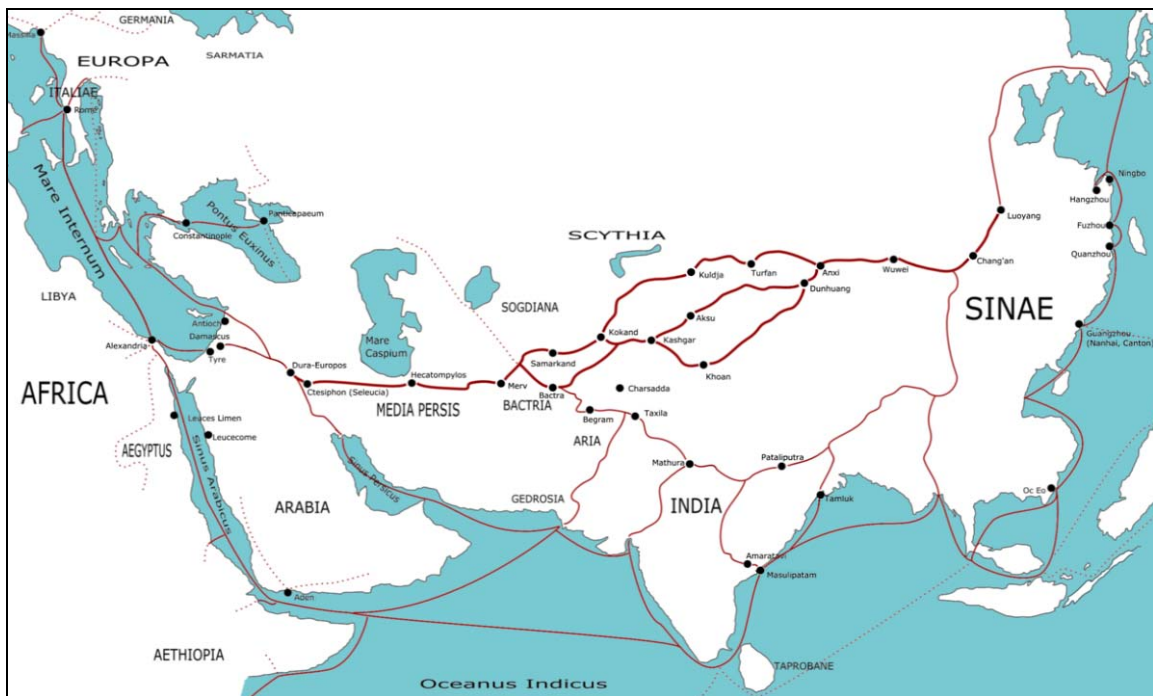


## PIER 2008 Summer Institute for Educators

# FROM SAND TO SEA Cultural Exchange through Trade on the Silk Road

Yale University, New Haven, CT  
July 7-16, 2008

Field Study in China, Yemen, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)  
Dates: July 16-31, 2008--- Tuition: \$2500



The Silk Road in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century

You are cordially invited to participate in the PIER-Middle East and East Asian Studies Summer Institute for Educators examining cultural exchange through trade along the land and sea networks of the historic Silk Road. In order to ensure that all participants in the study tour are adequately prepared academically, Educators who wish to apply for participation in the field study portion of the program are **REQUIRED** to attend the intensive Summer Institute held at Yale beforehand, and will also be required to complete a post-institute lesson plan/course plan related to the content of the course. Please carefully review the attached registration form, complete, sign, and send appropriate portions back to **Greta Scharnweber** (mailing and email addresses are at the end of the application).

*PIER Summer Institute for Educators- 2008*

**Applications for FIELD STUDY due February 23, 2008**

**Applications for the New Haven Program are accepted on a rolling basis  
(apply early as space is limited), with a final deadline of June 2, 2008.**

**Summer Institute/ Field Study Application**

**I wish to participate in the following session(s): (Please mark one or both sessions.)**

\_\_\_ New Haven Portion (July 7 - 16, 2008). Participants will be notified of their acceptance into the program on a rolling basis, as applications are received. Note that priority for our limited space will be given to active classroom teachers who teach or develop course content in subjects related to the Silk Road.

\_\_\_ Field Study Portion (July 16 - 31, 2008). Must apply by February 23, 2008. For applicants who wish to attend the field study, the New Haven portion of the institute is REQUIRED. Participants will be notified of their acceptance into the field study portion of the program by March 7, 2008.

