

Seminar One Convening Guide September 30 – October 4, 2020	
Framing Question	<i>Who am I?</i>
Seminar Themes	<i>Arriving, Being, Becoming</i>
Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer Reading ● Reflection Materials ● <i>History of Religion in 5 ½ Objects</i> (Introduction) ● <i>Stranger with a Camera</i> (Documentary)
Materials Needed/Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Person, Place, and Thing: <i>Beyond the Noun of Leadership</i> – 2020/2022 Fellowship Framing ● Pandemics Matter - COVID Protocols ● Practicing Presence - A Virtual Primer ● List of all Zoom links ● Convening Groups ● Contact List ● Journal (shipped) ● Summer reading text (shipped) ● Writing utensils (bring your own) ● Mobile Fellowship Box (provided Thursday) ● Friday Fellowship Chair (provided Thursday)

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – Being, Breathing, Beginning

“We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” (T. S. Eliot)

Welcome to the William C. Friday Fellowship for Human Relations! Your two-year fellowship journey officially begins today. As we’ll learn together, this fellowship works and unfolds at the pace of relationship. In that spirit, we invite you to hold space for yourself—and for one another—as we set out. This guide and all linked documents will help you navigate the next few days. Our time together will be both marathon and sprint, shared journey and choose-your-own adventure all at once. I encourage you to read through the full guide before you move into the quiet preparations detailed below. Welcome, Fellows! *Shall we begin?*

(1:30–3:30 pm) Getting Ready (On Your Own)

This two-hour session will launch your fellowship journey with self-paced, self-directed reading and reflection. You might choose to block off more time for the invitations listed below. Please be sure to read carefully, as some of the activities will be core to later sessions and conversations.

Read. [“Person, Place, and Thing: Beyond the Noun of Leadership”](#)

This framing document explains the foundations and practices of the 2020–2022 Friday Fellowship. Intended for thoughtful consideration and critical engagement, this working document invites your active participation in the leadership and direction of our shared experiences. *What lies ahead? What are we building together?*

Reflect. Voices, Questions, and Core Values

Revisit the Epigraph, Core Questions, and Keywords in the framing document. Consider the balance of voices, questions, and terms proposed as core to the fellowship. Select one of each (epigraph quotation, core question, keyword) that both resonates and challenges. Consider the following questions before generating a few of your own: *Who will we be to one another? How much can two years hold? What matters? What is missing?*

Retreat. Oh, the Places We’ll Go: Today, Tomorrow, and the next Two Years

The relationship between time and place is core to the fellowship’s teaching and practice. Arriving in place, weighing the measure of a minute or hour, respecting the fullness of a season; these are all concepts that lend themselves to retreat centers and time away from it all. In this pandemic moment, our work and practice is adapting. *What does retreat mean to you? What kind of time and space do you have and/or need to step into the fellowship’s invitations? How can we retreat together, even at a distance?*

Respond. Making Proper Introductions

The 2017–2019 fellowship class spent its first seminar weekend taking up the following two questions. In many ways, these questions were the beginning and ending—a full circle—of our journey. In honor of the invitations I heard and accepted as a member of the previous fellowship class, I share them here. In doing so, I lift up the teachings and gifts of former lead faculty Sayra Pinto.

Where are you from? And who are your people?



As you consider these questions, [listen to poet George Ella Lyon](#) describe who she is and where she is from. Translate your own reflections into this “[Where I’m From](#)” template. You are welcome to either make a copy of the linked Google doc to work electronically or to write out your poem by hand. However you proceed, please make sure your poem is in hand for Thursday’s conversations. These offerings will be one way you introduce yourselves to one another.

Many thanks for also preparing a brief, one-minute formal introduction for tonight’s [InGathering Ceremony](#). This short introduction will call in your commitments, questions, and hopes to our circle. Together, we will gather in what matters. You can find a template [here](#).

(3:30–5:00 pm) Fellows and Fellowship 101 (Zoom session)

This 90-minute session will be our first opportunity to share time and space together as a full fellowship community. We’ll intentionally hold introductions to the evening’s InGathering Ceremony and use this time to review guiding principles and strategies of the Friday Fellowship together. This session will also set the stage for Thursday’s regional gatherings at which you will co-host and co-convene. Here’s to learning and leading together!

