

Sailing to Freedom: New Bedford's Place in the Underground Railroad

Workshop Weekly Schedule

Week One July 14 - July 19, 2013

Sunday July 14, 2013

Afternoon 5 - 6 PM Participants arrive at the Fairfield Inn, New Bedford, MA
Registration

6:30 - 9:30

Evening **Welcome and summer scholar introductions.** General orientation to Sailing to Freedom, University of MA, Downtown New Bedford and the South Coast region.

Dr. Timothy Walker, Project Director
Lee Blake, Project Administrator
Light refreshments

Film and Discussion: *Traces of the Trade*

Monday July 15, 2013 – New Bedford National Whaling Historical Park

9 – 9:30 **Film and discussion: The City that Lit the World**

9:30 - 11:00 **Overview of the Underground Railroad**
Kate Clifford Larsen, Simmons College

11:00-12:30 **New Bedford: The Fugitive's Gibraltar**
Abolitionism and Escaping Slaves in New Bedford
Kathryn Grover, Independent Historian

12:30 -1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:00

Afternoon **Black Seamen: A Historic Legacy**
Jeffrey Bolster, University of New Hampshire

3:30 – 5 PM **Underground Railroad Walking Tour**
Kathryn Grover and Lee Blake

5:30 -7 PM Dinner with Summer Scholars

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Tuesday July 16, 2013 – New Bedford Whaling Museum

- 9 - 10:30 **Overview of New Bedford Waterfront Trades**
Tim Walker, UMD History Department
- 10:30 – 12 **New Bedford's African American Community Demographics and Employment Areas**
Len Travers, UMD History Department
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:00 **New Bedford, Abolitionism, and Frederick Douglass**
John Stauffer, Harvard University
- 3:15 - 5:00 Split into two Groups:
- Group A:
New Bedford Whaling Museum Collections
Kendall Library
Michael Dyer, Maritime Curator
- Group B:
Waterfront Walking Tour
National Park Rangers
- 5 – 6:30 Dinner break
- 6:30 - 8 PM **Voices of Black Abolitionists: In Prose, Poetry and Song**
Everett Hoagland and Candida Rose
Artworks!

Wednesday July 17, 2013 Boston, MA

Film on bus: William Still and the Underground Railroad

8 - 5 PM

Morning

Field Trip to Boston

Boston National Historical Park
Boston African American National Historic Site
Charlestown Navy Yard
Boston Freedom Trail Walking Tour

6:30 - 8 PM **Concert - Music of the Underground Railroad**

Kim and Reggie Harris
Rotch-Jones-Duff House Museum

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Thursday July 18, 2013 – New Bedford Public Library

- 9 - 10:30 **Writing History**
Kit Dunlap, UMASS Buzzards Bay Writing Center
- 10:30 - 12:00 **The Coastal Trades and Underground Railroad Routes**
David Cecelski, Independent Historian
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch Social sponsored – **New Bedford Friends Meeting House**
- 1:30 - 3:00 **Resources for Teaching Underground Railroad Slave Narratives**
Laurie Robertson-Lorant, Bridgewater State University
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Evening Focus chose one activity

- Evening A - Film and discussion: Prince of Slaves
B - Creating Presentations for Classroom Usage

Friday July 19, 2013

- 9 - 10:30 AM **Gendered Resistance: Women's Resistance to Enslavement**
Delores Walters, University of Rhode Island
- 10:30 - 12 **Teaching the Underground Railroad
Primary Sources and Curriculum Development**
Guidelines for Classroom Projects
Jessica Ross and Polly Zajac
- 12 - 1 PM Lunch
- 1 - 3:30 PM **Classroom Projects and Presentations - Tim Walker**
- Wrap up** Discussion and program evaluations