



**TALES FROM THE  
CHIHUAHUAN DESERT:**

A NEH Summer Institute

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## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

**(excerpt from Syllabus with Readings)**

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In Collaboration with the

Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS)

and Institute of Oral History (IOH)

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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## **SUNDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup>: Arrival and Welcome Reception**

- **Late Afternoon**

Institute directors, faculty, and staff will be at the Miner Canyon housing complex to welcome the Summer Scholars and, if necessary, assist with check-in.

**UTEP Miner Canyon**

3490 Sun Bowl Drive  
El Paso, TX 79902

915-747-6351 (Front Desk)

915-637-8236 (SCA on call)

- Beginning at **5:30 PM**, a **Welcome Reception** will be held at **Miner Canyon, Boquillas Hall**. Food and beverages will be served.
- Click [here](#) for the UTEP **campus map**. The PDF version can be downloaded [here](#).
- Beginning at **6:45 PM**, a brief campus tour (optional), which will include key sites for the Institute, will be scheduled (weather permitting).

Weather permitting, the tour will include the UTEP Student Recreation Center, Centennial Plaza, Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, Library, Hudspeth Hall, and Student Union.

Tour may be moved to the lunch break on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **WEEK ONE: July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

### **MONDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Setting the Stage: Approaches to History and Narratives**

**Early Morning**

**Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

**Lecture and Content**

- Welcome and Overview [**Martínez, Rodríguez**]
- Responsibilities, Deliverables, and Expectations [**Martínez, Rodríguez**]
- Administrative Matters [**Díaz**]
- Approaches to History and Narratives [**Martínez**]
- Introduction to UTEP and Resources [**Martínez, Rodríguez**]
- Spain in the Southwest: Introduction to the colonial history of the American Southwest and understanding the legacy of conquest [**Martínez**]

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- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: What is history? What are our roles as teachers and tellers of histories and language arts? **[Martínez, Rodríguez]**
- [Miner Gold Card](#) (optional)  
Mike Loya Academic Services Building, First Floor, Room 116

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break** Walk to Student Union

**1:20 PM – 2:15 PM UTEP Library, Sixth Floor**  
[C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections](#)

- Presentation by Claudia A. Rivers, Head Librarian
- Maps of the Chihuahuan Desert Borderlands

**2:30 PM – 4:30 PM UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Introduction to E-Portfolio Projects **[Rodríguez, Varela]**
- Workshop Course  
Tales of the Chihuahuan Desert: Developing Two Instructional Lesson Plans or One Unit through Inquiry-Based Learning **[Martínez, Rodríguez, Varela]**

**Field Site Visits**

None

**TUESDAY, July 18<sup>th</sup>: What's History and Whose Shall We Teach?**

GROUP B (Martínez)	GROUP A (Rodríguez)
<p><b>Early Morning</b> <b>Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Meet at UTEP location for departure.</p> <p><b>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</b> U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Tour</p> <p><b>12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break</b></p> <p><b>1:20 PM – 3:30 PM UTEP Library</b> <b>Third Floor, Room 336</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Work on E-Portfolio Projects <b>[Martínez, Varela]</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Early Morning</b> <b>Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM – 11:15 AM Hudspeth Hall</b> <b>Second Floor, Room 200</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Work on E-Portfolio Projects <b>[Rodríguez, Varela]</b></li> </ul> <p><b>11:15 AM – 12:30 PM LUNCH Break</b></p> <p><b>12:30 PM</b> Meet at UTEP location for departure.</p> <p><b>12:30 PM – 3:30 PM</b> U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Tour</p>

**Additional Field Site Visits**

None

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## **WEDNESDAY, July 19<sup>th</sup>: Oral History for History's Sake**

**Early Morning          Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM   Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

### **Lecture and Content**

- Introduction: Practice of Ethnography and Oral History [**Perales**]
- Reading Oral Histories from the Chihuahuan Desert and Borderlands [**Perales**]
- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: What are the roles of a chronicler of history and narratives? [**Perales and Martínez**]
- Feedback Session [**Martínez and Rodríguez**]

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM   LUNCH Break**

**1:20 PM – 2:30 PM    UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Focus Question: (1) What makes historical events into milestones in the making of literary narratives and border people's identities in the Chihuahuan Desert borderlands region?
- Workshop Course  
The Borderlands in Digital Worlds: E-Portfolio Project (Two Instructional Lesson Plans or One Unit Development) [**Varela, Creative Studios Team**]
- Begin E-Portfolio Project with Development of Two Lesson Plans or One Unit

**3:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

(At **3:30 PM**, the shuttle bus will pick up at the designated UTEP location.)

### **Field Site Visit I**

- [Cinco Puntos Press](#)
- [Annunciation House](#)
- Dinner (on your own)

(At **6:30 PM**, the shuttle bus departs from the designated location for the next field site visit.)

### **Field Site Visit II**

- 7:00 PM [Buffalo Soldiers Program](#) at the [Chamizal National Memorial](#)

(At **8:15 PM**, the shuttle bus departs to UTEP.)