Hear. Setting the Table, Starting the Clock

Honor. Extending Invitations

Help. Meeting and Managing (COVID) Expectations

(5:00–7:00 pm) Dinner and Rest (On Your Own)

Food and fellowship often go hand in hand and we will enjoy many shared meals over the next two years. For today, please take care of your body, mind, and spirit in ways that are nourishing to you. You might listen to [Dub poet Linton Kwesi Johnson read Derek Walcott’s poem](#) “Love after Love” as you enjoy a meal. “Sit. Feast on your life.” Indeed.

(7:00–8:30 pm) 2020–2022 InGathering & Commissioning (Zoom session)

This ceremony will celebrate the launch of the 2020–2022 Friday Fellowship journey. We will hear from one another and from several guests, including WLI Board Chair James Mills, design collaborator Dr. Georgette “Jojo” Ledigster, musical interlocutor David LaMotte, core faculty Dr. Darin Waters, and keynote speaker Jaki Shelton Green, the poet laureate of North Carolina. In honor of the community we will become together, I invite you to prepare to call yourself—and your questions and commitments—into this shared space. All proposed conventions are included below. You can find a template [here](#). Please prepare your words in advance, as we will limit these in-troductions to one minute. This, then, is an invitation to share what matters most. The rest will hold to future conversations and convenings. Welcome, Fellows! Welcome, Sojourners! Welcome, All!

Order of Ceremony

Welcome. WLI Director Hunter Corn and WLI Board of Advisors Chair James Mills

Prologue. Dr. Georgette “Jojo” Ledgister

InGathering. 2020–2022 Fellowship Class

We want to welcome the fullness of your being and honor the people and places from which you speak. As you call yourself into this community, lift up (some of) the following.

Who will you be in this community? Who comes alongside?

Trinette Boone-Langley
 Lisa Bryant
 Dalton Dockery
 Ryan Emanuel
 Angie Flynn-McIver
 Becky Greer
 Merald Holloway
 Liam Hooper
 Tiffany Jacobs
 Lara Khalil
 Andrew Knoblich
 Annie Lord

Kelly McRell
 Jonas Monast
 LaTanya Patillo
 Kevin Rumley
 Tim Schwantes
 Tara Spivey
 Tim Tolson
 DeSandra Washington
 Willard Watson III
 Mary Wilson
 Clinton Wilson

Name

Place of birth

Place of residence, including county

Other places across the state/world that need to be named

The ancestors/forefathers and mothers on whom you stand

The children and/or grandchildren on whom the future rests

A question about which you are curious

Present fears and/or anxieties

A hope for this convening and community

Name repeated

Musical Offering. “Here For You.” David LaMotte

Introducing the North Carolina Poet Laureate. Dr. Darin Waters



Celebrating the Power of Our Stories. Jaki Shelton Green

Questions and Conversations. 2020–2022 Class, Faculty, and Guests

Commissioning and Closing. Meredith Doster

Thursday, October 1, 2020 – Traveling across Difference

“Treating different things the same can generate as much an inequality as treating the same things differently.” (Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw)

This first full day of your fellowship experience will be screen-free and consist of travel, COVID-calibrated connection, and place-based engagement. On your own, you will travel to [one of three regional locations](#) where you will meet first with a group of four fellows before convening as a group of eight. This is your day to practice being present—to your surroundings, to yourself, and to one another. With staff and faculty split across the three regional locations, each of you will be co-hosting and co-convening the morning and afternoon sessions. *Adaptive leadership? Practice makes possible!*

(7:00–9:00 am) Travel

You will want to calculate your travel time from home (or wherever you are setting out from) to arrive at [your destination](#) ready to dive into conversation by 9:30 am. Traveling is not a passive activity. Settle in, buckle up, and engage your senses. *We’ll see you in Lattimore, Rockingham, or Tarboro!*

See: Look up, Look in, Look around.

