

**GLOBAL GEOGRAPHIES OF KNOWLEDGE: CREATING,
REPRESENTING, AND COMMODIFYING IDEAS ACROSS EARLY MODERN
SPACES AND PLACES (1400-1800)**

NEH Institute for Higher Education Faculty, June 26th- July 21st, 2023

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Academic Schedule

Institute Introduction and Resources

Monday 6/26: “Institute Introductions and Resources” (Professors Claire Gilbert, Fabien Montcher, Charles Parker, SLU History Department)

Morning: Introductions by Directors and Participants

Lunch: Presentations of SLU Resources and Policies (Library Staff; Department of Public Safety)

Late Morning and Afternoon: Visits to SLU Libraries Special Collections, Rare Books Room (Jennifer Lowe, Rare Books Librarian) and Vatican Film Library (Dr. Gregory Pass, Head of Special Collections); Jesuit Archives and Research Center (Dr. David Miros, Director of JARC)

Unit One: New Theoretical Approaches to Early Modern Sites and Spaces of Knowledge
(June 27–June 29, 2023)

Tuesday 6/27: “Imperial Information Systems and Knowledge Brokers” (Professor Miles Ogborn, School of Geography, Queen Mary University London)

Morning: Full-Group Presentation

Lunch with Professor Ogborn

Afternoon Master Class: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.

Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Wednesday 6/28: “Religious Boundaries and Cross-Cultural Exchanges” (Professor Karin Vélez, Associate Professor of History, Macalester College)

Morning: Full-Group Presentation

Lunch with Professor Vélez

Afternoon: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials

Thursday 6/29: Independent Research

Morning: Independent Research

Lunch: Directors' "Office Hours" (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)
Afternoon: Independent Research

Unit Two: Moving Parts and Agents of Knowledge Circulations (June 30–July 6, 2023)

Friday 6/30: "Networks of Exchange: Family, Firm, and State" (Professor Julia Adams, Sociology Department, Yale University)
Morning: Full-Group Presentation
Lunch with Professor Adams
Afternoon: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.
Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Monday 7/3: Institute Discussion and Independent Research
Morning: Distillation of Themes; Discussion of Projects (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)
Lunch: Directors' "Office Hours" (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)
Afternoon: Independent Research

[No Institute Sessions will be held on July 4, 2023]

Wednesday 7/5: "Holding the Knowledge of Empire: Archives and Administration" (Professor Heather Ferguson, History Department, Claremont McKenna College)
Morning: Full-Group Presentation
Lunch with Professor Ferguson
Afternoon Master Class: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.
Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Thursday 7/6: Discussion and Field Trip
Morning: Distillation of Themes; Discussion of Projects (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)
Afternoon: Visit to the St. Louis Art Museum (Elizabeth Wyckoff, Curator of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at SLAM)

Unit Three: Mapping Knowledge and its Boundaries (July 7–13, 2023)

Friday, 7/7: "Cartographies of Knowledge" (Professor Ricardo Padrón, Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, University of Virginia)
Morning: Full-Group Presentation
Lunch with Professor Padrón
Afternoon Master Class: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.
Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Monday, 7/10: Institute Discussion and Independent Research
Morning: Distillation of Themes; Discussion of Projects (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)
Lunch: Directors' "Office Hours" (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)

Afternoon: Independent Research

Tuesday, 7/11: “Cosmographies of Knowledge” (Professor Eileen Reeves, Department of Comparative Literature, Princeton University)

Morning: Full-Group Presentation

Lunch with Professor Reeves

Afternoon Master Class: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.

Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Wednesday, 7/12: Field Trip and Independent Research

Morning: Visit to the Missouri Botanical Garden and Research Center (Dr. Douglas Holland, Director of the Peter H. Raven Library, MOBOT and Susan Cobbledick, Book Conservator, MOBOT Library)

Afternoon: Independent Research

Thursday, 7/13: Institute Discussion and Independent Research

Morning: Distillation of Themes; Discussion of Projects (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)

Lunch: Directors’ “Office Hours” (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)

Afternoon: Independent Research

Unit Four: The Assimilation and Fragmentation of Knowledge (July 14–July 18, 2023)

Friday, 7/14: “Displaying Early Modern Exoticism” (Professor Benjamin Schmidt, Department of History, University of Washington)

Morning: Full-Group Presentation

Lunch with Professor Schmidt

Afternoon Master Class: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.

Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Monday, 7/17: Field Trip and Independent Research

Morning: Field Trip: Bernard Becker Medical Library, Washington

University in St. Louis (Elisabeth Brander, Rare Book Librarian, BBML)

Afternoon: Independent Research

Tuesday, 7/18: “Early Modern Places of Memory” (Professor James Sweet, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Morning: Full-Group Presentation

Lunch with Professor Sweet

Afternoon Master Class: Small-Group Discussion/Analysis of Theory, Scholarship, and representative case studies/materials.

Plenary Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)

Institute Conclusions and Project Presentations (July 19–July 21, 2023)

Wednesday, 7/19: Synthesis; Presentation and Discussion of Projects

Morning: Final Distillation of Themes; General Synthesis (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)
Afternoon: Presentation of Projects

Thursday, 7/20: Presentation and Discussion of Projects (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)

Morning: Presentation of Projects
Afternoon: Presentation of Projects

Friday, 7/21: Presentation and Discussion of Projects (Gilbert/Montcher/Parker)

Morning: Presentation of Projects
Afternoon: Summation and Assessment
Closing Reception (sponsored by hosting institution)