*Please complete the appropriate portions of the application.*

**Summer Institute Application- New Haven Portion**

**Part 1: Contact Information**

A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Please complete the PIER common application located at the website <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/pier/institutes/app.pdf> or contact greta.scharnweber@yale.edu or (203)432-8135 to have an application mailed to you. \*\*If you have already submitted this application with your \$25 application fee (made out to Yale University), there is no need to submit it again.

C. Have you participated in past PIER programs? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part 2: Summer Institute Application- Field Study Portion**

### **Travel Documentation**

1. Do you have a U.S. passport valid until at least January 31, 2009?

Yes  No

If yes, U.S. passport number is: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please include a copy of your passport photo page with your application.***

(note: if you have visited the state of Israel and have a stamp in your current passport, you will need an auxiliary passport to enter the countries of the Arabian Peninsula)

2. Do you have a passport from another country? If yes, please provide the name of the country issuing your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a **valid tourist visa** to travel to China, Yemen, and the UAE in your current foreign passport?  Yes /  No (please circle one)

My passport number is: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please include a copy of your passport photo page, and of your visa pages, if applicable, with your application.***

### **The Program Fee of \$2500 includes:**

Roundtrip transportation between New Haven, CT and JFK; roundtrip economy international airfare from JFK, in-country transportation and lodging, all visa processing fees, basic repatriation and travel health insurance, many meals; and group educational and cultural activities.

### **Expenses not covered:**

\*\* Roundtrip travel from your home city to New Haven, or from JFK to your home city at the conclusion of the program if your home city is not New Haven, CT.

\*\* Some meals and personal expenses like souvenirs, snacks, and entertainment.

## Application Questions for the Field Study

*In a separate document, please answer each question concisely and completely (guidelines for length are given below).*

- 1) What do you hope to gain from this learning experience abroad? How will you incorporate your knowledge into your classroom teaching? Please be specific about short- and long-term plans related to the Silk Road or Middle Eastern/East Asian regional studies. (1-2 pages)
- 2) Do you have experience traveling abroad? To Asia or the Middle East? To China, Yemen, or UAE? If so, please describe your travel experiences. (Previous experience abroad is NOT required for participation) (1 paragraph)
- 3) Have you ever been involved in *group travel* before? If so, what did you like and dislike about it? If not, what are some of the positive and negative aspects you foresee? What is your level of flexibility? For example, if and when the trip itinerary changes abroad, how would you adapt to these changes?  
(1 paragraph)
- 4) Describe an experience that has challenged your preconceived notions about another culture. What did you learn from the experience? (1 paragraph)
- 5) Do you speak or read Chinese or Arabic? If so, what is your level of fluency? (Please note that you do NOT have to speak these languages to take part in this field study.) Do you have experience with any foreign languages? If so, explain (1 paragraph).
- 6) Do you have any health issues that might affect your level of participation in group activities? For example: Is your mobility limited? Are you pregnant? Do you have food allergies or a very specific diet that you must follow? Do you have problems in extreme heat? Are you currently taking any medications? Can you walk approximately 5 miles each day?

## Other requirements

- Letter of reference from supervisor (1 page)
- Letter of reference from colleague (1 page)
- Current CV and/or Resume if available (not required, but helpful)
- In some cases, a brief phone interview may be required. You will be contacted if this is necessary.

## **Application and Payment Procedure for the Field Study**

If you are accepted as a member of this field study, you will be asked to submit a **\$500 nonrefundable deposit by April 1, 2008** in order to secure a spot on the trip. You will be notified by March 7, 2008 of your application status.

You will be required to submit the **remaining balance (\$2000) by June 1, 2008**. (The actual cost of the field study program is approximately \$5000 per person—PIER has subsidized the costs by 50%, thanks to the generous support of the Freeman Foundation)

Limited financial assistance in the form of post-institute reimbursement may be available, with priority given to those who travel from outside the Northeastern U.S. to participate in the Yale Institute. Please inquire with Greta Scharnweber if you are interested in applying for these funds, after inquiring with your home school about any potential support.

**Mail your application materials to Greta Scharnweber at the mailing address below, or submit them electronically via email.**

Please feel free to contact the trip leader with any further questions:

**Greta Scharnweber**  
**Outreach Director-Council on Middle East Studies**  
**The MacMillan Center-Yale University**  
**34 Hillhouse Avenue**  
**New Haven, CT 06520**  
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