HUMANITIES WITHOUT WALLS
PRE-DOCTORAL CAREER DIVERSITY SUMMER WORKSHOP

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CHICAGO HUMANITIES FESTIVAL

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WHEN
July 16 - August 3, 2018
The workshop will take place all day, five days a week for three weeks. There are no events scheduled during weekends, but the Chicago Humanities Festival will circulate a list of interesting and exciting activities happening around Chicago that students are welcome to explore on their own.

WHERE
All weekday workshops will begin at the Genevieve and Wayne Gratz enter at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St, Chicago, Illinois (at N. Michigan Ave). Some activities will take place at sites in and around Chicago, but you will travel there with the group.

LEGEND

- Homebase
- Field Trip
- Workshop
- Lunch Provided
- Informational Interviews
- Panel
- Presentation
- Breaking Down Walls
- Feedback
- Reflection
- Social
WEEK 1
7/16 - 7/20

In Week One, you will begin to expand your imagination about what is possible with a PhD in the Humanities and explore career paths outside of the traditional tenure-track university system, such as administrative positions within the university, alternative education, and publishing. You will also practice identifying and using your values to guide your job search and preparing and conducting informational interviews.

7/16 WELCOME

You have spent many years thinking about yourselves and your work in the context of academia. Today is all about shaking that up. Through a series of creative exercises you will begin to understand yourself and the rest of the group in ways that extend beyond your academic profiles and scholarly pursuits.

8:30 AM
COFFEE

9:00 AM
WELCOME BY HWW STAFF

9:30 AM
RE-ASSESSING IDENTITY W/ MEGAN STIELSTRA

12:30 PM
LUNCH AT GRATZ

2:00 PM
RE-ASSESSING WORK W/ MEGAN STIELSTRA

5:30 PM
WELCOME DINNER AT FRANCESCA’S (200 E CHESTNUT ST)
WEEK 1
7/16 - 7/20

7/17 INTELLECTUAL PATHS WITHIN AND BEYOND ACADEMIA

Today's full day field trip focuses on intellectual careers that still have at least one foot in the university system. You will also participate in your first "Breaking Down Walls" session around the issue of "Literacy".

8:30 AM
MEET AT GRATZ TO TRAVEL TO UIC

9:15 AM
"ALTERNATIVES WITHIN ACADEMIA" PANEL W/ ROSA ORTIZ, HILARY STRANG, & LIZ TRUBEY

11:00 AM
LATINO CULTURAL CENTER MURAL AND HERITAGE GARDENS TOUR

12:30 PM
LUNCH

1:30 PM
MEET AT LLC TO TRAVEL TO OPEN BOOKS

2:00 PM
BREAKING DOWN WALLS: "LITERACY UNBOUND" AT OPEN BOOKS

4:00 PM
TRAVEL BACK TO GRATZ

HUMANITIES WITHOUT WALLS
Predoctoral Career Diversity Summer Workshop
7/18 VALUES-DRIVEN CAREER DECISIONS AND INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

You know how a PhD in the humanities works towards a tenure-track position. But, how do you start to think about its value beyond the academy? Today starts with some concrete steps and resources for aligning the values that drew you to an academic path with other possible careers. Then, learn about and practice informational interviews.

8:30 AM
COFFEE

9:00 AM
VALUES-DRIVEN CAREER DECISIONS W/ MEARAH QUINN-BRAUNER

11:00 AM
INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS W/ MEARAH QUINN-BRAUNER

12:00 PM
LUNCH

1:30 PM
INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW PRACTICE

3:30 PM
REFLECTIVE SESSION
WEEK 1
7/16 - 7/20

7/19 VALUES-DRIVEN PEDAGOGY

The morning is reserved for informational interviews. In the afternoon, you will hear from two educators who have applied their teaching and critical thinking skills to make education accessible in different contexts.

