

# Summer Seminar 2016

## Monday - Tuesday

### 2 – Day Course

#### **U.S. Modern and Emerging Postal History (Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century to Present) – Gerry Robbins**

*Course Description:*

Postal history extends beyond the 19<sup>th</sup> Century as evidenced by the ongoing evolution and growth of the U.S. Postal Service. In this course, participants will explore the various areas and philatelic materials that make up modern postal history beginning with 1950 and extending into present time. A few topics that will be studied include; rates, routes, distribution of mail, laws and regulations, and politics. Participants will experience “surprises” along the way, like a look at “robbery mail” and “fire mail”, to name a few.

*Participants will learn:*

- To recognize examples and characteristics of modern postal history
- Skills and methods for researching modern postal historical artifacts

*Intended Audience (who should attend):*

- Collectors interested in postal history of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries

*To get the most out of this course, participants should have a:*

- Basic understanding of what makes up postal history

*To get the most out of this course, participants should be able to:*

- Recognize items that make up postal history
- Conduct research in the area of postal history

*Materials that participants will need to bring:*

- Personal examples of modern postal history