

NEH Landmarks of American History Workshop
The Homestead Steel Strike
and the Growth of America as an Industrial Power

COMMUNICATION

We have set up a Discord server to serve as our home base for communication before, during, and after the workshop. Simply follow [this link](#)¹ to join our private server. Once you've joined, please go to the channel for your week of the workshop and introduce yourself. Feel free to pose any questions regarding the workshop on the server—it will be monitored throughout the day! In addition to being able to ask questions and connect with other participants, the server will also serve as the place to download readings, share other materials, find roommates, and set up rideshares.

If you're not familiar with Discord, [here's a wikiHow](#)² on how to navigate it:

You are also welcome to email us homesteadstrike@groups.pitt.edu with any questions you don't wish to make public. Primary information will continue to be sent to the groups via email from homesteadstrike@groups.pitt.edu.

TIMELINE & DEADLINES³

April 22	Welcome Message and Lodging Message sent
MAY 17	ROOMMATE REQUESTS ARE DUE!
June 7	1-Month Reminder Message sent to Week 1 Participants
June 14	1-Month Reminder Message sent to Week 2 Participants

¹ <https://discord.gg/Uhd9fM3Q>

² <https://www.wikihow.com/Get-Started-with-Discord>

³ Dates of messages/letters sends are subject to change. Due dates are *not* subject to change.

BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

We are asking that all participants read two books in preparation for the workshop: Thomas Bell's novel *Out of this Furnace* and Les Standiford's *Meet You in Hell*.

WORKSHOP LOCATION & SCHEDULE

The workshop will be primarily hosted on the University of Pittsburgh's ("Pitt") campus in the Oakland area of Pittsburgh. We will meet at various locations throughout the week as early as 8:00 a.m. and will typically end the day by 5:00 p.m. For locations off campus, we will be providing air-conditioned, wheelchair-accessible charter buses. We ask that you please arrive at the departure location ten (10) minutes prior to the time listed on the agenda or earlier so that we do not delay our transportation or schedule.

On Sunday, we will be hosting an opening reception off campus in Homestead from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please see **SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE** below for more details.

A complete day by day schedule⁴ can be [viewed here](#)⁵. A campus map can be [viewed here](#)⁶.

TRAVEL TO THE WORKSHOP

If you are not local and are traveling into Pittsburgh, we ask that you please plan to arrive by early afternoon on the Sunday that your workshop begins. The workshop will end early afternoon on Saturday.

If you're traveling via airlines, please note that the Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) is 20 miles from Pitt. Uber/Lyft/Ztrip rides will cost around \$50.00 or more. Rental cars are also available; kiosks are in baggage claim.

The 28X public transit bus is also available, which picks up outside of Door 2. For \$2.75, the bus will take you to Forbes Avenue and S. Bouquet Street, a block away from the workshop's on-campus lodging. However, the bus, from PIT to Pitt, may take up to an hour. For more information on the 28X visit [Pittsburgh Regional Transit \(PRT\)](#)⁷. Mobile ticketing information can be [found here](#)⁸.

If you travel by Megabus, Greyhound, or Amtrak, arrival and departure occurs downtown (about ~3 miles from Pitt, but not walkable). There are several public transit busses that travel between the two areas; we suggest you refer to a maps app or PRT's [Plan Your Trip tool](#)⁹ to see which stop/bus works best for you.

⁴ Schedule is subject to change.

⁵ <https://www.homesteadstrike.library.pitt.edu/dailyschedule.html>

⁶ <https://www.homesteadstrike.library.pitt.edu/map.html>

⁷ <https://www.rideprt.org/>

⁸ <https://www.rideprt.org/gomobile>

⁹ <https://truetime.portauthority.org/map?selector=tripplanner>

If you would like to coordinate ride sharing with other participants, please post to Airport Ride Sharing on the Discord channel for the week you are attending the workshop.

LODGING DURING THE WORKSHOP

On-campus lodging is available in the form of apartment-style dorms. Each dorm holds a maximum of four (4) occupants, containing four (4) individual bedrooms, two (2) bathrooms, and a central living space with a kitchen. The dorms are located within a 1/2-mile walking distance to all on-campus activity locations. All dorms include:

- Air conditioning
- Cable/network access.
- Sink, refrigerator, stove, and microwave (all other appliances, cookware, glass/serve-ware, etc. are not provided)
- Linens and towels (daily room cleaning services are not provided and additional linens are only provided upon request).

The cost of lodging accommodations is \$192.50 PER DORM PER NIGHT, or:

Single Occupant (1 person per dorm): \$192.50 per night

Double Occupancy (2 people per dorm): \$96.25 per person per night

Triple Occupancy (3 people per dorm): \$64.16 per person per night

Quadruple (4 people per dorm): \$43.75 per person per night

The cost of on-campus lodging will be deducted from your stipend. The rate for lodging is PER DORM; individual rates for participants that have roommates cannot be pro-rated to accommodate shortened or extended stays.

