

"TRANSCENDENTALISM AND SOCIAL REFORM: ACTIVISM AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE AGE OF THOREAU"

DAILY SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 JUNE 26 – JULY 1, 2022

** All Readings shown below are found in *TAR* (*Transcendentalism: A Reader*) or in the "Readings" folder on the Summer Institute website.

** The Concord Free Public Library is open Monday through Thursday until 8, and Friday and Saturday until 5.

Sunday (June 26) **Registration and Welcome, Colonial Inn** (*Thoreau Room*)

4:45-5:45 pm Registration
6-8 Introductions, overview, and welcome dinner hosted by The Thoreau Society
(meet in rear parking lot of Colonial Inn for carpooling to Thoreau Birth Home)

Monday (June 27)

9-10:30 am Seminar: **Laura Dassow Walls**, "Assisting at the Sunrise: The Radical Futures of Transcendentalism" (*Heritage Room*)
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12 Continuation of seminar

12-1:15 Lunch on your own

1:15 *meet in rear parking lot of Colonial Inn for carpooling*
1:30-4:15 Visit to site of Thoreau's cabin at Walden Pond, guided by Henry David Thoreau
(aka Richard Smith)
4:30-5:30 Tour of Concord Museum, followed by talk with Museum Curator: **David Wood**,
"Material Culture in Antebellum erica in the Concord Museum"
5:30-6:30 Reception at Concord Museum

Readings: Joel Myerson, "Introduction" in *Transcendentalism: A Reader*; Willi Ellery Channing, "Likeness to God" (*TAR*) and "Address on Self-Culture"; Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Divinity School Address" (*TAR*); Elizabeth Peabody, "Record of a School" (*TAR*); Caroline Healey Dall, "Transcendentalism in New England" (*TAR*); Orestes A. Brownson, "The Laboring Classes"; Henry D. Thoreau, "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For" (*Walden*, chapter 2)

Tuesday (June 28)

- 9-10:30 am Seminar: **Robert Gross, "Concord and Boston in the Age of Emerson, Thoreau, and Fuller"** (*Heritage Room*)
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12 Continuation of Seminar
- 12-1:15 Lunch on your own
- 1:30-3 Introduction to Concord Free Public Library Special Collections: **Anke Voss, "Transcendentalism and Social Reform: The Resources of the Concord Free Public Library"** (*meet on front steps of library @ 1:15*)
- 3-5 Research Session (Group 1) at Concord Free Public Library, Special Collections (Voss, Gross, Whitley Grote)
Visit to The Walden Woods Project (Group 2), Thoreau Institute Library: introduction to collections by **Jeffrey Cramer, Curator** (Petrulionis)

Readings: Robert Gross, "'The Nick of Time': Coming of Age in Thoreau's Concord"; Robert Gross, *The Transcendentalists and Their World*: chapter 7 ("Internal Improvements"), chapter 9 ("Freedom of Mind"), chapter 11 ("The Philosopher of Modern History"), chapter 12 ("Young Men and Women of Fairest Promise"), and chapter 13 ("*The Man of Concord*")

Wednesday (June 29)

- 9-10:30 am Seminar: **Sandra Harbert Petrulionis, "Radicalizing the Transcendentalists: Concord's Antislavery Movement"** (*Heritage Room*)
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12 Continuation of seminar
- 12-1:15 Lunch on your own
- 1:15-2:45 **Jayne Gordon, antislavery and Black history walking tour of Concord** (*meet on sidewalk in front of Colonial Inn*)
- 3-5 Research Session (Group 2) Special Collections, Concord Free Public Library (Voss, Petrulionis)
Visit to The Walden Woods Project (Group 1), Thoreau Institute Library: introduction to collections by **Jeffrey Cramer, Curator** (Whitley Grote)
- 7-8:30 Informal group discussion of readings (Petrulionis, Whitley Grote, Gordon) (*optional; Middlesex Room*)

Readings: Sandra Harbert Petrulionis, *To Set This World Right: The Antislavery Movement in Thoreau's Concord*, Introduction and chapter 1 ("A Call to Consciousness, 1831-1843"); Sandra

Harbert Petrulionis, "Antislavery Reform"; Gary Collison, "The Boston Vigilance Committee: A Reconsideration"; James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton, "A Federal Assault on African Americans and the Impact of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850"; Henry D. Thoreau, "Slavery in Massachusetts" (1854), and "A Plea for Captain John Brown" (1859) (both in *TAR*)

Thursday (June 30)

- 8:30 am Bus departure to Boston (*meet in front of Colonial Inn at 8:15 am*)
- 9-12:30 Walking tour led by National Park Service guides of **Boston's Black Heritage Trail, Smith School, and African American Meeting House and Museum**
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch on your own in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood
- 2-4:45 Library research visits: Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston Athenaeum, or Harvard University Libraries: Houghton, Harvard Divinity School, and Schlesinger
- 5 pm Return to Concord

