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Welcome to the Mellon School!

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The Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research <thschool@fas.harvard.edu> 14 March 2016 at 19:12
To: Benil Biswas <benilbiswas@gmail.com>, benil@aud.ac.in
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Dear Benil,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2016 Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research, to be held in Cambridge, MA from June 6th - 17th, 2016. Your application was selected from among an extremely strong group of prospective participants. Greetings and congratulations!

In order to formalize your acceptance, we request that you fill out the registration form via the following link at your earliest convenience, and no later than **Friday, April 1, 2016**.

[Mellon School 2016 Registration Form](#)

In addition to confirming your attendance, your response will indicate the following information:

1. Your preference of the two **discussion seminars** being offered. (Seminar descriptions can be found on our website [here](#).) We cannot guarantee that we will be able to honor all seminar preferences, but we will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible, and will fulfill these requests in the order that we receive them.
2. If you would like to participate in the **writing workshops**. These workshops are tentatively scheduled for 3:00 - 4:30 PM on eight of the ten days that the Mellon School is in session. The graduate student writing workshop will be led by [Professor Derek Miller](#) (Harvard University) and the faculty writing workshop will be led by [Professor Andrew Sofer](#) (Boston College). Participation in the writing workshop entails a sizable reading commitment on top of what will already be a busy and rigorous two weeks. However, our past participants have consistently reported that the writing workshops were among the most valuable aspects of their stay at the Mellon School. We strongly encourage you to participate in the workshops if you are a faculty member or postdoc with a book manuscript in progress, or if you are a graduate student who has completed chapters of your dissertation.
3. If you require **dorm accommodation** during your stay at the Mellon School. Residency at the dorms costs \$77 per night, plus a flat fee of \$19.50 for linens. The dorms have the advantage of being convenient and affordable, and of providing a space in which to gather with other participants. Accommodations in the dorms, however, are very basic. Dorm rooms are single-occupancy and bathrooms are shared. There are no provisions for cooking or recreation in the dorms. **If you are interested in staying at the dorms, it is crucial that you let us know the exact dates of your stay by Friday, April 15.** There will be no cancellations, date changes, or additional reservations possible after this date, and **you will be responsible for the cost of your reservation even if you cannot attend. There are absolutely no exceptions to this policy.** Please also note that 50% of the charges for your dorm accommodation will be due by **May 1**, with the balance to be paid upon arrival. If you indicate on the registration form that you are interested in dorm accommodations, we will follow up in early April to confirm the dates of your dorm stay.

In the past, some Mellon School participants have been happier making their own housing accommodations. We would be glad to provide you with information about [AirBnB](#), hotels, and short-term sublets from Harvard affiliates or students depending on your interests and needs. In addition, we will soon be forming a Facebook group for 2016 Mellon School participants, and if you choose to join it, you'll be welcome to use this group to introduce yourself to others and discuss your housing preferences.

Once again, we congratulate you on your acceptance to the Mellon School. We look forward to receiving your registration form at your earliest convenience.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. We hope to see you in June!

Best regards,
Rebecca Kastleman

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19 March 2016 at 08:48

To: The Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research <thschool@fas.harvard.edu>

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Dear Rebecca,

Thanks for your mail.

Sorry for the delayed response as I was traveling with very poor internet connectivity. I cannot express how glad I am receiving this email. Thanks for accepting my candidature.

I am looking forward to join the 2016 Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research, to be held in Cambridge, MA from June 6th - 17th, 2016.

I will submit my application form as soon as possible and fix my travel plans. I would want to consult you in case I want to no more about travel and stay.

I am looking forward to this intellectually invigorating session at Harvard.

Thanking you once again.

Warm regards,
Bēnil
Sent from my iPhone

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