

Welcome Letter for Summer Scholars



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Dear NEH Summer Scholars Selected for the 2017 Institute:

Welcome to our [Summer Institute for School Teachers](#) (grades 6th – 12th) named *Tales from the Chihuahuan Desert: Borderland Narratives about Identity and Binationalism*. We are excited about your interest in our Institute and that we will meet soon.

The Institute is sponsored by the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) and will be held at the campus of [The University of Texas at El Paso](#) ([El Paso, Texas](#)).

The Institute dates are **July 16th – July 30th, 2017**, in El Paso, Texas. A stipend (taxable) will be provided to each Summer Scholar (teacher).

We developed *Tales from the Chihuahuan Desert* in an effort to reframe our national discourse about the ways in which we see and talk about the U.S.–México borderlands and its binational populations.

In the Information Packet we prepared, we provide answers for some questions as you begin planning for your participation in the Institute. The most current information will begin to appear on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page and [Travel and Housing](#) web page. Updates will occur every week leading to the first day of the Institute. There are **five payroll forms** to complete and a **biographical note** to **submit before May 15th, 2017**. Instructions appear on pages 10 and 13.

We look forward to your participation and contributions. Indeed, we anticipate shared professional learning and growth across the disciplines and an engaging, positive experience with lifelong colleagues and friendships in the making. *¡Bienvenidos!*

Sincerely,

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