discussion of group observations and individual Turning Point essays will be followed by a workshop on the application of City as Text™ pedagogy to participants' home campuses. The Institute will wrap up with a closing dinner.

Wednesday, March 18:

Departures.

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