We’ll spend time honing our senses over the next two years. As you travel across the state, keep your hands on the wheel, and your eyes on the horizon. *What do you see? What do you notice? What do you notice yourself not seeing?*

Hear: Listen, Listen, Listen.

The Friday Fellowship honors namesake William C. “Bill” Friday. We’ll consider what it means to live into and beyond a legacy as we proceed. For today, listen in to one of Bill Friday’s [final interviews](#) at another moment of political and cultural crossroads. Speaking with reporter Laura Leslie on March 11, 2012, Friday describes a public cynicism and lack of civility that might sound familiar. *What kind of “good people” will we be? And what kind of good trouble will your fellowship nurture and inspire?*

Consider: Crossing Lines, Seeing Statehood.

Take note of the many lines you cross on your journey. Consider counties, territories,



watersheds, rivers, railways, and more. *How do these lines—and their crossing—shape your understanding and experience of North Carolina? Where does statehood come from? And what does it take to cross a line?* We'll tackle these questions together with Faculty Fellow Darin Waters on Friday morning.

Reflect: Ready, Set, Go.

The next two years will involve a series of interlocking journeys, including the one you are embarking on today. *What kind of journey will you take? And what kind of journey will your life and leadership inspire in others?*

(9:00–9:30 am) Arrival

Welcome! Please make yourself comfortable and take the time to fully arrive. Your regional host will be on hand to answer questions and point you in helpful directions. Upon your arrival, you will receive your full fellowship packet/materials. We ask that you honor the fellowship's state-aligned [COVID protocols](#) *at all times*. Hands washed! Masks up! No touching, handshakes and hugs included. Six feet distance—or more—*at all times*! We appreciate your intentional efforts to protect yourselves, one another, and the communities to which you will return.

(9:30–11:30 am) Convening Fellows, From Cover to Cover

In this first fellowship circle, you will hold space for one another as you gather in groups of four. The topic of conversation will be your summer reading text. Together, you will facilitate the convening process included in digest form below. The full convening guide will be in your fellowship packet. You can also access that guide [here](#). Enjoy!

Calling-In

Centering

Core Values

Claiming

Conversing - Summer Reading

Clearness Check

Closing

(11:30–12:30 pm) Food and Fellowship (catered or brought lunch)

Please enjoy the one and only shared meal we will have this weekend. Many thanks for staying masked unless eating. We hope you enjoy the food, and one another's company. Cheers!

(12:30–2:00 pm) Walking in Place, Three Ways

In this 90-minute session, you will spend time engaging the place you have landed today. With our cohort scattered across the state, we have the unique opportunity to consider and reflect on the multiple North Carolinas we will traverse and take-up on this two-year journey. The full convening guide will be in your fellowship packet. You can also access that guide [here](#). Enjoy!

(2:00–4:00 pm) Becoming Fellows: Who am I, Who are We?

In this second fellowship circle, you will spend time in a group of eight. Your task will be to begin the work of introducing yourselves to one another. Together, you will facilitate the convening process included in digest form below. The full convening guide will be in your fellowship packet. You can also access that guide [here](#). Enjoy!

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Claiming
Conversing - “Where I’m From” and What’s Next?
Clearness Check
Closing

(4:00–4:30 pm) Leave Taking

Many thanks for checking in with your regional host before taking leave. Be sure to take your “mobile fellowship box” and Friday Fellowship chair with you. You’ll need these supplies and materials for the remainder of the weekend. Safe travels!

(4:30–6:30 pm) Travel Home

On your way home, you’ll have an opportunity to practice another beloved fellowship tradition: the art and practice of return. As you either retrace your footsteps or find another route home, consider the impact of the day’s conversations on your seeing, hearing, and knowing.

See: Look again. And again. And again.
*What do you notice that you did **not** see before?*

Hear: Listen, Listen, Listen.
In anticipation of our work with Dr. Darin Waters tomorrow, listen to an episode of the Waters and Harvey radio show he co-hosts with Dr. Marcus Harvey. The following episodes (titles linked below) all bear on this weekend’s work. Enjoy!

