Liberty in the American Revolution:  
Teaching Slavery, Race, & Gender  
in the Founding Era

A Workshop in Culturally Responsive Teaching  
for New Jersey Social Studies Supervisors and Teachers

When:  May 22, 23-26, 2022  
Where:  Kean University Liberty Hall Academic Center and Liberty Hall Museum  
Cost:  Non-Residential, $750 (Course Materials, Field Trip, and Lunches included)  
        Residential Option, $990 (Single Occupancy Dormitory Housing)  
Register here:  https://forms.gle/eEwDmhm49wdvWpdm7

Over the course of the week-long workshop held jointly at Kean University and Liberty Hall Museum, participating educators will be introduced to recent scholarship on the Founding Era, as well as current research being conducted at Kean University on the complexities of “Liberty” at the moment of the Nation’s founding in advance of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Educators will work with original primary source documents in the “History Lab” at Liberty Hall Museum, the Kean University Special Collections Research Library and Archives, along with web-based primary sources--concrete resources to be deployed in the classroom to create inclusive curricula at this crucial moment in American history and historical commemoration. Participants will receive credential in Culturally Responsive Teaching.

ZOOM INFO SESSION:  March 22, 3PM:  https://kean-edu.zoom.us/j/95305316212
Program of Study:
Each day will include exploration of Liberty Hall Museum, framing the spaces of William Livingston's 18th-century home as historical “text.” Participants will attend lectures and discussion of the day's theme with Kean faculty and invited experts in the Liberty Hall Academic Center (LHAC). Following discussion, educators will participate in "History Lab" in the Kean Special Collections and Research Library and Archive (SCRLA). Here they will have the opportunity to explore original primary source documents from the 18th and 19th centuries that reveal the lives of the diverse peoples who constituted William Livingston's world. Each day will conclude with collaborative inclusive curriculum development at the daily pedagogy workshop.

DAY 0: Welcome Reception. Screening of “Liberty Hall 360: A Revolutionary Wedding”

DAY 1: Framing Liberty in the Era of the American Revolution
- Liberty Hall Tour
- History Talk: Liberty Hall & William Livingston’s World
- History Lab: Enlightenment Ideas & Founding Documents on Rights, Race, & Gender
- Pedagogy Workshop: The Curriculum Challenge: Moving Beyond Hagiography

DAY 2: The American Revolution: New Jersey in Context
- Field Trip: To Philadelphia including Independence Hall Tour; Museum of the American; Trenton and Washington’s Crossing; Retreat across New Jersey - following the footsteps of Washington, Livingston, and the Continental Army in 1776; Picnic Dinner in Princeton

DAY 3: Race & Slavery in the Revolutionary Era
- Liberty Hall: Domestic and Work Spaces
- History Talk: Confronting Race and Slavery in the Revolutionary Era
- History Lab: Recovering Lost Voices of the Enslaved
- Pedagogy Workshop: Teaching the Lost Voices of the Enslaved

DAY 4: Sex & Gender in the Revolutionary Era
- Liberty Hall: Women’s Spaces
- History Talk: Republican Motherhood, Sex and Gender
- History Lab: Epistolary and Material Culture
- Pedagogy Workshop: Creative Approaches to Thinking and Teaching Historically

Objectives:
- Introduce New Jersey K – 12 educators to recent scholarship on America's founding era.
- Supports creation, through instruction and workshop resources, inclusive curricula that recover the history of traditionally minoritized people.
- Share ongoing research about William Livingston's world and how the life of a “founding father” can be mined to reconstruct the history of women and enslaved persons who all too frequently are silenced in historical records.
- Support "history lab" model and primary source analysis in K – 12 context.
- Model application of history to contemporary issues and civics.
- Provide credential in culturally responsive teaching.

Sponsors:
National Endowment for the Humanities * Kean University College of Liberal Arts * Kean University Department of History * Liberty Hall Museum * Liberty Hall Academic Center and Special Collections and Research Library and Archive * Kean University Office of Entrepreneurial Education Initiatives * Kean University Office of External Affairs

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