

David J. Haber and Robin D. Edelman Vermont History Fellowship

The Center for Research on Vermont's mission is to encourage and promote Vermont research. To meet this mission, the Center is coordinating the **David J. Haber and Robin D. Edelman Vermont History Fellowship Award** to fund faculty members or independent scholars engaged in Vermont related research or original work. The Center will provide a one-time stipend of \$5,000 to the selected recipient. (Note: the \$5,000 can be used as stipend or for expenses – but is issued in one lump sum and will be subject to taxes). It is expected the researcher will spend two months in Vermont accessing resources at the Silver Special Collections Library for their project.

It is expected that this research and fellowship will bring attention to the Billings Library, an academic center at the University of Vermont that houses Silver Special Collections, the Center for Holocaust Studies, the Center for Research on Vermont, the Humanities Center and meeting spaces and classrooms.

Funding is directed to meet the following goals:

- Support current research and encourage future scholarly projects on Vermont history, with an emphasis on, but not limited to, the 18th and 19th centuries
- Support scholars whose work adds to a deeper understanding of Vermont history and how that history has influenced the North American narrative

Requirements

- The applicant is expected to use and reference items in the Silver Special Collections library that advance the proposed project
- The applicant must be on the faculty of a college or university, a postdoctoral scholar, a PhD candidate with ABD status, a Master's candidate in History at UVM, or an author or artist (such as documentary filmmaker, novelist, screenwriter, journalist or playwright)
- Be willing to present results to the University community and meet with students occasionally
- Be present in Vermont for a majority of the research

Application Process

Researchers interested should submit applications electronically by July 16, 2021 to Richard Watts, rwatts@uvm.edu. Applications will be treated as confidential and shared only with the selection committee.

In addition to using the UVM Libraries online catalog and finding aids to identify resources, applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their projects with Silver Special Collections librarians before submitting a proposal. Applicants can contact Special Collection's librarians by emailing uvm-sc@uvm.edu

Applications should include:

- Name, contact information, including address and affiliation (if any)
- Summary of proposed research (2-3 pages), which should include a discussion of how Silver Special Collections resources and the funding of \$5,000 will help achieve this research. A brief work plan for the period August 2, 2021 – October 2, 2021 that will guide the applicant's research activities.

- Two references of colleagues familiar with the applicants' work and one letter of reference.
- Two-page CV or resume

Timeline

- Applications due July 16
- Awardee will be notified July 23
- Awardee can start August 2 and can conduct their research for up to two months
- Applicant is expected to work from Vermont in August and September

Requirements for Selected Recipient – after the fellowship is completed

- Submit a report summarizing completed activities (3-5 pages) by October 30, 2021
- Present the results of their Vermont research at a Center and Special Collections sponsored event in either fall 2021 or spring 2022
- Acknowledge the Center and Special Collections in related publications or activities
- Support related research activities and UVM students as appropriate and relate to the proposed research project

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Selection Committee: Dona Brown, Paul Deslandes, Abigail McGowan, Prudence Doherty, Richard Watts