## **THURSDAY, July 20<sup>th</sup>: Textbooks and Methods about History**

**Early Morning          Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 10:30 AM   Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

### **Lecture and Content**

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- American History in Textbooks [**Leyva, Perales**]
- Narratives as History (how to tell the peoples history) [**Leyva, Perales**]
- Looking at the Borderlands through the Prism of Stories and Storytelling [**Leyva, Perales**]

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: How can understanding border people and their history alter/reorient our conceptual understanding of US history? [**Leyva, Mora, Perales**] [**Martínez, moderator**]

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break**

**1:20 PM – 3:00 PM Geology Sciences Bldg., Geology Reading Room, Third Floor, Room 310**

- Welcome and Introduction by Dr. [Diana Natalicio](#), UTEP President
- Literary Reading by [Pat Mora](#)  
(This session will be attended by NEH Summer Institute-affiliated participants only.)
- Conversation and Book Signing with Reception

**5:00 PM – 8:45 PM**

Field Site Visits (on your own)

(Before **5:00 PM**, use your Sun Metro bus pass and board the [Sun Metro Brío](#).)

**Self-Guided Field Site Visits** (Note: Museums close at 9:00 PM on Thursdays.)

- [El Paso Museum of Art](#) ([Collections and Exhibitions](#))
- [El Paso Museum of History](#) ([Gallery and Exhibitions](#); [DIGIE](#) digital wall)
- Dinner Downtown (on your own)

**FRIDAY, July 21<sup>st</sup>: An Artist's Sense of Place via Historical and Literary Narratives**

**Early Morning**      **Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

**Lecture and Content**

- El Paso/Ciudad Juárez, San Diego/Tijuana Metroplexes: Looking at Modern Day, Bi-National Spaces [**Perales, Staudt, Leyva**]
- Introduction to Smelertown [**Perales**]

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

- Feedback Session with NEH  
Richard Pettit, NEH Division of Education Programs, Program Analyst

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

- Literary Conversation: An Artist's Sense of Place and the Chihuahuan Borderlands and Desert; Women in Literature [**Mora**] [**Rodríguez, moderator**]

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**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break**

- **Lunch** Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), First Floor, Foyer

**1:20 PM – 2:15 PM Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (1514 Hawthorne Street)**

- Tour of Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS) (on campus) [**Heyman**]

**2:30 PM – 4:30 PM UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Focus Question: (2) What are the basic theories and methods of historiography and narratology?
- Workshop Course  
Using Music as a Literacy Element for Engagement: E-Portfolio Project and Lesson Plans Development [**Martínez, Varela, Creative Studios Team**]

**Field Site Visits**

None

**SATURDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Independent Study**

**Early Morning Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

(At **8:30 AM**, the shuttle bus will pick up at the designated UTEP location.)

**Field Site Visits**

- [El Paso Mission Trail](#)
  - [Ysleta Mission](#)
  - [Socorro Mission](#)
  - [San Elizario Presidio Chapel](#)

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

- [The Tigua Indian Cultural Center](#)

**12:30 PM – 2:45 PM**

- Lunch (on our own)  
[Cattlemen's Steakhouse at Indian Cliffs Ranch](#)
- Tour of [Indian Cliffs Ranch](#)

(At **2:45 PM**, the shuttle bus departs to UTEP.)

## **SUNDAY, July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Independent Study**

- E-Portfolio Project (Two Instructional Lesson Plans or One Unit Development)  
[Creative Studios Team]

**Early Morning          Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

(At **9:30 AM**, shuttle bus will pick up at the designated UTEP location.)

### **Self-Guided Field Site Visits (optional)**

- Historic Mesilla, Old Mesilla Village
- [Mesilla Plaza](#) (National Historic Landmark), Mesilla, NM
- [Double Eagle](#) Sunday Champagne Brunch (optional, on your own) (seating at 11:00 AM)
- [The Gadsden Purchase](#) (known in México as “Venta de La Mesilla,” “Sale of La Mesilla”) (1853)

(At **1:45 PM**, the shuttle bus departs to UTEP.)

## **WEEK TWO: July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **MONDAY, July 24<sup>th</sup>: Teaching Narratives through History and Literature**

**Early Morning          Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM    UTEP Centennial Plaza (meet at 8:30 AM at the Lhakhang)**

#### **Lecture and Content**

- Tour of [Lhakhang](#) at the Centennial Plaza
- Tour of [Centennial Museum](#) and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens

**9:45 AM – 11:00 AM   Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

#### **Lecture and Content**

- Performance and Literary Arts (Create a Memory, Change Perspectives) [Dominguez]
- Literary Dialogues: Reading the Narratives of the Chihuahuan Borderlands [Rodríguez]

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM   Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

#### **Lecture and Content**

- Professors’ Dialogue: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education [Martínez, Rodríguez]