BPI
BAR PRISON INITIATIVE

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

1:00 PM
THE ODYSSEY PROJECT W/ CHRIS GUZAITIS

3:00 PM
THE BARD PRISON INITIATIVE W/JESSICA NEPTUNE

HUMANITIES WITHOUT WALLS
Predoctoral Career Diversity
Summer Workshop
Today is all about professionalizing pageturning. In the morning, you will visit The Newberry, Chicago’s world-renowned independent library. Then, hear about the business of books from experienced professionals in the publishing industry. We will spend the afternoon at Third World Press, the largest independent black-owned press in the US.

9:00 AM
MEET AT THE NEWBERRY FOR TOUR & CARD REGISTRATION (60 W WALTON ST)

11:00 AM
“THE BUSINESS OF BOOKSELLING” PANEL W/ MANDY MEDLEY, MIKE LEVINE & BRIDGET PIEKARZ

12:30 PM
LUNCH AT GRATZ

1:30 PM
I LIKE, I WISH, I WONDER

2:00 PM
TRAVEL TO THIRD WORLD PRESS

3:00 PM
CONVERSATION W/ PROFESSOR HAKI MADHUBUTI

4:30 PM
TRAVEL BACK TO GRATZ
In **Week Two**, you will continue to explore careers in a variety of industries, including the museum sector, the government, and digital media. You will also learn practical skills to help you target and pursue a variety of career opportunities, such as resume-building. On Friday, we welcome the consortium members and HWW alums to Chicago.

**7/23 RESUMES AND COVER LETTERS**

Sally Schmall will give you practical, hands-on guidance for crafting a compelling, persuasive resume and cover letter.

**8:30 AM**

**COFFEE**

**9:00 AM**

**RESUME AND COVER LETTER WORKSHOP W/ SALLY SCHMALL**

**12:30 PM**

**LUNCH**

**2:00 PM**

**RESUME AND COVER LETTER WORKSHOP W/ SALLY SCHMALL**

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Predoctoral Career Diversity Summer Workshop
WEEK 2
7/23 - 7/27

7/24 INTERPRETATION AND INCLUSION IN MUSEUMS

In the morning, you will learn about interpretation practices and community engagement in museums and tour the galleries at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The afternoon is reserved for informational interviews.

10:00 AM
MEET AT THE MCA (220 E CHICAGO AVE)

10:15 AM
CONVERSATION ABOUT INTERPRETATION AND INCLUSION W/ ROSIE MAY

11:00 AM
INTERPRETATION FOCUSED GALLERY TOUR W/ ROSIE MAY

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS
7/25 Humanities in the Public Sector

There are many ways to transition from academia into the public sphere and today you will learn about some of them. Presenters will share how to land a job with the federal government and what it is like to do public programming for the State of Illinois. Plus, an introduction to the ACLS/Mellon Public Fellows Program.

8:30 AM
Coffee

9:00 AM
Careers in the Federal Government w/ Laurel Voloder

11:00 AM
Introduction to the ACLS/Mellon Public Fellows Program w/ John Paul Christy

12:30 PM
Lunch

2:00 PM
Travel to Illinois Humanities

2:30 PM
“Programming for the Public” w/ Paul Durica and IH Programs Team

4:30 PM
Travel Back to Gratz
7 / 26 DIGITAL HUMANITIES BEYOND THE ACADEMY

Today is all about exploring careers that engage with digital content - in cultural organizations, online education, and public history. In the morning, you will hear about digital strategy at Chicago Humanities Festival. Then, learn about careers in Curriculum Design. In the afternoon, you have the opportunity to explore Chicago history through an Augmented Reality experience.

8:30 AM
COFFEE

9:00 AM
"DIGITAL STRATEGY IN CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS" W/KRISTEN FALLICA

11:00 AM
"CURRICULUM DESIGN" PANEL
W/HEATHER BROWN & RYAN FREEBURN

12:30 PM
LUNCH AT GRATZ

1:30 PM
"THE CHICAGO 00 PROJECT" W/JOHN RUSSICK

4:30 PM
TRAVEL BACK TO GRATZ
7/27 HWW Family Day

A panel of HWW alumni will talk with participants, consortium members, and Diane Harris from the Mellon Foundation about what the workshop meant to them and where they are now. Then HWW alumni and students hold a private reflective session about transitioning to the non-academic job market. In the afternoon, meet another HWW alum while learning about community engagement at the National Public Housing Museum. We will finish the day at a reception with the HWW consortium.

