

COMING HOME TO HARKNESS

SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERS NEW PROGRAM OF HARKNESS STUDY AND TRAVEL FOR ADULTS

By the time they graduate, most Exeter students are eager to go out into the world, to move on to new classrooms and new opportunities to learn and grow. What they can't yet know, says Doug Rogers, is that one day they may be just as eager to return to Exeter.

"I've heard this many times, from many different grads," says Rogers, the Cowles Professor in the Humanities and the director of the Exeter Summer School. While alumni/ae move on to fine colleges and stimulating careers, he says that many come to "lament the loss of the collaborative learning they experienced at the Harkness table. There's a real hunger to return to this place and have that kind of experience again."

From July 24 to 28, they can do just that. That's when Rogers is launching *On Beyond Exeter*, a week of Harkness classes created specifically for alumni/ae and adult friends of the Academy community. Three of *On Beyond Exeter*'s four courses will also offer optional international travel programs.

"Summer is the time of year when we can be innovative and try new things," Rogers explains. "When the Academy decided to discontinue its summer sports camps, there was an opportunity in space and time to create a Harkness program for adults," an opportunity he gladly seized. "Our teaching conferences have shown us how wonderfully satisfying it is to bring adults to campus and let them share in the resources of this place," he says.

Rick Schubart, Exeter's Bates Russell Distinguished Faculty Professor, knows these satisfactions firsthand. Together with his colleague Don Foster, Schubart led an Elderhostel program at the Academy during the 1990s, and close to a third of the participants had a connection to Exeter. The chance to return to the Academy as students "meant a lot to them," Schubart says, "especially because of the life experience they could now bring to their studies."

One of five highly regarded Harkness teachers whom Rogers recruited for *On Beyond Exeter*, Schubart will teach a course in *The History and Culture of Northern New England*. Readings, class discussions and daily field trips to places like the Strawberry Banke Museum and the Isles of Shoals will, he says, make for "a lovely academic vacation. But we'll also learn just how critical this area was in the formation of the early republic."

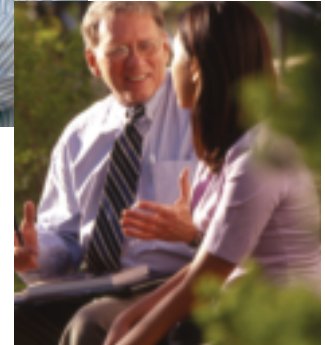
Jack Herney, the Robert Shaw White Professor in History, will join with Karen Burgess Smith, art history instructor and director of the Lamont Gallery, to teach *Impressions*, a two-course offering that will explore critical turning points in their respective fields: Herney, D-Day and the Battle for Normandy, in *Art, War and the Human Spirit*; Burgess Smith, the dawn of Impressionism, in *The Art of Manet and Monet*. Together they will also lead an optional, if irresistible, eight-day trip to France, with an itinerary that includes Normandy, Giverny, Rouen and Paris.

Students in Charlie Terry's Shakespearean Theater course will immerse themselves in three different plays; they can also join the Lewis Perry Professor in the Humanities Emeritus on a weeklong theater tour of England, to see productions at London's Globe Theatre and at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. Chris Matlack, holder of the Lee C. Bradley III Teaching Chair in Science, will introduce students in his Environmental Science course to the ecology and natural history of New England's temperate forests; those who travel with him to Central America will be able to do the same with the tropical rainforests of Costa Rica.

Because one goal for *On Beyond Exeter* is "to reach adults from every quarter," Rogers kept fees "deliberately modest" for the on-campus portion of *On Beyond Exeter*: \$599 for Herney and Burgess Smith's double course, \$499 for all the others. That fee includes books, meals and—for those wishing to recreate their Exeter schooldays down to the last detail—a bed in an Academy dorm. (A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Exeter Inn and a local bed and breakfast for those seeking less Spartan accommodations.) The optional travel packages range from around \$1,700 to \$2,600 (airfare not included).

Rogers concedes there are a few experiences *On Beyond Exeter* won't be able to offer returning students, including curfews, Dickey slips and, oh yes, grades. "But this is Exeter," he adds. "I'm sure we'll keep them busy."

AROUND THE TABLE



On Beyond Exeter will offer a weeklong program of Harkness classes for alumni/ae and other adult friends of the Academy, taught by Exeter faculty members like Jack Herney (top) and Rick Schubart (bottom).

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