

Postdoctoral Associate in Pre-Modern Cultures and Civilizations

Yale University seeks to appoint a Postdoctoral Associate in ancient and pre-modern cultures and civilizations. The geographic scope includes East Asia, India, Central Asia, Mesopotamia, Africa, the Mediterranean, and the New World. This is a two-year position beginning in the academic year 2017-18 and attached to Archaia: the Yale Program for the Study of Ancient and Premodern Cultures and Societies. Now in its fourth year, Archaia (formerly known as YISAP) is a collaborative forum that brings together scholars and graduate students working on early and pre-modern cultures and civilizations at Yale in the Humanities and Social Sciences in addition to the Divinity and Law Schools and various University collections and libraries including the Yale University Art Gallery, the Beinecke Library, the Peabody Museum, and the Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage. Participating departments and disciplines include Classics, East Asian Languages and Literatures, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, History, Religious Studies, Archaeology and Anthropology, History of Art, and the Divinity School.

In addition to hosting a major bi-annual international conference, a year-long Workshop in Ancient Societies, and faculty-led study tours, Archaia offers a graduate qualification open to students interested in collaborative cutting-edge research beyond departmental lines. Students have the opportunity to design a course of study individually tailored to their needs but are required to take a team-taught core seminar, the topic of which varies from year to year. For additional information, see <http://yisap.yale.edu>.

The postdoctoral associate is expected to take an active role in Archaia programming. Duties include: (1) pursuing research in their area of expertise; (2) teaching one graduate seminar per year with the approval of a relevant department or program; co-teaching with a faculty member from one of the departments affiliated with Archaia is strongly encouraged; (3) directing a co-curricular project (e.g. an exhibition or curatorial project, a digital humanities project, or a web-based collection of papers). The postdoctoral associate will work under the supervision of the Archaia coordinators but will also be assigned at least one mentor from a field/department close to their area of training and expertise. Annual compensation will be \$50,000 plus a full benefits package that includes health coverage.

Requirements

€ A PhD in one of the following: East Asian Languages and Literature, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Classics, History, Religious Studies, Archaeology, Anthropology, History of Art.

€ The intellectual training and trajectory of the postdoctoral associate, must show a commitment to cross-disciplinary or cross-cultural research in more than one of the areas, languages, and/or disciplines represented by Archaia.

€ The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate a desire and ability to build collaborative relationships across departments and collections.

Applicants and referees should upload documentation via Interfolio: <http://apply.interfolio.com/39596>. Applicants must supply (1) a cover letter, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) a research statement (1000 words max.) detailing the work that the associate wishes to pursue at Yale, (4) a teaching portfolio (including teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness and syllabi for courses taught), (5) three letters of recommendation addressed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Prof. Irene Peirano Garrison, and (6) an Archaia programming proposal (800 words max.) that details how they will contribute to Archaia (graduate seminars, workshop and conference themes, curatorial projects, etc.).

Review of applications will begin March 1.

For any questions please contact Professors Kamens

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