Growing Brave By Reflection
Black Mountain College’s Legacy
Leading The Future
A Culture of Leadership
Do Your Little Bit Of Good Where You Are
Freedom Isn’t Free
Building Relationships that Matter



Reflect: Reconsider the lines crossed and learning begun on today's journey.
What does it take to return? What lies ahead?

(Evening) Return, Rest, Reflect

This has been a long day. Enjoy an evening and meal on your own or with your family. You might consider sharing your day's journey with others or journaling quietly.

What do you remember? What matters?

Friday, October 2, 2020 – Coming Together

"It is good to finally see you." Gregory C. Ellison II, *Fearless Dialogues*

The second full day of Seminar One will invite you into a series of conversations that will continue to introduce you to one another and to the fellowship's work. In a variety of small groups, you will engage North Carolina statehood, return to your summer reading, practice listening and dialogue techniques, and contribute to the first of six William C. Friday Fellow Interviews. It will be a full day with plenty of opportunities to listen, learn, and lead together. You'll want to pace yourself and take full advantage of the intentional breaks for rest and reflection. Welcome! *It is good to see you!*

(9:30–10:00 am) Optional Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom session)

If you are an early riser and would enjoy some informal morning fellowship, feel free to long into our Zoom call. Bring your coffee or tea and help us warm the space for the full cohort's arrival.

(10:00–11:30 am) The Places that Make and Break Us with Dr. Darin Waters
"North Carolina Statehood Reconsidered" (Zoom session)

In this 90-minute session, we will engage the first of six travelogue experiences structured over the course of the two-year fellowship. Led by Darin Waters, this first session will tackle North Carolina. *What does the concept of statehood offer as a starting point? As a finish line? As political entity? As homeplace? As tool of erasure?* Darin will start us off with his own reflections and teachings on the following questions, including three historical facts he believes every North Carolinian needs to know. We'll then break into small groups where you will take up these questions in conversation with one another.

[Note the distinction between a convening and a conversation. You practiced the fellowship's convening model yesterday, but we'll not be quite that formal this morning. Instead, you are invited to bring intention and attention to a shared conversation. The fellowship's guiding frameworks and core values should be present at all times. We'll practice formal convening again this afternoon.]

Depending on both the direction of and your engagement with Darin's offerings, your small group will take up one or more of the following questions. Alternatively, your group might tackle a related or altogether different question that our morning session inspires. Before adjourning, we will return to a full group session to dismiss for lunch and rest.

Reflect. Remember. Reconsider.

Check in with one another as you respond to a selection of the following questions.

What does North Carolina mean to you?

What do you remember from yesterday's regional meet-up?

What did you see on your way there? / How did you make your way home?

What does it mean "to be rather than to seem"?

(12:00–2:00 pm) Lunch and Rest

This midday break might allow you to refuel on several different levels. *What do you need right now? What food might offer sustenance? What might offer rest and rejuvenation? How can you continue to care for yourself in this retreat-from-home model?* If you'd welcome some musical accompaniment, consider [David LaMotte's version of "We Are Each Other's Angels."](#) "Go answer your calling. Go and fill somebody's cup." Indeed. We'll see you back online in a few hours. Rest and be well.

(2:00–3:30 pm) Convening Fellows, Considering Curation (Zoom session)

In this afternoon's convening, you will have 90-minutes to hold space for one another as you gather in groups of six. Your topic of conversation will be the curious curation of the six summer reading texts. Together, you will facilitate the convening process included in digest form below. The full convening guide will be in your fellowship packet. You can also access that guide [here](#). Enjoy!

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(3:30–5:00 pm) Object Lessons, A Reading (Offline and On Your Own)

This 90-minute self-directed, self-paced session is set aside for your engagement with the Introduction to one of our core texts. S. Brent Plate's *A History of Religion in 5 ½ Objects* invites us to pick up, handle, and consider the objects through which we make meaning and build



connection—to ourselves, to one another, and to our surroundings in the world. Over the course of the next two years, we will read one chapter per seminar weekend and use the featured object as one way to call ourselves together.