Friday (July 1)

- 9-9:30 am Tour of The Robbins House – Concord's African American History (*carpool or walk*)
- 9:30-10:45 Seminar: **Barbara McCaskill, "The Two Ellens: Black Women and the Antebellum Antislavery Lecture Circuit"** (*lawn of Robbins House*)
- 10:45-11 Break
- 11-12:30 Continuation of Seminar
- 12:30-1:30 Boxed lunch provided
- 2:30-4 Seminar: **James Finley, "Civil Disobedience from the Nineteenth to the Twenty-First Century: Scholarship, Teaching, and Praxis"** (*Heritage Room*)
- 4-4:15 Break
- 4:15-5:30 Continuation of seminar
- 7-8:30 Teaching and Research Strategies Discussion (McCaskill, Finley, Petrulionis, Whitley Grote) (*optional; Middlesex Room*)

Readings: Barbara McCaskill, *Love, Liberation and Escaping Slavery: Willi and Ellen Craft in Cultural Memory* (chapter 2, "Boston's Glorious Fugitives"); Hannah-Rose Murray, *Advocates of Freedom: African American Transatlantic Abolitionism in the British Isles* (chapter 5, "'I Would Much Rather Starve in England, A Free Woman, Than Be a Slave': Black Women and Adaptive

Resistance, 1850-1865"); Letter, Ellen Garrison Jackson to Reverend Samuel Hunt, 13 April 1866; John Ernest, "Life Beyond Biography: Black Lives and Biographical Research"; Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government" (in *TAR*); Howard Zinn, "Law, Justice, and Disobedience"; Angela Davis, "Political Prisoners, Prisons and Black Liberation"

Saturday, July 2

9-11 am Optional Canoeing on Concord rivers: meet in parking lot at 8:45 am

Sunday, July 3

10 am-12 pm Optional: **"Reading Frederick Douglass Together,"** a public Independence Day reading of "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" held at The Robbins House (*walk or meet in parking lot at 9:45 to carpool*)

WEEK 2 JULY 4 – JULY 9, 2022

Monday (July 4)

9-11 am Optional: Guided hike of Estabrook Woods with Thoreau Society member Charles Phillips (*meet at 8:45 am in parking lot to carpool*)

11-1:30 Enjoy Concord's Fourth of July public on your own, if you like.

1:30-3 Seminar: **Phyllis Cole, "Transcendentalist Women and Reform: Circles and Intersections"** (*Heritage Room*)

3-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 Continuation of Seminar

Readings: Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, "Woman" from "The Conversations of Margaret Fuller" (*TAR*); Lidian Jackson Emerson, "Transcendental Bible" (*TAR*); Margaret Fuller, "The Great Lawsuit" (*TAR*); Margaret Fuller, "The Wrongs of American Women. The Duty of American Women" (*TAR*); Phyllis Cole and Jana Argersinger, Introduction to *Toward a Female Genealogy of Transcendentalism*; Jeffrey Steele, "Sentimental Transcendentalism and Political Affect: Child and Fuller in New York"; Eric Gardner, "'Each Atomic Part': Edmonia Goodelle Highgate's African American Transcendentalism"; Lydia Maria Child, "Prelude" in *Toward a Female Genealogy of Transcendentalism*; Margaret Fuller, "Interlude" in *Toward a Female Genealogy of Transcendentalism*; and Charlotte Forten Grimké, "Interlude" in *Toward a Female Genealogy of Transcendentalism*

Tuesday (July 5)

*** Please be sure to watch the Orchard House introductory video ahead of today's visit there. ***

- 8:30-10 am Seminar: **Daniel Shealy, "'Yours for Reforms of All Kinds': Louisa May Alcott, the Civil War, and Reform"** (*School of Philosophy at Orchard House*) (walk or carpool)
- 10-11:15 Private tour of Orchard House and Break
- 11:15-12:30 Continuation of Seminar (*tent on Orchard House grounds*)
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:30-3:30 Research Session (Group 1), Concord Free Public Library (Voss, Whitley Grote)
Visit to the Old Manse (Group 2) (Petrolionis)
- 3:30-5:30 Research Session (Group 2) Concord Free Public Library (Voss, Petrolionis)
Visit to the Old Manse (Group 1) (Whitley Grote)
- 7-8:30 Informal discussion of readings (Shealy, Petrolionis, Whitley Grote) (*optional; Middlesex Room*)

Readings: Louisa May Alcott, "With a Rose that Bloomed on the Day of John Brown's Martyrdom"; "Transcendental Wild Oats"; "Happy Women"; *Selected Letters of Louisa May Alcott*, pp. 237-238, 245-247, 281-282

