Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Supporters of the JCB,

It is my immense pleasure to present to you the complete listing of fellows in residence for academic year 2016-17 at the John Carter Brown Library. As was the case in years past, this year’s cohort comes from a broad array of disciplines and institutions. The short-term fellows include many PhD candidates (five from the University of Texas at Austin alone!) as well as accomplished scholars from Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Martinique, Peru, Poland, Portugal, and Spain (the Basque Country, in this case). Their fields include theater, archaeology, art history, linguistics, as well as the more traditional disciplines of history and literature. As you will see, their projects are fascinating, distinctive, and compelling.

Our long-term fellows are likewise an extraordinary group of accomplished scholars across a range of fields. An assistant professor at UC-Irvine, Alex Borucki is one of the leading historians of the Spanish-American slave trade, and he’ll be joining one of Portugal’s most preeminent historians, Diogo Ramada Curto, who will work on a project related to the South Atlantic, as well as Linda Rupert, a former JCB fellow who studies marronage and inter-imperial slavery in the greater Caribbean. Marcy Norton will be completing a much-anticipated book on animal-human relations in the early modern Atlantic world and will benefit from conversations with Sarah Crabtree while she works on the Quaker pacifist and New England whaler William Rotch. Rounding out our long-term cohort are Laura Leon Llerena, a scholar of indigenous literacies in colonial Peru, and Daniel Ruppel, a Brown Ph.D. student in theater who studies performance and performativity through the bookish culture of early modern France.

Finally, this year is the second year of our new and increasingly popular interdisciplinary cluster fellowships. The Library will be welcoming four distinct groups working on a diverse array of projects: the Amazonian cacao trade in a wider Atlantic world; fetal baptism in an eighteenth-century Guatemalan treatise (held by the JCB); indigenous perspectives on the lives of Pocahontas and Joseph Brant; and spatial relations in the Guianas and northern Amazonia.

Our research fellows, selected by several distinguished multidisciplinary committees, are the preeminent researchers in their fields, anywhere in the world. We could not make their stays possible without our individual and foundation donors, listed at the back of this booklet. We are grateful to them for all they have done to keep our fellowship program alive and well. It is a privilege for the JCB staff to support fellows’ research in Providence on their behalf.

Please join me in welcoming the 2016-17 fellowship cohort to the JCB community.

Neil Safier
Beatrice and Julio Mario Santo Domingo Director and Librarian
The John Carter Brown Library at Brown University
JCB RESEARCH FELLOWS 2016-2017

LONG-TERM (5 TO 10 MONTHS)

**Alex Borucki**, Assistant Professor, History, University of California, Irvine, “Slaves, Silver, and Atlantic Empires: the Slave Trade to Spanish South America, 1660-1810”
August 2016 – March 2017 | National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow (8)

**Sarah Crabtree**, Assistant Professor, History, San Francisco State University, “Whaler, Traitor, Coward, Spy!: William Rotch, the Quaker Ethic & the Spirit of Capitalism”
February 2017 – June 2017 | National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow (5)

**Laura Leon Llerena**, Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese, Northwestern University, “Restoring the Illegible: the Unexpected Uses of Alphabetic Writing and the Book in Early Colonial Peru”
July 2016 – December 2016 | Donald L. Saunders Fellow (6)

September 2016 – June 2017 | National Endowment for the Humanities/InterAmericas Fellow (10)

**Diogo Ramada Curto**, Professor, History, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, “The South Atlantic World - Angola and Brazil (1570-1750)”
September 2016 – June 2017 | David R. Parsons/Gulbenkian Foundation Fellow (10)

**Linda Rupert**, Associate Professor, History, University of North Carolina – Greensboro, “Inter-Imperial Marronage, Colonial Policy and Imperial Dynamics in the Early Modern Circum-Caribbean”
mid-August 2016 – mid-June 2017 | InterAmericas Fellow (10)

**Daniel Ruppel**, PhD Candidate in Theatre & Performance Studies, Brown University, “Probable Histories and Virtual Performances: Festival Books and the Performance of Historiography in Early Modern France”
September 2016 – May 2017 | J.M. Stuart Fellow (9)

SHORT-TERM (2 TO 4 MONTHS)

**Sunil Agnani**, Associate Professor, English and History (joint appointment), University of Illinois at Chicago “Overcoming Resentment: Enlightenment Thought and the Impasses of Decolonization”
mid-June 2017 – mid-August 2017 | John Carter Brown Library Associates Fellow (2)

**Christopher Albi**, Assistant Professor, History, SUNY New Paltz “Francisco Xavier Gamboa, Colonial Legal Culture, and the Decline of Judicial Authority in Eighteenth-Century Mexico”
July 2016 – August 2016 | John Carter Brown Library Associates Fellow (2)

**Hannah Alpert-Abrams**, PhD Candidate, Comparative Literature, University of Texas at Austin, “Acquisition of Mexicana at the John Carter Brown Library”
March 2017 – April 2017 | Helen Watson Buckner Memorial Fellow (2)