8:00 AM
Coffee & Breakfast at Gratz (Anderson Hall)

9:00 AM
Alumni Panel w/Sara B.T. Thiel, Linda Garcia Merchant, and Meghan Forbes

11:00 AM
Reflective Session: "The Transition" w/Alumni Panel

12:00 PM
"I Like, I Wish, I Wonder" Feedback Session

12:30 PM
Lunch

2:00 PM
Breaking Down Walls: "Building Communities" at the National Public Housing Museum w/Lisa Yun Lee & Robert Smith III

5:00 PM
Consortium Reception at Jake Melnick's (41 East Superior St)
WEEK 3
7/30 – 8/3

In Week Three, you will take an insider’s perspective of various careers, including digital content strategy, freelancing, management consulting, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector. You will also learn how to use your unique viewpoint and expertise to develop a more public profile.

7/30 DIGITAL PRESENCE AND NETWORKING

We know that a social media presence is critical to establishing a professional identity, but how do you go about creating a coherent one? A digital identity scholar and strategist offers you a crash course. In the afternoon, learn about the art of networking.

8:30 AM COFFEE

9:00 AM DIGITAL PRESENCE WORKSHOP W/JODY AHLIN

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM MAPPING YOUR NETWORK W/JASON SALDHANA

3:30 PM NETWORKING PRACTICE W/JASON SALDHANA
7/31 Imagining Identities

The morning is an introduction to the DIY way of life. Starting a business or working as a freelancer can be a compelling way to structure your career. But there are also risks. You will hear from a number of presenters about how they go about it alone while balancing creative integrity with financial security. In the afternoon, we visit an advertising firm to learn about applying research skills to client-based work.

8:30 AM
Coffee

9:00 AM
"Freelancing Panel" w/Britt Julius & Kristen Kaza

11:00 AM
"Building a Brand" w/Anna Felicity Friedman

12:30 PM
Lunch

2:00 PM
Travel to FCB Chicago

2:30 PM
Research and Client-Based Work in Advertising w/John Kenny

4:30 PM
Travel back to Gratz
WEEK 3
7/30 - 8/3

8/1 HUMANISTS IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

You will gain valuable insights from a humanist at a social justice nonprofit. In the afternoon, learn about opportunities to take leadership positions in the cultural sector and network with members of junior boards.

- 12:30 PM
  INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

1:30 PM
"WORKING AT A NONPROFIT" W/KURT SAMPSEL

3:30 PM
"LEADERSHIP IN THE CULTURAL SECTOR" ROUND ROBIN W/JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS FROM ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE CITY
8/2 CONSULTING, FOUNDATIONS, AND WRITING FOR THE PUBLIC

in the morning, learn about careers in management and philanthropic consulting. Then, learn more about the mission and day-to-day operations of several foundations in Chicago. In the afternoon, hear about a platform for academics to get their research to public media and learn how to "go public" with your expertise.

8:30 AM
COFFEE

9:00 AM
"CONSULTING PANEL" W/ MEGAN COLLIER & BRITTANY HAYDEN

11:00 AM
"FOUNDATIONS PANEL" W/ ANGELA SCHLATER & SARAH MARCUS

12:30 PM
LUNCH

2:00 PM
BREAKING DOWN WALLS: "GOING PUBLIC" WITH THE CONVERSATION
8/3 Wrap Up and Reflection

Our final day of the seminar! You will reflect on your experiences and forge your next steps toward innovative paths within and beyond academia.

8:30 AM
Coffee

9:00 AM
"Building a Sustainable Network" w/ Raheela Anwar

12:00 PM
Lunch at Gratz

1:00 PM
Time for Survey & Headshots

3:00 PM
"I Like, I Wish, I Wonder" Feedback Session

3:30 PM
Reflective Session: "What's Next?"

5:30 PM
Welcome Dinner at Tanta
(118 W Grand Ave)