FAQs: Hidden Histories Teacher Seminar

We are excited you are joining us in Williamsburg this summer!

Getting Here
Williamsburg is served by three airports: Richmond (RIC) and Norfolk (ORF) are each approximately 45 minutes away; Newport News (PHF) is a 25 minute drive. There is also an Amtrak station in town. Shuttles are available from the airports; check the airport websites or try local services Oleta and James River Transportation. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements.

Meet Your Classmates
Join the private Facebook group for Hidden Histories of the Founding Era participants. This is also a great way to find others to share the cost of airport shuttles.

Schedule
The workshops begin with a mixer and brief orientation on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 on the campus of William & Mary (location TBA). Dinner will be on your own. Williamsburg is a tourist town and there are lots of places to choose from in all price ranges. We will have a list of suggestions for you when you arrive. If you are traveling and cannot make the orientation, please let us know and we will hold your packet for you to pick up the next day in class.

Classes start on Monday at 8:45 a.m. at the W&M School of Education, 301 Monticello Avenue. The workshop ends at 5:00 p.m. on the following Friday.

Stipends
Each participant receives $1300 to help cover transportation, lodging, and meals. Checks will be mailed on May 24 for June attendees and June 21 for July attendees who have filed a W-9. The stipend is taxable and you will receive a 1099 form at the end of the year. If you receive the check and then find you cannot attend the workshop, the money must be returned to the OI.

Lodging & Meals
We have procured a group rate at the Westgate Historic Resort in Williamsburg of $120-130 per night (plus taxes & fees) depending on room. The Westgate is located approximately half a mile from the W&M School of Education, where classes will take place. All reservations can be made by calling 1-888-808-7410 and giving the group code of 62-350 for “Omohundro Institute” Block. One night's deposit will be due upon booking.

Rooms for the June session must be booked by May 25, 2023.
Rooms for the July session must be booked by June 9, 2023.

Participants are expected to provide their own meals except for the following: lunch and dinner on Thursday, lunch on Friday.
Parking
There is guest parking available at the Westgate Resort and at the W&M School of Education.

Credit Hours
As stated on the application website, participation in the Hidden Histories workshop provides contact hour credit. The workshop is not part of a degree-seeking program at William & Mary and is not eligible for college or postgraduate credit. Each participant who completes the workshop is eligible for a transcript stating that they accrued thirty contact hours as a student.

Readings and Admission Fees
A course packet of readings will be provided to each participant at no charge. All admission fees associated with the curriculum are likewise covered by the program and there is no charge to the participants.

Packing suggestions and other info
While there is no dress code for the institute, we do have suggestions. First: dress comfortably—including foot ware. We will do some walking. Williamsburg can get hot in the summer so we suggest loose layers. We also encourage you to wear sunscreen while here and to have sunglasses at hand—and maybe even a hat.

We're sorry but we cannot accommodate family members or friends on site visits or field trips.