This weekend, please read the short introduction. It's about twenty pages long and sets off on an ambitious journey. I encourage you to pick up a pencil or pen and to mark up the margins. If a phrase or proposition catches your eye, you might take note in your journal and spend some quiet time writing. We'll return to this text on Sunday morning to explore how and why these—and other objects—matter to the shared learning that we will each navigate from different places. There should be something for everyone here. I look forward to sharing in this thought-work with you.

Read. *A History of Religion in 5 ½ Objects*, An Introduction, “1½”
What is the premise and practice of this text?

Reflect. Reading, Remembering, Reckoning
What catches your eye?
What takes your breath away?
What about your other senses and this call to their awakening?

Remember. Your North Carolina Object
We'll use the objects you brought to your fellowship interviews in our final Sunday morning session. You might spend some time thinking about your chosen object in relation to this text and its offerings.

(5:00–6:00 pm) Paired Walk and Talk (Zoom session)

One of the fellowship's beloved traditions is the paired walk. When two Fellows make their way to one another, connection and relationship are not far behind. Today, you will have the opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversation with a member of your cohort.

We'll login to Zoom together and I will put you in breakout rooms for your 40 minute conversations. You will be more than welcome to hop off-screen to enjoy one another's company by phone. I often enjoy “walk-and-talks” and you are welcome to wander about in your group of two. Or, you can stay comfortably seated at home. Whatever works for you!

[Once again, you will be stepping into an informal, but intentional conversation. Even as we diverge from formal convening practices, please bring your intention and attention to this time and space. The fellowship's guiding frameworks and core values should be present at all times. We'll practice formal convening again later this weekend.]

As you begin your conversation, consider taking up the following question, inspired by S. Brent



Plate's invitation to examine our lives and worlds for the things through which we make meaning and derive connection.

*What do you hold sacred?
And, why?*

I'll give your pair 10 and then 5-minute reminders as your time draws to a close. We'll return to a full group session to dismiss for dinner.

(6:00–7:00 pm) Dinner and Rest (Offline and On Your Own)

We're almost to the end of our day. Please take this time to reset and refresh as we step into one final activity together. Should you be enjoying a meal or time with family or friends, know that your fellowship community is sharing in this repast with you from afar. With so much before and ahead, consider holding space for silence as you take your rest. We'll see you soon!

**(7:00–8:30 pm) William C. Friday Fellow Interview Series with Dr. Darin Waters
"Where Participants are the Program" (Zoom session)**

In this final 90-minute session of the day, Darin will interview four Fellows who will inaugurate the William C. Friday Fellow Interview Series. Each seminar weekend, a quartet of Fellows will move through a series of questions drawn from both application materials and from our own curiosity about one another. After moving through the prepared guide, all Fellows will be invited to share questions for Darin's curation. Later in the fellowship, you will conduct an interview with someone from your home community whose story and experience is not represented in the cohort. Stay tuned for more, and for one another!

The question guide for the first interview session can be found in your fellowship packet or at [this link](#).

Saturday, October 3, 2020 – Making Things, Fashioning Fellows

"Things got turned inside out. And that's because it's impossible to talk about the senses in abstraction, to smell without an odor, to hear without a sound, to touch without some things to bump up against. The half-body meets its missing parts. Experience is a two-way process, a



mutual give and take." (S. Brent Plate, *A History of Religion*, Introduction)

"It's not pots we are forming, it's ourselves." (M.C. Richards, as told to Sue Bender)

This third full day of Seminar One will take things seriously. Using your hands, and all of your senses, you will step into some intentional maker-space time. Either on your own or with your family/partner/friends, you will first make and then bake. Or vice versa. You'll also have opportunity to enjoy more one-on-one time with Fellows. In the late afternoon, you'll be bringing your handmade items to our family tea and concert with David LaMotte before we wrap up the day with a documentary about being strangers in lands both foreign and familiar. *All in?* Onward!

(9:00–10:00 am) Optional Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom session)

If you'd like to enjoy some early morning connection, feel free to join this optional virtual coffee hour. Bring your coffee or tea and enjoy some informal fellowship. We may or may not stage an impromptu virtual dance party. You'll have to login to find out!

