

Information for Participants
From Disunion to Empire: The United States, 1850-1900
June 8-11, 2008
University of North Texas
Denton, Texas

MAPS & DIRECTIONS: This envelope includes detailed directions to the UNT campus as well as a campus map clearly identifying the sites of the on-campus activities.

INSTITUTE CALENDAR: The Institute kick-off event begins at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 8th. Our final formal event concludes at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11th. Given the institute's brevity, we expect you will stay until the end.

FLIGHT INFORMATION: The nearest airports to UNT are Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Dallas Love Field (DAL). Riding SuperShuttle to campus costs about \$53 from DFW and \$70 from Love Field each way. Reservations can be made online at: <http://www.supershuttle.com/>. Keep your receipts and submit them to Humanities Texas with your other travel documentation for reimbursement.

ARRIVAL AND DORMITORY CHECK-IN: You should plan on arriving at UNT Traditions Hall between 12 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8th. Please park in the "R" parking lot between the dormitory and the Fouts Field parking lot (designated as "19" on the enclosed UNT parking map). If you park anywhere else, you will receive a parking citation! Enter the dormitory through the side door adjacent to the parking lot and proceed to the check-in tables in the lobby area. Representatives from UNT and Humanities Texas will be there to greet you.

KICK-OFF EVENT: The opening event begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Denton Holiday Inn, not far from campus. We will provide shuttle service to the event for those without cars; we will ask those with cars to make the short drive to the Holiday Inn, as our shuttle won't accommodate all of the institute participants at once. At the opening event, participants will be welcomed to the institute, meet each other, and dine together. Following the dinner you will hear an address delivered by Heather Cox Richardson, professor of history at the University of Massachusetts.

DORM ROOMS AND BATHROOMS: Housing is provided in the UNT Traditions Hall. You will be staying in single dorm rooms, which can be viewed at this site: <http://housing.unt.edu/housing/tour.php?tour=c.traditionssingle.mov>. There is one bathroom for every two bedrooms. Bed linens and towels will be provided, but we recommend you bring your own pillow, if possible.

DORMITORY CHECK-OUT: On Wednesday, June 11th you can check out of Traditions Hall from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 pm. If you need to check out early, please inform Denece Gerlach at deneceg@unt.edu in advance.

METROPLEX RESIDENTS: If you live in the DFW Metroplex, please let us know if you do not plan to stay in the dorms. We encourage you to stay on campus, however, and you may find

that it enhances your learning experience. We expect you, of course, to attend all of the institute functions, including the opening dinner, regardless.

DRESS: The dress for the institute is casual. Please bring comfortable walking shoes. Since all of the programs will take place in air-conditioned buildings, we recommend that you bring a light sweater to wear inside.

MEALS: Most meals will be provided as part of the institute. Breakfast will be available every morning (M-W) from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria in Bruce Hall (see map). Lunches (M-W) and dinner on Sunday and Tuesday will be catered. The only meal not provided is dinner on Monday night. We will offer information about on- and off-campus dining options when you arrive. *Please inform Denece Gerlach at deneceg@unt.edu if you have any dietary restrictions.*

PARKING: Parking is available without permit or charge as long as you park in the “R” (residential) parking lot between Traditions Hall and the Fouts Field parking lot. (see map)

READINGS: Rather than sending you reading materials beforehand, we will furnish you with classroom handouts and materials throughout the institute.

TRANSPORTATION: The institute will provide transportation to all off-campus events.

COMPUTER ACCESS: Please feel free to bring a laptop computer, though computers are not required for any institute activities. If you have a laptop that is wireless-ready, you may use the free wireless connection in the lobby of the dorm. There will also be kiosks in the dorm for you to use to check your email. And finally, if you do bring a laptop that has the required port, you will be able to check out the necessary cable from the dorm staff to have network access in your room.

GYM: Access to the UNT Recreation Center (see map) is available free of charge. All you need to do is give your name at the front desk as a Humanities Texas Institute attendee while on campus for the conference, and you will be given access. For more information on what this facility has to offer, see: http://www.unt.edu/recsports/recsports/rec_center.html.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please inform Denece Gerlach at deneceg@unt.edu of special needs that you might have.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **How should I prepare for the institute?**

Come prepared for an intensive learning experience in which participants will engage in lively discussion.

- **What should I bring with me?**

Denton is very hot during the summer, and while virtually all of our activities will take place indoors, you will want to dress accordingly. The walks from Traditions Hall to various locations on campus should take no longer than five to ten minutes. If you have sensitive skin, you may want to bring sunscreen. Bringing your personal pillow is also recommended.

• **Where will institute events take place on the UNT campus and in Denton?**

We will be using the following facilities:

- Traditions Hall – dorm rooms (UNT Campus)
- Bruce Hall - cafeteria (UNT Campus)
- The Gateway Center – lectures and luncheons (UNT Campus)
- Murchison Performing Arts Center – musical performance (UNT Campus)
- Holiday Inn Hotel – opening activities (1434 Centre Place Drive, Denton)

• **How will I get back to the airport after the institute?**

SuperShuttle can be used for return trips to the airport. Reservations can be made online at: <http://www.supershuttle.com/>. Keep your receipts; you will be reimbursed for this expense. Plan on arriving at the airport at least an hour prior to your flight.

• **Can my spouse/kids come, too?**

We must strongly discourage participants from bringing spouses and/or children with them for the entirety of the institute. The schedule for this institute is very full, and only participants can attend the meals and the sessions [aside from the public lectures]. If there are unavoidable circumstances that necessitate special arrangements, please contact Denece Gerlach at denece@unt.edu as soon as possible. We do encourage you to invite friends and family members to join you for the two public lectures and the ragtime concert.

• **Can anyone attend the public lectures?**

Absolutely.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: Please e-mail Denece Gerlach at denece@unt.edu or call 940-565-3197 with any questions.