**12:00 PM – 1:20 PM    LUNCH Break**

**1:20 PM – 4:30 PM    UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Workshop Course

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Using the Popular Culture about the Borderlands: E-Portfolio Project (Two Instructional Lesson Plans or One Unit Development)

[Varela, Creative Studios Team]

**6:00 PM – 7:45 PM** UTEP Fox Fine Arts, Studio Theatre, First Floor  
[UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance](#)

**Field Site Visit (on campus)**

- View play titled [¡Bocón!](#)
- Conversation with Actors

## **TUESDAY, July 25<sup>th</sup>: Borders and Politics in Action**

**Early Morning** Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200

**Lecture and Content**

- The Politics of Narratology and Binationalism [Bustamante, Staudt]
- Performance as Political Narrative (Cell Phone Attention) [Dominguez]
- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: How does binationalism inform border people's cultures? [Bustamante, Dominguez, Staudt]

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM** LUNCH Break

**1:20 PM – 4:30 PM** UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336

- Focus Question: (3) What are the shifting ideologies in the making of two neighboring nations?
- E-Portfolio Project (Two Instructional Lesson Plans or One Unit Development) [Martínez, Rodríguez, Varela, Creative Studios Team]

**Field Site Visits**

None

## **WEDNESDAY, July 26<sup>th</sup>: Documented Borders via Narratology**

**Early Morning** Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

(At **8:30 AM**, the shuttle bus will pick up at the designated UTEP location.)

**Field Site Visit**

[Chamizal National Memorial](#) (U.S. National Park Service)

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- Welcome and Historical Video
- Hiking Trail Tour [**Park Ranger Rodney Sauter**]
- Nature: Plants and Animals of Chamizal
- Boundary Dispute and Signing of the Chamizal Convention
- Self-Guided Tour and Photo Exhibition / Survey Feedback (U.S. National Park Service)
- Group Photo

(At **11:30 AM**, the shuttle bus departs to UTEP.)

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break**

**1:20 PM – 3:00 PM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

**Lecture and Content**

- Journalism and Popular Writing about the Chihuahuan Borderlands [**Bustamante**]
- The Documented Border via Narratology [**Bustamante**]
- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: How does narratology influence the making and establishing of borders? [**Bustamante**]

**3:15 PM – 4:30 PM UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Final Edits of E-Portfolio Project (Two Instructional Lesson Plans or One Unit Development) [**Martínez, Rodríguez, Varela, Creative Studios Team**]

**Field Site Visits**

None

**THURSDAY, July 27<sup>th</sup>: Narratives and Influences on the Stage**

**Early Morning Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 11:00 AM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

**Lecture and Content**

- Women and Theatre of the Chihuahuan Borderlands (Appearance Adjustment, Starburst Rejection, Papelitos) [**Dominguez**]
- Community Scholars' Report [**Dominguez, Staudt**]
- How Border People Perform Their Identities [**Bustamante, Dominguez, Staudt**]
- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: How can theatre and narratologies engage students in the practice of literacies? [**Bustamante, Dominguez, Staudt**]

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

- Literary Dialogues: Reading the Narratives of the Chihuahuan Borderlands [**Rodríguez**]

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break**

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**1:20 PM – 4:30 PM UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Final Edits of E-Portfolio Project  
[Varela, Creative Studios Team]

**Field Site Visits**

None

**FRIDAY, July 28<sup>th</sup>: E-Portfolios**

**Early Morning Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Hudspeth Hall (HUDS), Second Floor, Room 200**

- Roundtable Discussion of Readings: Which histories and literatures of the Chihuahuan borderlands have influenced our teaching and learning? [Martínez, Rodríguez]

**10:15 AM – 12:00 PM UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Complete E-Portfolio Project and Lesson Plans Development for Viewing by Public  
[Varela, Creative Studios Team]

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break**

**1:20 PM – 4:30 PM UTEP Library, Third Floor, Room 336**

- Complete E-Portfolio Project and Lesson Plans Development for Viewing by Public  
[Varela, Creative Studios Team]

**Field Site Visits**

None

**SATURDAY, July 29<sup>th</sup>: E-Presentations and Farewell**

**Early Morning Fitness and Breakfast (on your own)**

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Finalize E-Portfolio and Prepare for Gallery Walk Showcase**

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH Break**

**1:20 PM – 3:30 PM Liberal Arts Building (LART), Third Floor, Room 309 and Room 310**

- **Gallery Walk**  
Showcase by Summer Scholars (e-Poster Session via Gallery Walk Demonstration)

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(Supporters of our UTEP NEH Institute are invited to join us.)

- Photo
- Online NEH Evaluation
- Communications Post-Institute
- Packing Luggage and Traveling Tips to ELP Airport

**5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

(At **5:30 PM**, the shuttle bus will pick up at the designated UTEP location.)

- Summer Scholars' Institute Dinner (on your own)
- Photo

(At **8:15 PM**, the shuttle bus departs to UTEP.)

**SUNDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>: DEPARTURE**

Safe travels and best wishes!