(10:00–12:00 pm) Maker Space (Offline and On Your Own)

It's time to use our hands and hearts in a different kind of work. This morning, you will be both baking and making. There are many teachings you might discover along the way. This morning is intentionally light on reading and heavy on doing, with plenty of room for your own interpretation. Ready, Set, Bake! And Make!

Baking. Please bake something to bring to the virtual tea this afternoon. You are welcome to use the baking kit provided in your fellowship box. Or, if you'd rather work with a different recipe, please feel free. The only request? Pay attention to what you are doing. *What are you seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling? And what does it mean to nourish yourselves and others? In this thing called fellowship that we are making together, what ingredient will you be?*

Making. Please use the provided clay to make a pinch pot. That's the extent of my directions. No prior experience needed. Just open the tub of clay and dive in. Please note that you have plenty of clay to share. Family, friends, partners are welcome to make alongside. As you mold and fashion this vessel, consider what this fellowship journey will both require and hold. *If, as M.C. Richards asserts, in the forming of pots we are also forming ourselves, what kind of vessel do you need to be and become for this journey? What does it take to fashion something, including yourself? What else do you need to hold in your hands?*

Once completed, please take a picture of your pinch pot and upload the image to this file

folder. And please don't lose this pot. It will be your steady companion— a sacred thing, perhaps—for the next two years.

(12:00–1:00 pm) Lunch and Rest

With the morning devoted to self-directed activities, you might not need this call to the table. But for those who welcome a reminder about the sacrament of self-care, I share [Carrie Newcomer's beautiful reminder](#) about the many ways that holiness lives in the everyday. Please do take the time to nourish yourself and those might be breaking bread with you.

(1:00–2:30 pm) Paired Walk and Talks / Virtual Engagement Skills (Zoom session)

This 90-minute session will return us to the practice of paired conversations. Today, you will step into three 20-minute conversations that will encourage attention to deep listening and honest reflection.

We'll begin in a full group to which we will return between three consecutive conversations with the same fellow. Each conversation will consider the maxim: "Seeing is believing."

Ears up. Before the first pairing, we will turn off our videos. Once sorted into breakout rooms, you will consider the statement "seeing is believing" without the benefit of visual cues. *What does "seeing is believing" mean? Do we privilege seeing above other senses? If so, how and why? What does it take to see something through someone else's eyes?*

Eyes open. For the second pairing, you will turn your video back on and share time and space with the same fellow. *How is belief shaped by what we can see? What does it take to see something through someone else's eyes?* You might spend the first 10 minutes of your call with the self-view muted, so that you are only seeing the other person.

Sense equity. For the third and final conversation, you will spend time in conversation with only one person sharing their video. *What does it take to notice inequity? Once we see inequity, how does that knowing change the way we look at and act in the world?*

Before adjourning for afternoon reflection and rest, we will share reflections as a full group. *What is the relationship between seeing and believing? What does it take to listen in to one another? To see one another fully? To notice when some of us don't have access to being seen or believed?*



(2:30–4:00 pm) Silence is Golden, Rest is Revolution (Offline and On your Own)

We have done a lot today. Consider spending time in full quiet. Silence your phone. Turn off music. Shut down all screens. *Do you remember how to rest?*

(4:00–5:30 pm) Family Tea and Concert with David LaMotte (Zoom session)

Please bring your family, friends, and baked goods to this afternoon delight. David LaMotte will be joining us for musical fellowship. Before we enjoy some music together, please be prepared to share a (brief!) introduction to anyone joining you on the call. We look forward to meeting and greeting those with whom you are navigating this season. And, we'll look forward to seeing how your morning baking turned out!

(5:30–7:00 pm) Dinner and Rest (Offline and On your Own)

You might be getting full, in more ways than one. Enjoy some quiet time while you return to yourself for rest and rejuvenation. Consider listening to poet Ruth Forman's invitation to [call peace](#) into this life in which we share.

(7:00–9:00 pm) Documentary Screening: Stranger with a Camera (Zoom session)

This 2000 documentary offers first-person insights into the 1967 murder of a Canadian filmmaker in Letcher County, Kentucky. With themes that span media bias, the criminal justice system, kinship networks, and the impossibility of translation, this documentary invites us to think critically about the strangers we can be to one another.

