

**The International Mainstreet:
The Culture and Traditions of the Columbia Pike
An Introductory Field School for Cultural Documentation, July 9-27, 2012
Arlington, Virginia**

**Sponsored by the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress,
and George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia**

For four weeks this summer, the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress and George Mason University will co-sponsor the Center's annual field school for cultural documentation, which will be held in Arlington, Virginia from July 9-27, 2012.

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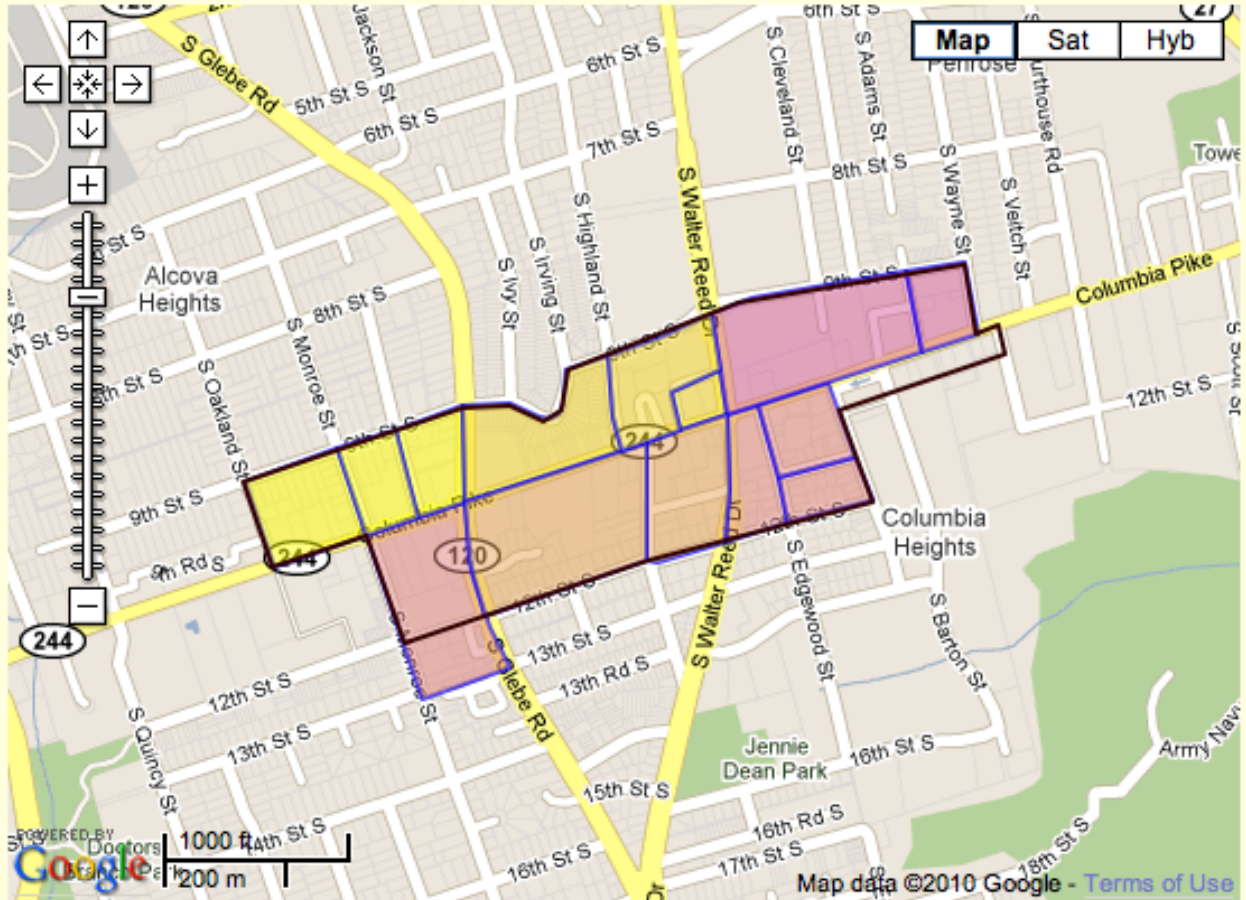
This intensive, three week course will offer hands-on ethnographic training for beginners in the documentation of local cultural resources, the preservation of documentary materials, and the public presentation of cultural heritage. Instruction will cover such areas as research ethics, preliminary research, interviewing and sound recording techniques, documentary photography, ethnographic observation, and fieldnote writing. Training will also be provided on the archival organization of documentary materials gathered in the field and the use of documentary materials for exhibitions and other public presentations. Course instruction, which is provided by GMU Faculty and members of the Center's staff, will include lectures, hand-on workshops, discussions, and supervised team-based fieldwork with a carefully selected cultural community.

