

The Freetown, Sierra Leone-New Haven Sister Cities Program and  
The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition present

## *FRIENDSHIP AND FREEDOM:*

A Workshop on the Transatlantic Links  
Between Connecticut and Sierra Leone

- **Joe Opala**, *Anthropologist and Linguist, James Madison University*
- **Andrea Leiser**, *Education Director, AMISTADAmerica, Inc.*
- **Tara Morrison**, *Regional Coordinator, National Park Service Underground Railroad Program*



This workshop will explore:

- The links between the Gullah people of the southeast United States and the Mende people of Sierra Leone
- Websites and other technological resources
- How to use Freedom Trail and other local historic sites to learn and to teach the Amistad incident and other aspects of the remarkable story of slavery and freedom in Connecticut.

June 15, 2002, 8:30 – 3:30  
Luce Hall Auditorium  
Yale University  
34 Hillhouse Avenue  
New Haven



There is no cost for this workshop, but registration is required. CEU credits available for teachers. Refreshments, including lunch, will be provided.

*For more information, or to register, call the  
Gilder Lehrman Center at 432-3339*

S c h e d u l e f o r W o r k s h o p

“F r i e n d s h i p a n d F r e e d o m :  
T r a n s a t l a n t i c L i n k s  
b e t w e e n  
C o n n e c t i c u t a n d S i e r r a  
L e o n e ”

8:30 - 9:00 R e g i s t r a t i o n

9:00 - 9:15 W e l c o m e -  
G r e e t i n g s f r o m  
S e n a t o r T o n i  
H a r p

9:15 - 10:15 T h e G u l l a h  
C o n n e c t i o n ( J o e O p a l a )

10:15-11:15 "F a m i l y  
A c r o s s t h e S e a " ( f i l m )

11:10-11:30 B r e a k

11:30 - 12:30 T h e B l a c k  
S e m i n o l e s ( J o e O p a l a )

12:30 - 1:15 L u n c h

1:15 - 1:30 T a r a M o r r i s o n -  
N e t w o r k t o  
F r e e d o m  
P r o g r a m ,  
N a t i o n a l P a r k  
S e r v i c e

1:30 - 2:45 B u n c e I s l a n d --  
H i s t o r y a n d t h e  
U S P a r k S e r v i c e  
P r o j e c t ( J o e  
O p a l a )

2:45 - 3:00            B r e a k

3:00 - 3:30    A n d r e a   L e i s e r ,  
E d u c a t i o n  
D i r e c t o r ,  
A M I S T A D A m e r i c a

3:30 - 3:45    C l o s i n g   R e m a r k s  
a n d  
A c k n o w l e d g e m e n t s  
f r o m   G L C  
A s s o c i a t e  
D i r e c t o r   R o b e r t  
P . F o r b e s

3:45 - 4:45    O p t i o n a l   F i l m :  
" T h e   L a n g u a g e  
Y o u   C r y   I n "