Wednesday (July 6)

- 9 am Bus departs for Lowell Mills National Historical Park (*meet in front of Colonial Inn at 8:45*)
- 9:30-12 Seminar and guided tour of the Lowell Mills National Historical Park: **Melissa Pennell, "Female Operatives, Self-Culture, and Labor Reform in Early Industrial Lowell"**
- 12-2:30 Lunch on your own and free time to visit park exhibits and bookstore
- 2:30-3 Bus returns to Concord
- 3:15-4:30 Roundtable Conversation: **Rochelle Johnson, Megan Marshall, and Sandra Harbert Petrolionis: "Wider Contexts for Transcendentalist Reform: Recovering and Publishing Women's Lives"** (*Heritage Room*)
- 4:30-4:40 Break
- 4:40-6 Continuation of roundtable

Readings: Thomas Dublin, selected letters from *Farm to Factory: Women's Letters, 1830-1860*; Harriet H. Robinson, *Loom & Spindle or Life Among the Early Mill Girls* (chapters 4 and 5); Lucy

Larcom, *A New England Girlhood* (chapters 7 and 10); Willi Moran, *The Belles of New England: The Women of the Textile Mills and the Families Whose Wealth they Wove* (chapter 2); Mary Kelley, "A More Glorious Revolution: Women's Antebellum Reading Circles and the Pursuit of Public Influence"; Rochelle L. Johnson, "Materialities of Thought: Botanical Geography and the Curation of Resilience in Susan Fenimore Cooper and Henry David Thoreau"; Rochelle L. Johnson, "Thoreau and the Literature of the Environment"; Susan Fenimore Cooper, excerpts from *Rural Hours*; Susan Fenimore Cooper, "A Lent for the Birds"; Megan Marshall, *The Peabody Sisters* (chapters 10-12); Megan Marshall, *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life* (chapters 15 and 20); Noelle A. Baker and Sandra Harbert Petrulionis, "About" and any other links of interest at www.marymoodyemerson.net.

Thursday (July 7)

- 9-10:30 am Seminar: **Lance Newman: "The Transcendentalists and Environmental Justice"** (*Minutemen National Historic Park lawn; walk or carpool*)
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12 Continuation of seminar
- 12-1:45 Boxed lunch provided
- 2-3:30 Roundtable: **Joshua Bellin, Linda Coombs, John Kucich, and Joyce Rain Anderson: "Engaging with Native American Rights in Antebellum erica"** (Heritage Room)
- 3:30-3:45 Break
- 3:45-5 Continuation of roundtable
- 7-8:30 Teaching and Research Strategies Discussion Session (Newman, Kucich, Bellin, Anderson, Coombs, Petrulionis, and Whitley Grote) (*optional; Middlesex Room*)

Readings: Henry David Thoreau, "Huckleberries"; Lydia Maria Child, *Letters from New-York: Letters I-IV, VII, IX-XI, XVI, and XXVI*; Lance Newman, *Literary Heritage of the Environmental Justice Movement*: chapters 4 and 5; Willi Apess, "Eulogy on King Phillip"; Joseph Nicolar, *Life and Traditions of the Red Man* (excerpts to be assigned); Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Letter to Martin van Buren"; Margaret Fuller, *Summer on the Lakes in 1843* (excerpts to be assigned); Henry David Thoreau, *The Maine Woods* (excerpts to be assigned); John J. Kucich, "Thoreau's Indian Problem"; Joshua David Bellin, "Red Walden"; Joshua David Bellin, "Transcendentalism and Native American Rights"

Friday (July 8)

- 9 am-3 pm Your choice to research in Concord Free Public Library or Boston/Cambridge institutions
- 8:30 am Bus departure for those planning to research in Boston or Cambridge (*meet in front of Colonial Inn at 8:15 am*)
- 9-2 Research Session at Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston Athenaeum, or Harvard University Libraries: Houghton, Harvard Divinity School, and Schlesinger
- Lunch break on your own, as desired
- 2 Bus returns to Concord
- 3-5 **“Engaging with Objects: Teaching with Material Culture”** (Jenny Gratz, Concord Museum) (*optional*)
- OR: free afternoon to continue research at Concord Free Public Library, or visit other Concord sites on your own, *and/or* volunteer to work in the community gardens operated at the Thoreau Birth Home and elsewhere in Concord by Gaining Ground, an organic farm cooperative (www.gainingground.org/volunteer/sign-up-to-volunteer).
- 7-8:30 Concluding informal discussion of readings for Summer Institute group (*optional and on your own; Middlesex Room reserved for you*)

Saturday (July 9)

- 9 am-12 pm **Exchange of Research Discoveries, Plans and Pedagogical Projects; Certificates and Stipends; and Farewell Brunch** (*Heritage Room*)