We will share a link to this documentary as we convene and invite you to watch on your own screen. We will then return to a full group to sort into conversations that take up the following questions.

Ann Caudill contends that "a picture never lies." In contrast, Colin Low notes that "A camera is like a gun. It's threatening...It's invasive. It is exploitative...and it's not always true."

What is the relationship between seeing, believing, and knowing? And what kind of violence do we perpetuate in the making and sharing of images that might not tell a whole truth?

Filmmaker Elizabeth Barrett describes her own learning: "I came to see there was a complex relationship between social action and social embarrassment."

Can filmmakers show poverty without shaming the people portrayed? Can you portray that which you cannot see? What is the relationship between hummus, humility, and humiliation?

What teachings does this documentary offer a 21st century North American audience? Who is still journeying as a “stranger” in this country? Who is taking notice? Who holds the camera? Who is dying? Who is breathing? Who is shouldering the burden? Who is walking free?

Sunday, October 4, 2020 – Traveling On, Staying Together

“*Caminante, no hay camino.*” (Antonio Machado)

In this final morning session, we will bring ourselves, the places we have traveled, and the things we have made to a virtual altar. The morning will consist of an introduction to the Object Lessons that will remind us of things that matter, before we quiet ourselves for a period of reflection and preparation. Please have both the object you brought to the fellowship interview and your pinch pot at the ready. We’ll use both to call ourselves in, to center one another, and to take our leave.

(10:00–10:30 am) Object Lessons, Introduced (Zoom session)

In this 30-minute session, Meredith Doster will introduce the *Object Lessons* you’ll take up at each fellowship weekend. Please have your pinch pot in hand. Together, we will pick up the things we have made and consider all they might hold. *What are you fashioning? And why?*

(10:30–11:00 am) Quiet Preparations (Solo, On Your Own)

In our final convening, we will call ourselves together via the objects you each brought to your fellowship interview. Spend some time reflecting on the importance of this object in your life, learning, and leadership. *Who are you in relation to this object? What story would this object tell about you?*

(11:00–12:30 pm) North Carolina Objects: The Things of Leadership (Zoom session)

In this 90-minute session, we will return to the beginning of our weekend practice. Following the convention set for the InGathering Ceremony, let’s call one another back together before we close out the weekend. Please consider the following convention as you call yourself into this shared space. You can find a template for your preparations [here](#).

We want to hear from the fullness of your being, and from the people and places from which you speak. As you call yourself into this community, consider lifting up the following. We’ll each have 3-4 minutes to share.

Clinton Wilson
Mary Wilson

Willard Watson III
DeSandra Washington



Tim Tolson
Tara Spivey
Tim Schwantes
Kevin Rumley
LaTanya Pattillo
Jonas Monast
Kelly McRell
Annie Lord
Andrew Knoblich
Lara Khalil

Tiffany Jacobs
Liam Hooper
Merald Holloway
Becky Greer
Angie Flynn-McIver
Ryan Emanuel
Dalton Dockery
Lisa Bryant
Trinette Boone-Langley

Name
Place of residence, including county
1-3 lines from "Where I'm From" poem
Description of NC object
What does this "thing" mean to you and to your fellowship journey?
What would this "object" say about you?
Other people, places, and/or things that matter
Name repeated

All Fellows affirm: [Name] matters.

(12:30–1:00 pm) Break

Rest, refuel, return. We'll spend one more session together before taking our leave.

(1:00–2:30 pm) Final Thoughts, Book Reveal, and Next Steps (Zoom session)

We will close out the weekend with some concluding remarks, a book reveal, and one final round of sharing. Please have the wrapped Seminar Two book in hand as we look to the future. In closing, we will lift up what we have offered and received. Please be prepared to share a brief reflection that might include the following:

People you've seen and heard this weekend
Who will you take with you?
Places you've navigated and engaged this weekend
Where do you need to return?
A question you'd like to gift for future consideration
What do we need to engage together?
A hope for this convening and community
Why shall we continue on?



Lead in peace. Lead in kindness. Lead in love. Lead in grace.

We'll see you in March! Further reflection materials will follow by email.