

THE JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY



RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2010–2011

THE JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY, an independently funded center for advanced research, will award approximately forty Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. Fellowships are reserved for scholars and writers whose work considers the early history of the Americas, including all aspects of the European, African, and Native American experience. The Library contains one of the world's premier collections of primary materials related to the discovery, exploration, and settlement of the New World prior to 1825, including books, maps, newspapers, and other printed objects.

SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS

These fellowships are for two to four months and are open to U.S. and foreign scholars engaged in pre- or post-doctoral research. Graduate students must have passed all examinations and be at the dissertation stage before January 2010. Independent scholars may also apply. The stipend is \$2,100 per month.

Some fellowships are restricted to certain fields. For example, the Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellowship is for research in the history of cartography and visual representations of the New World; the William Reese Company Fellowships are for research in the history of the book; the Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Fellowship supports research on the history of women and the family; the Maury A. Bromsen Fellowship is for projects relating to colonial Spanish American his-

tory, and the Touro National Heritage Trust Fellowship is for research on some aspect of the Jewish experience in the New World before 1825. The Alexander O. Viotor Memorial Fellowship and the Marie L. and William R. Hartland Fellowship focus on early maritime history.

A few fellowships are restricted to applicants from defined groups: The Maria Elena Cassiet Fellowship supports scholars from Hispanic nations in the Americas, and the J. M. Stuart Fellowship is reserved each year for a graduate student at Brown University.

Other fellowships are available in any area of research related to the Library's holdings. These include the Charles H. Watts Memorial Fellowship, the Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellowship, the Norman Fiering Fund, and the Library Associates Fellowship. See the JCB website for a complete list of fellowship categories.

LONG-TERM FELLOWSHIPS

The Library awards a limited number of Long-Term Fellowships, several of which are funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and Donald L. Saunders. The InterAmericas Fellowship, funded by the Reed Foundation, supports research on the history of the West Indies and the Caribbean basin and the R. David Parsons Long-Term Fellowship supports the study of the history of exploration and discovery.

Long-Term Fellowships are for five to ten months with a stipend of \$4,200 per month. Graduate students are not eligible for Long-Term Fellowships.

All John Carter Brown Library Fellowships are residential and fellows must relocate to Providence and be in continuous residence at the Library for the entire term of the award. Fellows should arrive the first day of the month, as terms are based on calendar months, not weeks. Those living within commuting distance of the Library (approximately 45 miles distant) are ordinarily not eligible for JCB Fellowships.

Further information about the fellowship program, including a full listing of field areas, eligibility requirements, current and former research projects, JCB holdings, and application forms is available on the Library's website: <http://www.jcbl.org>

Information may also be obtained by writing to the following address:

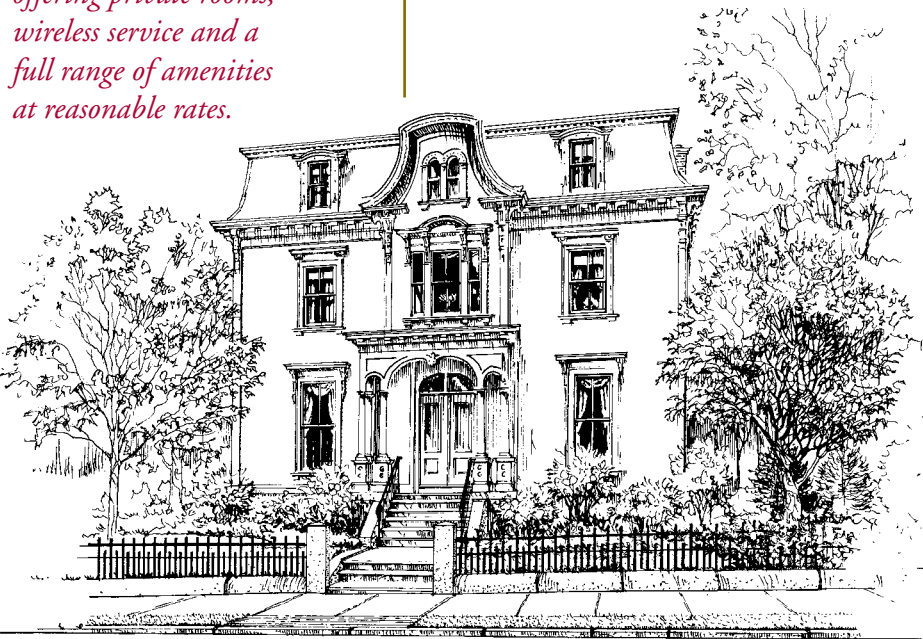
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The deadline for mailing all application materials is January 10, 2010.



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A SUMMARY OF THE HOLDINGS OF THE LIBRARY IS ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FLYER.

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THE JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY holds one of the world's great collections of primary documents relating to the discovery, exploration and settlement of the New World. From its beginnings in 1846, the Library has grown to include 50,000 books, major collections of maps and prints, and a large number of manuscript codices. The collections range from the late 15th century to about 1825. The following survey, by no means exhaustive, suggests some applications of these resources.

One of the great strengths of the Library is its international approach to the history of the Americas. The European travel narratives are essentially complete, from the early Spanish chronicles to the end of the colonial era. Enormous holdings relate to the different empires that held sway in the New World, and the peoples from nearly every part of Europe and vast reaches of Africa who populated this hemisphere. When all of its collections are considered, the Library can claim to possess the largest collection on earth of books relating to the intersection of these peoples in this time and place.

The collection includes comprehensive coverage of every part of the hemisphere (including Russian America), and extensive holdings in Spanish, French, English, German, Dutch, Italian, Russian and a wide range of indigenous languages. The JCB probably has the world's largest collection of books printed in Spanish America, and deep resources relating to revolutions against European sovereignty from the American Revolution onward, including the Haitian Revolution and the various struggles for South American independence.

The range of possible topics to work on is as broad as the number of books in the library. Numerous works dealing with Native Americans in North and South America offer opportunities for research

in anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics. The African-American story is reflected in sources ranging from legal statutes to travel accounts and private diaries. Economic history is widely represented in works illustrating the impact of the Americas on commerce, investment, landholding, monetary policies, taxation, and labor. Maritime history is another specialty. Environmental history is available throughout the collection; works on natural history record the huge range of flora and fauna discovered in the New World and their effects on food, medicine and culture. The Library holds early editions of literary works on American themes by writers from nearly every nationality. Numerous legal works reflect the rise of empires and international law. A major collection centers on religion in the New World, with an emphasis on missionary activity (Franciscans and Jesuits in particular), and on the various Protestant dissenters who settled New England.

Much of our material is visual. Atlases, maps and cosmographies offer unusual opportunities for research in the history of geography and cartography. A wide range of prints, caricatures, and architecture books from the 18th century are available to art historians, while the art of book illustration over four centuries and other bibliographical subjects may be studied throughout the collection. The online Archive of Early American Images, with over 6000 digitized illustrations from the Library's rare books, serves as a clue to the vast range of topics available for research.

These primary materials are supported by a 16,000-volume reference collection and extended by the collections of the Brown University Libraries, all of which are open to John Carter Brown Library Fellows. Far more information about the collection is available on the JCB website, www.JCBL.org.

