

## Submit Applications! Experience of War Initiative

Brown University was recently awarded a grant for "Dialogues on the Experience of War" initiative, to offer discussion programs for veterans returning to higher education, and for the wider community in Rhode Island, in 2017-2019. We are inviting applications from faculty, advanced graduate students and veterans with interests in and passion for learning from the literature and memoirs of different wars, to participate in a preparatory program at Brown University from June 5-17.

Participants will attend a two-week intensive seminar examining fiction, memoirs and other humanities source material from the Peninsular War (1808-1814), the Second Boer War (1899-1902), and the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (2001-2014). They will then be invited to contribute to a week-long orientation program for liberal arts learning, August 21-25, for veterans entering higher education at different RI colleges and universities; and to lead regular public discussions on the challenges, costs and consequences of guerrilla and other forms of irregular war for the soldiers who wage them, and the civilian populations in whose names those wars are waged.

The June program requires a two-week commitment, from 8.30-3.30 each weekday, as well as substantial reading. Lunches and refreshments will be provided for all participants, as will reading materials: in addition, participants will receive a \$1000 honorarium for their participation in the preparatory program. Those continuing to serve as discussion leaders in the August veteran orientation program, or the year-long discussion program, will receive further compensation.

To apply, please submit a short letter of interest, including some discussion of the value of reading in creating common ground, and a short CV (up to two pages), to Keith Brown at [keith\\_brown@brown.edu](mailto:keith_brown@brown.edu) by **12 noon on Friday May 5**. Please include the phrase "NEH seminar application" and your last name in the subject line of your email; and indicate whether you are interested in contributing to the August orientation program, the year-long public discussion program, or both.

For more information, please contact any of the the preparatory program conveners Keith Brown, Deborah Weinstein and Esther Whitfield: or Karen McNeil, Program Director in the Office of Student Veterans and Commissioning Programs.