

African Americans in the Making of Early New England

A National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture
Workshop for K-12 School Teachers and Librarians

July 9 through July 14, 2017 OR July 23 through July 28, 2017

Presented by the **Deerfield Teachers' Center** of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association in Deerfield, MA, this week-long workshop places slavery in the North into the context of the history of colonial New England.

Now accepting applications from K-12 educators and librarians for Free Professional Development:



- ◆ \$600 or \$1,200 stipend to assist in cost of workshop attendance; optional low cost overnight accommodation in an air-conditioned dorm;
- ◆ Presentations by leading historians including Dr. Joanne Melish, Dr. Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, Dr. Richard A. Bailey, Dr. Jared R. Hardesty, Dr. Thomas Doughton, and the Deerfield Teachers' Center staff;
- ◆ Walking tours and excursions to museums, including the Royall House and Slave Quarters in Medford, MA, illuminate the setting for events and themes explored;
- ◆ Hands-on breakout sessions that will include the examination of primary source documents and artifacts;
- ◆ Meets Common Core Standards; free materials for teachers;
- ◆ 37 Continuing Education Units (PDPs in MA) awarded; graduate credit is available.

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African Americans played significant roles in the birthplace of American freedom and in the rise of the greater New England region as the earliest commercial power and cultural entrepot in British North America. What students learn about early American life is mostly about white families; yet the trade in African captives underpinned New England's maritime commercial development, and African Americans in slavery and freedom made essential contributions to early New England life as artisans and laborers, poets and writers, soldiers and ministers. Knowing this history is crucial to understanding evolving ideas about race in the United States, and it informs and complicates the narrative of America's expanding commitment to social justice and equality. Learning about each other's history is key to building cross-racial and cross-cultural understanding today, and the best place to do that is in K-12 classrooms.

Click on how to apply at <http://afram-workshop.deerfield-ma.org/> to learn more.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017. Notification regarding acceptance will be emailed on March 31, 2017.