Families are not permitted to stay on campus with you, nor are pets (if you have a service animal, please let us know and we'll let you know the procedures for registering them on campus).

Requests to reserve on-campus lodging should have been made in the Participant Form. If your plans have changed, please reach out to the workshop staff prior to May 17. Requests for changes after May 17 cannot be guaranteed.

If you would like to find a roommate, please post to Roommates Wanted on the Discord channel for the week you are attending the workshop.

Several hotels are also located within walking distance to on-campus activities if you prefer to not stay in on-campus lodging, including The Oaklander Hotel, Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center, Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place, and Residence Inn Pittsburgh Oakland/University Place.

PARKING

If you are local to the area and will be driving to campus each day, or if you're staying on campus but plan to drive to Pitt, parking permits are available for \$35.00 for the week (\$5.00 per day) in the Posvar Garage located within walking distance to all on-campus activities.

Requests for parking permits should have been made in the Participant Form. If your plans have changed, please reach out to the workshop staff prior to May 17. Requests for changes after May 17 cannot be guaranteed.

The cost of parking will be deducted from your stipend. The rate for parking is PER WEEK; the rate cannot be pro-rated to accommodate shortened or extended stays.

INTERNET

Those who are staying on campus will be provided with instructions on how to access the internet in their dorms when they check in. All other participants will receive this information on Tuesday morning.

MEALS

Sunday's opening reception at the BMNECC will be catered, and we will be providing boxed lunches for Monday and Thursday. We will be sending out a menu order form for the Monday/Thursday lunches with the 1-Month Reminder Message.

All other meals and beverages will be on your own. Oakland is a vibrant area with lots of food options. Suggested breakfast, lunch, and dinner eateries area can be [viewed here](#)¹⁰.

CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS TO BRING

Dress for the workshop is casual. You can expect the weather to be quite warm and possibly humid, although at times in the evening it may cool down (highs are typically in the 80s, lows in the 60s). The instruction rooms/buildings tend to be cold from the A/C so we advise you to bring a light-to-medium-weight sweater/hoodie/jacket for the classroom sessions. Off-campus tours are a mixture of inside and outside, so we suggest dressing with layers. We also advise you to bring an umbrella or rain jacket, and wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes for when we tour industrial sites. You are welcome to bring a laptop, reusable water bottle, pens, paper, and any other classroom implements. If you forget items, they may be purchased at the University Store, located on campus on Fifth Avenue at Thackeray Street. If you're staying in the dorms, please note that while the rooms have kitchens, they do not have pots, pans, plates, and utensils.

¹⁰ <https://www.homesteadstrike.library.pitt.edu/guide.html>

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

On the Sunday of your workshop, we will kick off the week with a campus tour led by Zach Brodt, the University Archivist. Those interested in the tour should meet at the Yellow Sculpture (indicated on the campus map, between Hillman Library and Posvar Hall) at 3:00 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., we will once again meet by the Yellow Sculpture (indicated on the campus map), where we will board the charter bus to take us to the Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational and Culture Center (BMNECC). Local participants are welcome to travel with us or to drive themselves; parking is available in the gravel lot next to the building. There, we will provide context for the week ahead, introduce you to our team, and mingle to get to know each other. Additionally, we'll be serving you traditional eastern European food, similar to what many of the immigrant mill workers would have eaten. A cash bar will also be available – bring cash; there are not ATMs onsite. We anticipate that the evening will end around 7:00 PM, at which point the charter bus will return people to campus.

We strongly encourage you to attend this event.

STIPEND

For your participation in the workshop, you will receive a stipend, also referred to as an honorarium, of \$1,300.00. Paperwork for your stipend will be submitted to Pitt's central accounts payable at the completion of the workshop, pending that we have received all necessary completed paperwork from you. Once submitted, it may take up to sixty (60) days for payment to be issued. Payment will be mailed to the address that you provided in the Participant Form.

If you cannot be present for all days of the workshop, or if you miss a day or session, a pro-rated amount will be deducted from your stipend, per NEH regulations. The full amount of \$1,300 is considered taxable income. The University of Pittsburgh will withhold no taxes from your check. You may wish to talk to your own tax advisor or see IRS Publication 970. Neither the NEH nor the University of Pittsburgh can advise you on your tax situation; the IRS will know about the full amount of your stipend.

Deductions may also be made from your stipend if you request on-campus lodging and/or parking.

CONTINUING EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT

Prior to leaving the workshop, we'll be asking you to give us contact information for the administrator at your institution who should receive notification of your participation and the number of hours we calculate you spent in the classroom. All participants will receive a letter at the close of the Workshop stating these credit hours. This letter should be sufficient to prove continuing education equivalency; however, if you require further certification, please let us know. You do not get University credit for attending the workshop. Pennsylvania teachers are eligible for Act 48 credit for the workshop but must pay \$7.00 to the AIU for recording fees.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions and more information is available on the [workshop website](#)¹¹.

¹¹ <http://homesteadstrike.library.pitt.edu/faq.html>