This NCHC Master Class will provide an opportunity for faculty with prior City as Text™ experiences (through an NCHC Faculty Institute or Annual Conference) to engage in an intensive exploration of New Orleans prior to the 2019 Annual Conference. The Crescent City is a vibrant melting pot of European, Caribbean, American, and African influences. It is both “the city that care forgot” and a city with many historical and contemporary troubles. Participants will push beyond the French Quarter to explore New Orleans’s famous music, food, and cultures in order to understand the city’s harmonies and dissonances. Participants will engage in site-based experiential learning with the intent of taking home a deeper understanding of City as Text™ principles as well as developed ideas for course and program-level applications.
UNCOVERING NEW ORLEANS

November 3-6, 2019

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MASTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3
We meet at 9 am for an initial walkabout of downtown New Orleans. Debriefing over lunch will be followed by afternoon excursions, writing time in the evening, and a group dinner.

Monday, November 4
Brief meeting to discuss initial writings and to organize travel routes. All-day excursions to New Orleans neighborhoods. Afternoon seminar on readings and site-specific observations. Dinner in small groups followed by writing time.

Tuesday, November 5
This full day will begin with morning explorations in some of New Orleans' waterfront areas. After lunch, the group will convene for an afternoon workshop during which participants will develop specific City as Text™ assignments for immediate implementation and also outline ideas for future home campus applications. The master class will close with a group dinner.

Wednesday, November 6
(Optional)
Invitation to the Place as Text Committee Open Meeting. Hear updates about the Committee’s projects and share your impressions of the New Orleans Master Class.

Thursday, November 7
(Optional)
Invitation to act as a CAT Facilitator in NCHC’s signature City as Text™ event this morning and participate in the afternoon sessions as conference participants use CAT to explore the city of New Orleans.

Travel and Lodging
New Orleans is accessible by plane, or car. Transportation from New Orleans Louis Armstrong International Airport to the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, can be done via cab, Uber or Lyft. The Sheraton will provide overnight accommodations for Master Class participants as part of the NCHC Conference Hotel Room Block. The cost is $265 per night for single or double occupancy. If you wish to share a room with a fellow participant, the facilitators will assist. The room reservation link will be shared directly with registrants.

APPLICATION PROCESS
An application link will be posted at: nchchonors.org/events/place-as-text

MASTER CLASS COST: $550.
This fee covers Master Class reading materials, instructional fees, final dinner, and incidental charges. It does not include travel to and from New Orleans, accommodations, or most meals.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE: September 1, 2019

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