

Archer "Plus"

Course Information

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Course Description

This is a schedule for educational programming available to graduate Archer Fellows. There is no academic credit offered for this course. The events and discussions are open to any current Archer Fellow. Attendance and participation are voluntary.

Recommended Readings

Plato, Allegory of the Cave, excerpt from Book VII of *The Republic*
James Madison, excerpt from *Federalist 51*
Walt Whitman, "Stronger Lessons" from *Leaves of Grass*
Harry Truman, "The Right to Health Insurance"
Ronald Reagan, "Economic Bill of Rights"

VIRTUAL WALKS AND LIVE DISCUSSIONS THAT FOCUS ON "THINKING IN TIME" SKILLS

These discussions will focus on this question: "What, that is useful today, can we learn from?"

June 21: 6-7 pm CT (7-8 pm ET) - teleconference

The First Decade's Response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic

Prepwork: Visit (online) "[Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World](#)," Smithsonian Museum of Natural History; and watch this documentary about Ryan White (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84y-ZMyFFEg--a>) produced by the Indiana State Department of Health. Ryan White is featured in the Smithsonian exhibition.

July 9: 6-7 pm CT (7-8 pm ET) - teleconference

The War in Vietnam

Prepwork: Visit (online) the exhibition "[Artists Respond](#)" at the Smithsonian Museum of American Art

July 21: 8-9 am CT (9-10 am ET) - teleconference

The Internment of Japanese Americans:

Prepwork: Visit (online) "[A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution](#)," National Museum of American History; and the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II (which is in Washington, DC).

July 31: noon-1:30 pm – Lunch discussion in DC

How the U.S. Government Has Made Major Changes to Key Memorials on the Mall

Prepwork: Visit each of these memorials online: [World War II](#); [Korean War](#); [Lincoln](#); [FDR](#); and [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) Identify the changes from the original design/proposal, and be prepared to discuss "What does each change teach us about the workings (good and bad) of democracy in the U.S.?"

Book Talks

The Archer Center will schedule some informal meetings with authors about books they have written. Others may be added to the calendar.

1. Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 5-6 pm CT (6-7 pm ET) ; Monday, July 27, 2020 – noon-1 pm ET (Lunch at Archer Center): *Guest Tom Sheridan, Helping the Good Do Better: How a White Hat Lobbyist Advocates for Social Change (2019)*

Washington Week – July 24-August 1, 2020

Friday, July 24

- * Arrive DC. Check in to housing.
- * Free Time

Saturday, July 25

6-8 pm Welcome dinner at Station House

Sunday, July 26 – Memorial Walk

6 am Sunrise at *Lincoln Memorial*

This is a special experience. Don't be late. Bring your coffee and comfortable shoes.

- Focus on memorial literacy; the Gettysburg Address; major speeches censored at the Memorial; and how the U.S. is now inventing Lincoln 5.0; activities include standing where Martin Luther King, Jr. stood and delivering his "I Have a Dream" speech.

7:30 am Breakfast TBD

Free time for the remainder of the day

5 pm Dinner with Graduate Archer Alumni in DC

Monday, July 27 – Day at the Archer Center

*Continental breakfast available at the Archer Center

9 am – Noon Class with Prof. Shute at the Archer Center

Noon-1 pm Lunch & Learn with Tom Sheridan at the Archer Center (lunch provided)

1-4 pm Policy Conference at the Archer Center

6 pm Dinner TBD

Tuesday, July 28 - Museum Day: Art & Power

*Breakfast on your own

8-10:30 am Tentative: White House tour

11 am Meet at Renwick Gallery: "What can Art Tell Us about Democracy, Politics and Policy?"

Noon Lunch at the Archer Center

2-4 pm Visit National Museum of African American History and Culture

Dinner on your own

*Free concert at Navy Memorial

Wednesday, July 29 – Treasures of the Library of Congress

8:45 am Meet at Library of Congress Kluge Center (Jefferson Building, 10 First St SE, Washington, DC 20540)

9-noon Examine original copy of the Declaration of Independence and Thomas Jefferson's copy of *Peloponnesian War* (Thucydides); explore Library of Congress research facilities

12:30-1:30 Lunch at the Kluge Center, Library of Congress

6-8 pm Chancellor's Reception TBD

Thursday, July 30 - Capitol Hill Day

9-10 am Coffee w/ Senator John Cornyn (Capitol Visitors Center)

10:30-12 Visits to House/Senate galleries

12-1:30 pm Lunch at Capitol Visitors Center Café (meal vouchers provided)

2-4 pm Visits to Texas Congressional Delegation & Tour

6-8 pm Graduation Dinner & Ceremony

Friday, July 31 - Remembering

Morning Free time

Noon-1 :30 pm Lunch & Discussion with Dr. Swerdlow

(Hunan Dynasty (215 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003)

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Afternoon Free time

6-8 pm Farewell dinner TBD

Saturday, August 1

* Depart DC