TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Age of Jefferson
Sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
and the Thomas Jefferson Foundation
at Monticello and the University of Virginia,
June 24–30, 2012

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Required Readings

Selected Documents

Overview
Thomas Jefferson is best known as the author of the Declaration of Independence, the foundational statement of American values. This course focuses on Jefferson’s political thought and career in order to gain a broad perspective on the founding of the United States and its early history. Professors Peter Onuf and Frank Cogliano will emphasize the geopolitical context of the revolutionaries’ bold efforts to establish republican governments and federal union. Jefferson and his patriot colleagues were acutely aware of the world historical significance of their revolution and therefore profoundly anxious about its ultimate outcome and legacy. By exploring the rich canon of his writings, participants will seek to understand better what the Revolution meant for Jefferson and Jefferson meant for the Revolution. Major themes will include federalism, foreign policy, constitutionalism and party politics, and race and slavery.

We plan several different types of sessions. In the mornings there will be two 90-minute sessions. The directors will lead these sessions off with presentations/lectures of ca. 45 minutes. These will be followed by discussions of ca. 45 minutes involving all of the seminar participants and led by both directors. In the afternoons we will have a series of hands-on sessions, “Documentary Breakout Sessions,” when the seminar participants will work in small groups with primary sources. The seminar participants will be divided into groups so that they can conduct a close reading and analysis of the sources with the course directors. These sessions are intended to allow the seminarians to engage
directly with the sources related to the themes raised in the morning discussions and to give them experience that they can draw on when they prepare their own document projects. The afternoons will also involve pedagogy sessions from the Gilder Lehrman Master Teacher as well as visits to Monticello. Most of the lectures and discussions will take place at the University of Virginia. Field trips will be at Monticello.

**SCHEDULE**

All meals will be served in Observatory Hill Dining Hall unless otherwise noted.
All buses will leave and return to UVA from Newcomb Road, alongside Brown Dorm.
All sessions will be held in the Lower West Oval Room, UVA Rotunda, unless otherwise noted.

**Sunday, June 24**
- 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. Check-in, Kent Conference Center, Bonnycastle Drive
- 4:30 – 5:00 P.M. Welcome, Clark Hall, Room 108
- 5:45 P.M. Bus departs UVA for Monticello
- 6:30 P.M. Private House Tour of Monticello
- 7:30 P.M. Reception, Monticello’s West Lawn
- 8:45 P.M. Bus departs for UVA

**Monday, June 25**
- 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Breakfast, Observatory Hill
- 9:15 – 10:45 A.M. Lecture: Jefferson’s Virginia
- 10:45 – 11:00 A.M. Break
- 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Lecture: Jefferson and The Enlightenment
- 12:30 – 1:15 P.M. Lunch, Observatory Hill
- 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. Gilder Lehrman Session
- 3:00 P.M. Break
- 3:10 – 4:30 P.M. Pedagogy Session with Gloria Sesso
- 5:45 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Observatory Hill

**Tuesday, June 26**
- 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Breakfast, Observatory Hill
- 9:15 – 10:45 A.M. Lecture: The Declaration of Independence
- 10:45 A.M. Break
- 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Lecture: The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom
- 12:45 – 1:45 P.M. Lunch, Observatory Hill
- 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. Documentary Breakout Session, Onuf and Cogliano

  **All of the documents will be distributed by Gloria Sesso at the start of the week.**

- 4:00 P.M. Working session with Gloria Sesso, Alderman Library
- 5:45 – 6:15 P.M. Dinner, Observatory Hill
- 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Walking Jefferson’s Academical Village, Emilie Johnson, University of Virginia.
  Meet on the steps of the Rotunda side facing the Lawn.

**Wednesday June 27**
- 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Breakfast, Observatory Hill
- 9:15 – 10:45 A.M. Jefferson and Slavery
10:45 – 11:00 A.M. Break
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Documentary Breakout Session, Onuf and Cogliano
12:15 P.M. Depart for Monticello, Boxed lunches
1:15 P.M. Afternoon at Monticello
5:30 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Observatory Hill

Thursday, June 28
8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Breakfast, Observatory Hill
9:15 – 10:45 A.M. Lecture: Constitutionalism and Federalism
10:45 A.M. Break
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Lecture: Jefferson as Party Leader and President
12:45 – 1:30 P.M. Lunch, Observatory Hill
1:45 – 3:15 P.M. Documentary Breakout Session, Onuf and Cogliano
3:30 – 5:30 P.M. Gilder Lehrman Session with Gloria Sesso
5:45 – 6:30 P.M. Dinner, Observatory Hill

Friday, June 29
8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Breakfast, Observatory Hill
9:15 – 10:45 A.M. Lecture: Jefferson in Retirement
10:45 A.M. Break
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Documentary Breakout Session, Onuf and Cogliano
12:45 – 1:30 P.M. Lunch, Observatory Hill
1:45 – 3:15 P.M. Gilder Lehrman Session
3:35 – 5:30 P.M. A Summary View: General Discussion
6:00 – 7:30 P.M. Farewell BBQ, Brown College

Saturday, June 30
7:30 – 10:30 A.M. Check-out with UVA’s Conference Services, Tucker Lounge
Continental breakfast included