Study Community: The Columbia Pike

The fieldwork conducted during the course will examine the culture and traditions of the Columbia Pike in Arlington County, Virginia. Locally known as Arlington's "International Mainstreet," the Pike is home to one of the nation's most diverse communities.

The Columbia Pike runs from the Pentagon to Bailey's Crossroads. The Pike was chartered in 1801 and since has been a major thoroughfare through Arlington County. The Pike is considered one of Arlington's "urban villages," it is home to more than a quarter of Arlington's population, over 500 businesses, as well as several parks and many residential neighborhoods. The residents of Columbia Pike include military families, families with young children, and young professionals from a variety of ethnic, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

The field school will examine the area of the Columbia Pike neighborhood located in zip code 22204. It will be bounded by S. Wayne Street on the east, South Oakland Street on the west, 9th Street to the North and 12th Street to the South.



Who Should Apply?

The field school is designed for adults who have a strong interest in ethnographic documentation but little or no previous training or experience in this area. Preference will be given to persons who are in a position to utilize newly learned skills upon returning to their home communities. School teachers, museum curators, local historians, leaders of cultural groups and foundations, librarians, community organizers and activists, and undergraduate and graduate students are among those who have benefited from the Center's previous field schools.

Dates and Location

The field school will begin on Monday, July 9, 2012 and will conclude on Friday July 27. It will be based on the Arlington campus of George Mason University, accessible via Metro. Fieldwork activities will begin in the second week of the course and will be conducted in the nearby Columbia Pike neighborhood.

Cost, Housing, Credit Options and Special Requirements

The field school is offered as a 3-credit college course. Students may enroll as graduate students and undergraduates. Students who are not currently enrolled at George Mason University can apply as non-degree students: <http://admissions.gmu.edu/nonDegree/> before May 1, 2012.

The tuition fee for undergraduate and graduate students is listed in the chart below:

	Virginia resident	Non-Virginia resident
Undergraduate	\$1133.25	\$3318.00
Graduate	\$1383.00	\$3300.75

The tuition fee for the field school includes instruction, equipment, supplies and all other course materials.

Housing arrangements will be offered on GMU's main campus in Fairfax in one of our residential dormitories and ranges from \$22-39 per night. Information on applying for housing is found at <http://housing.gmu.edu/summer/school/>

Application

An application form is attached below. A total of 18 participants will be selected from the pool of applications. The application deadline is April 15, 2012

Questions?

For more information, contact the field school's co-directors: Debra Lattanzi Shutika, email: dshutika@gmu.edu; phone (703) 993-1178; or David A. Taylor, email: dtay@loc.gov; (202) 707-1737.

• Application Form •

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We encourage applicants to seek financial support from their schools, workplaces or other sources to defer the cost of participating in the field school.

Send the completed application to Prof. Debra Lattanzi Shutika by email (dshutika@gmu.edu) or via U.S. mail to Department of English, MS 3E4,, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030-4444. The application deadline is April 15. Decisions will be made by May 1.

Please limit your response to the questions below to no more than two pages.

Name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Fax:

Current occupation:

1. Have you had any previous training or experience with cultural documentation? If you have, please describe it.
2. How could the training you would receive in the field school help you in your current or future work?
3. Do you have any experience with or own any of the following equipment? If you own any of this equipment, would you be willing to bring it to the field school for your own use? (Previous experience with documentation equipment and the supplying of equipment are not prerequisites for the course.) Please respond below:

35mm or digital camera

_____ level of experience _____ own _____ can bring

Portable tape recorder or digital recorder

_____ level of experience _____ own _____ can bring

Laptop computer

_____ level of experience _____ own _____ can bring

4. Please provide two references we may contact and ask about your qualifications.

Name:

Telephone:

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