

Welcome to the Rutgers English Diversity Institute

REDI 2021 Program Schedule

Sat, Jun 5 to Fri, Jun 11

The Rutgers English Diversity Institute (REDI), founded by Professor Cheryl A. Wall (1948 - 2020), is designed for advanced college students and recent graduates whose cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds are underrepresented among the professoriate in the fields of English and American literary studies. At REDI, students will learn about traditional and nontraditional subfields and critical approaches in English and American literary studies from Rutgers University faculty.

Before the Program Begins

- Receive electronic copies of writing prompts, schedule, introductory letters from faculty and staff, reading materials, an annotated directory of all participants, and any additional materials students need in advance of REDI Week.
- Receive physical copies of books and (if requested) supplementary reading materials.
- Familiarize yourself with **Zoom** and **Slack**, the two online platforms we will be using. All Zoom meetings will be accessed through specific Slack channels.
- Get to know the faculty and staff who are here to assist you!

Assigned texts:

- **Elizabeth Acevedo's** *The Poet X*
- **Ross Gay's** *Be Holding*
- **Brandon Jacob Jenkins's** *An Octoroon*
- **Harriet E. Wilson's** *Our Nig*
- **Phillis Wheatley's** *The Poems of Phillis Wheatley*
- Supplementary handouts prepared by REDI graduate assistants (GAs)

Participation at all scheduled events is **required**, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, June 5, 2021

**all times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time*

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Welcome Social
(**Zoom via #social**)
With the REDI Social GAs

Sunday, June 6, 2021

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Welcome to REDI
(Zoom via #gathering)
With Prof. Erica Edwards

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Seminar: Contemporary American Poetry
(Zoom via #seminar)
With Prof. Evie Shockley

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Workshop: Your Application Dossier
(Zoom via #workshop)
With the REDI Writing GAs

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Drop-in Wellness and Decompression Time
(Zoom via #social)
With the REDI Social GAs

Monday, June 7, 2021

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Seminar: 18C Literature
(Zoom via #seminar)
With Prof. Abigail Zitin

2:30PM - 3:00 PM

Optional: Virtual coffee
(Zoom via #gradschool)
With the REDI Social GAs

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

What is graduate school?
(Zoom via #gradschool)
With Prof. David Kurnick

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Grad School AMA
(Zoom via #social)
With the REDI Social GAs

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Workshop: Book History
(Zoom via #workshop)
With Prof. Leah Price

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Seminar: Decolonial Feminist Theory
(Zoom via #seminar)

With Prof. Omaris Zamora

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Game Night
(Zoom via **#social**)
With the REDI Social GAs

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Optional: Virtual Coffee
(Zoom via **#seminar**)
With the REDI Social GAs

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Workshop: Sound Studies
(Zoom via **#workshop**)
With Prof. Maurice Wallace

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Seminar: 19C American Literature
(Zoom via **#seminar**)
With Prof. Dana Luciano

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Virtual Screening
(Zoom via **#social**)
With Profs. Evie Shockley and Erica Edwards

Thursday, June 10, 2021

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Workshop: The Admissions Process
(Zoom via **#workshop**)
With the REDI Writing GAs

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Seminar: Drama
(Zoom via **#seminar**)
With Prof. Douglas Jones

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Closing Reception

Friday, June 11, 2021

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Farewell and Program Survey (**Zoom via #gathering**)