

CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES

IN PORTLAND, MAINE & THE CASCO BAY ISLANDS

NCHC Place As Text Faculty Institute



June 10-14, 2020

The Casco Bay Islands are linked to the historic city of Portland, Maine, by a 150-year-old ferry system. This unique relationship leads to patterns of connection, isolation, community, and diversity in a geographically small and water-bound area. This Faculty Institute will use City as Text™ strategies to explore the character and culture of the Casco Bay Islands, Portland, and the ferries that function as conduits between these diverse locales. Particular attention will be paid to who lives and works in these communities. The unexpected complexity of Portland – home to millennials and retirees as well as refugees from Syria, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo – will provide rich experiences for all. Through exploration, observation,

and conversation, Institute participants will uncover, interpret, and analyze topics 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.

Wednesday, June 10:

Introductions and initial walk-about; debriefing seminar followed by opening reception. Writing time in the evening and dinner in small groups.

Thursday, June 11:

Brief meeting to discuss initial writings and to organize travel

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COSTS AND DEADLINES

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

expect to do considerable walking during the Institute. Some public transportation, including ferries, will also be part of the excursions. Such incidental costs are the responsibility of the participants.

Participants will be housed at:
Hampton Inn Portland Downtown - Waterfront
209 Fore Street,
Portland, Maine 04101

PORTLAND, MAINE

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 **Cultures and Communities 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 NCHC

routes. All-day explorations of Portland neighborhoods. Afternoon seminar on readings and site-specific observations. Dinner in small groups followed by writing time.

Friday, June 12:

All-day explorations of the Casco Bay Islands, including Peaks Island, Long Island, Little Diamond and Great Diamond. Preparation of Turning Point essays.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

DEADLINE:

March 15, 2020

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

TRAVEL AND

ACCOMMODATIONS

Portland is accessible by plane or car. Transportation from Portland Airport to the hotel is available by cab or Uber/Lyft. Participants can

The cost is \$239 per night for single occupancy. If you wish to share a room with a fellow participant, the facilitators will assist. To make reservations, phone 1-207-775-1454; please identify yourself as part of the City-as-Text/Honors group.

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.

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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 Portland, ME in time for a 2 pm session that opens the Institute on Wednesday, June 10th.

Saturday, June 13:

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.

Sunday, June 14:

Departures.

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