**Renzo Baldasso**, Assistant Professor, Art History, Arizona State University, “The Emergence of the Visuality of the Printed Page from Gutenberg to Ratdolt”
November 2016 – December 2016 | William Reese Company / John Alden Memorial Fellow (2)

**Candida Barros**, Senior Researcher, Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi, Brazil, “Comparative study of the baptismal ceremony in catechisms in indigenous languages of Iberian colonization (XVIth and XVIIth centuries)”
April 2017 – June 2017 | Almeida Family Fellow (3)

**Enrique Belderrain**, Chief of Research Department, National Center of Medical Science Information, Cuba, “Social History of Epidemic Disease in the Caribbean, 1800-2000”
October 2016 – November 2016 | Maria Elena Cassiet Fellow (2)
Agnieszka Brylak, Associate Professor, Faculty of “Artes Liberales”, University of Warsaw, “Between Perversion and Theatricality. The Appropriation of Ahui-stemmed Vocabulary in the Creation of Nahua Colonial Discourse”
July 2016 – August 2016 | Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellow (2)

August 2016 – October 2016 | Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellow (3)

Jason Cohen, Associate Professor, English, Berea College “‘Scala Intellectualis’: Functions of Scale in Francis Bacon's New Humanism”
mid-January 2017 – mid-March 2017 | Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellow (2)

Brett Culbert, PhD Candidate, Graduate School of Design/ American Studies, Harvard, “Britain’s Imperial Prospects and the Aesthetic Origins of the Scenographia Americana (1725-1775)”
January 2017 – February 2017 | Charles H. Watts Memorial Fellow (2)

Rafael da Silva Campos, PhD Candidate, CHAM, New University of Lisbon, “Scientific Resistance on Late 18th-Century, or how naturalists appointed the end of slavery and reinterpreted European science”
May 2017 – June 2017 | Gulbenkian Foundation Fellow (2)

Miguel Dantas da Cruz, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Lisbon University, “Restyling Imperialism and the Shared American Obsession in Times of Revolution (1774-1825)”
September 2016 – November 2016 | Center for New World and Comparative Studies Fellow (3)

Andrew Dial, PhD Candidate, History, McGill University “The ‘La Valette Affair’: A Jesuit Scandal in the French Atlantic”
October 2016 – November 2016 | Jane L. Keddy Memorial Fellow (2)

Bradley Dixon, PhD Candidate, History, University of Texas at Austin, “Republic of Indians: A Legal History of the Native South to 1830”
August 2016 – November 2016 | Paul W. McQuillen Memorial Fellow (4)

Jesse Dorst, PhD Candidate, History, University of Minnesota “Catchpenny Bumfodder: Ephemera and Nationhood in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic”
September 2016 – October 2016 | Paul W. McQuillen Memorial Fellow (2)

Mary Draper, PhD Candidate, History, University of Virginia “The Tropical Metropolis: Cities and Society in the Early Modern British Caribbean”
September 2016 – October 2016 | Paul W. McQuillen Memorial Fellow (2)


Jeffrey Erbig, Visiting Assistant Professor, History and Geography, University of New Mexico, “Limited Lands: Native Peoples and Iberian Boundary Demarcations in the Age of Imperial Reforms”
June 2016 – July 2016 | Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellow (2)

Sergio Escribano-Ruiz, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), “Basque Fisheries through English and Spanish Sources”
February 2017 – March 2017 | Alexander O. Vietor Fellow (2)

Bruno Feitler, Associate Professor, Early Modern History, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, “Jews and New-Christians in Northeastern Brazil, 1640-1750-2015”
September 2016 – November 2016 | Touro National Heritage Trust Fellow (3)

Kristie Flannery, PhD Candidate, History, University of Texas at Austin, “Forging Spain’s Asian Empire in the Age of Imperial Revolutions, c. 1750-1808” March 2017 – April 2017 | Center for New World and Comparative Studies Fellow (2)


Arad Gigi, PhD Candidate, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution, Florida State University, “Fortifying Colonialism: Colonial State and Society in the French Caribbean, 1660-1789” January 2017 – February 2017 | Jane L. Keddy Memorial Fellow (2)


Chloe Ireton, PhD Candidate, History, University of Texas at Austin, “Ethiopian Royal Vassals: Free Black Itinerancy in the Iberian Atlantic, 1500-1650” May 2017 – August 2017 | Helen Watson Buckner Memorial Fellow (4)

Vitor Izecksohn, Associate Professor, History, Instituto de História/Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, “Race and militias in Colonial Rio de Janeiro and Massachusetts (1750-1775)” January 2017 – February 2017 | Center for New World and Comparative Studies Fellow (2)

Mark Kelley, PhD Candidate, Literature, University of California - San Diego, “Sentimental Seamen: Labor, Feeling, and Bondage in Antebellum Sea-Narratives” September 2016 – October 2016 | Marie L. and William R. Hartland Memorial Fellow (2)

Timo McGregor, PhD Candidate, History, New York University “Imagining the Dutch Atlantic: Cross-Imperial Collaboration and the Origins of Atlantic Political Thought” October 2016 – November 2016 | Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellow (2)

Ernesto Mercado-Montero, PhD Candidate, History, University of Texas at Austin, “From Imperial Bordered-Lands to Carib Borderlands: The Caribs and the Politics of the Slave Trade, Smuggling, and Insurgency in the Circum-Caribbean, 1763-1833” September 2016 – October 2016 | Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellow (2)

The Hodson Trust-John Carter Brown Fellowship supports work by academics, independent scholars, and writers working on significant projects relating to the literature, history, culture, or art of the Americas before 1830. The award is co-sponsored by the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, in Chestertown, MD. Recipients spend two months in Providence researching and two months in Chestertown writing.

