

Information Sheet for Folklore 6020: Field and Research Methods

Keels Field School: Buildings and the Community

REQUIRED COURSE FOR ALL INCOMING GRADUATE STUDENTS

We are excited to announce that in September 2012 Folklore 6020: Research Methods will be taught as a three week long intensive field course. Under the direction of Dr. Gerald Pocius, a specialist in built and intangible cultural heritage, you will join other students in documenting a series of buildings (root cellars, stables, storage buildings, the shop, schools) in Keels, Bonavista Bay. You will live in Keels, record these structures, interview local residents about their construction and use, and share results with community members.

Dates: The field school begins in with an introductory class in St. John's around September 6th. On September 9th you will travel to Keels where the remainder of the three weeks will be spent learning field documentation techniques. You will return to St. John's September 30th.

Schedule:

Week 1: Classes on interviewing, ethics, audio and visual recording techniques.

Week 2: Measuring and drawing buildings. Interviews with local residents

Week 3: Students conducting their own interviews and research. Presentation to the community of the project

Special guest lecturers will likely include John Mannion (MUN Geography) on Keels' cultural landscape, Guha Shankar, Media Specialist (American Folklife Center, Library of Congress), Brian Ricks (Professional Photographer) on digital photography, Dale Jarvis (Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador) on audio recording. Tom Carter (University of Utah) and Anne Oliver (Heritage Preservation Consultant, Salt Lake City, Utah) will lead the week on building documentation.

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Requirements: This is a required course for all incoming graduate students. The other two required courses for Fall 2012 semester—Folklore 6010 and Folklore 6030—will begin during the week of October 1st, after the completion of the field school.

Leisure opportunities: The field school offers you a unique opportunity to experience life in rural Newfoundland. In your spare time you will be able to enjoy hiking, swimming, canoeing, sea kayaking, bird and whale watching, berry picking and possibly an outing to catch cod during the food fishery, all in a spectacular setting. Weekend excursions will likely be organized to communities such as Bonavista, Trinity, and Port Union to visit museums, heritage houses and other attractions.

Accommodation: You will share accommodation with other students in one of several homes that have been leased to us for the field school. Each house has a bath/shower, but no internet, and likely no TV. There will be laundry facilities.

Food: You will be responsible for your own individual breakfast and lunch meals. You will take turns preparing agreed-upon communally shared supper meals in the local school and share in keeping the clean-up after meals. The foods available for local purchase are limited; these will form the basis for our evening meals. If you have any special dietary needs, you should advise us before leaving St John's to determine what options are possible.

Phones and internet: It is important to know that in Keels cell phone coverage is sporadic at best, you likely will not have regular access to the internet, and there are no phones in the houses we will be using as residences. We will make arrangements to have limited phone/internet use through the local school.

Costs: There will be a program cost of approximately \$800. per student. A pre-registration fee of \$200. payable to the Folklore Department, Memorial University, is due by May 15, 2012. The balance is due by August 15, 2012.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A ONE TIME PAYMENT THAT IS IN ADDITION TO YOUR TUITION AND OTHER SEMESTER FEES.

This program cost covers your accommodations, travel to/from Keels, course supplies, and evening meals. **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUYING AND PREPARING YOUR BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES.** In the event that total costs amount to less than the program fee, any surplus will be reimbursed to you at the end of the field school.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU COMPLETE AND RETURN THE PRE REGISTRATION FORM ALSO ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL BY MAY 15, 2012.