August 2016 – September 2016 | Hodson Trust-John Carter Brown Library Fellow (2)

**INTERDISCIPLINARY CLUSTER FELLOWS**

The John Carter Brown Library Interdisciplinary Cluster Fellowships (ICFs) are meant to expand the disciplinary scope of research at the Library and emphasize the role of the JCB as a laboratory for cutting-edge research methods. These small interdisciplinary groups (between two and four scholars) will be in simultaneous residence for periods of up to one month to work in collaboration on a particular theme, object, or scholarly project.

“On Cesarean Operations and Fetal Baptism: An Eighteenth-Century Guatemalan Treatise in Historical Perspective”

Zeb Tortorici, Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese, New York University
Adam Warren, Associate Professor, History, University of Washington
Martha Few, Professor, History, The Pennsylvania State University
Nina S. Scott, Professor Emerita, University of Massachusetts – Amherst
“Indigenous perspectives on the lives of Pocahontas and Joseph Brant”

Stephanie Pratt, Independent Scholar
Shelley Niro, Independent Visual Artist
ElizaBeth Hill, Independent Artist/Writer

“Cacao, the Amazonian spices and the Atlantic (17th and 18th centuries)”

Rafael Chambouleyron, Associate Professor, History, Universidade Federal do Pará
Karl Heinz Arenz, Associate Professor, History, Universidade Federal do Pará

“Amerindian pathways and spatial relations in the Guianas and northeastern Amazonia, 1650-1750”

Mark Harris, Reader in Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews
Silvia Espelt Bombin, Honorary Research Fellow in Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews

Researchers-in-Residence

JCB Researchers-in-Residence are scholars who reside in Providence but who have been deemed to have an important contribution to make to the ongoing intellectual community of the Library, and who are welcome to use the resources of the Library to advance their own scholarly pursuits.

Amy Turner Bushnell
Carol Delaney
Jack P. Greene
James Muldoon

About the Fellowships

All of the fellows will be doing research in the Library’s renowned collection of primary materials related to the European discovered, exploration, and settlement of the New World, from Greenland to Patagonia, prior to 1825, including books, maps, newspapers, and other printed objects.

In total, seven long-term fellowships (five to ten months) were awarded. Three awards will be funded in whole or in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). One is underwritten by the J.M. Stuart Fund (which is reserved for the support of graduate students at Brown University). Additional long-term fellowships are made possible by Donald L. Saunders, R. David Parsons, Gulbenkian Foundation and The Reed Foundation, which has endowed the InterAmericas Fellowship (for research on the history of the British West Indies and the Caribbean basin).

The Library has also awarded 41 short-term fellowships (two to four months) from a number of endowed funds, some of which have been restricted to a specific area of study. The Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellowship funds research on the history of cartography; Center for New World Comparative Studies fellowships are for research in the comparative history of the colonial Americas; the Alexander O. Vietor Memorial Fellowship and the Marie L. and William R. Hartland Fellowship focus on early maritime history; the Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Fellowship supports research on the history of women and the family, social history, and gender. The Maury A. Bromsen Fellowship is focused on colonial Spanish American history. The José Amor y Vázquez Fund supports projects relating to Spanish and Spanish-American subjects. The Almeida Family Fellowship and Gulbenkian Foundation Fellowship supports research related to Portugal and Brazil; the John Aleden Memorial Fellowship is for bibliographical research; the Jane L. Keddy Fellowship is for projects related to the history and culture of early modern France or Italy; the Virginia and Jean R. Perrette Fellowship supports the study of early modern France and its connections to the Americas. The Charles H. Watts and Paul W. McQuillen Memorial Funds support research in the fields of British and North American history and literature. The John R. Bockstoce award is for Pacific Ocean Studies, including Russian America. Maria Elena Casset Fellowships are restricted to scholars who are citizens and permanent residents of countries in Spanish America.

Other fellowships are available without topical or geographical restrictions with support from the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation Fund, the Helen Watson Buckner Memorial Fund, the Barbara S. Mosbacher Fund, and the Norman Fiering Fund. Five fellowships in 2016-2017 will be underwritten by annual gifts from the John Carter Brown Library Associates.

Of the 59 fellows invited this year, 17 are coming from outside the United States, and 18 are completing work on doctoral dissertations. The number in parentheses in the foregoing list indicates the number of months awarded. All scholars must relocate to Providence and be in continuous residence for the entire term of their fellowship. The JCB maintains a residence, Fiering House, for its research fellows less than four blocks from the Library. For more information and photos visit www.jcbl.org.
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Image: “Native American Goldsmithing.” Leiden: Pieter van der Aa, 1707