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Fellowship Alumni Engagement Fellow—Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

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Fellow Title: Fellowship Alumni Engagement Fellow—Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Organization Name: Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Organization Website: <https://beinecke.library.yale.edu>

Organization Description:

The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library holds one of the largest and most dynamic collections of rare books, manuscripts, and archives in the world. A nexus for original scholarship in a wide range of disciplines, the Beinecke collections are used by scholars and practitioners who have made significant contributions in their fields: from literary and cultural studies to the history of science, music, theater, and art; the history of the book, of photography, graphic design, and architecture; social, intellectual, and political history; medieval, Renaissance, and eighteenth-century Europe; American literature; American diplomacy; Connecticut and New Haven history; Western Americana; nineteenth-century imperialism; African American culture; British literature; gay, lesbian, and transgender studies; transatlantic Modernism; postwar counterculture; environmental history; and contemporary American poetry.

For almost four decades, the Beinecke Library Fellowship Program has provided support to researchers from around the world whose projects would benefit from intensive on-site engagement with our collections. At present, the Library’s fellowship program awards between 40 and 50 fellowships annually, and our fellowships fund scholars and graduate students utilizing traditional methods of archival and bibliographic research as well as practitioners who wish to pursue creative, interdisciplinary, and non-traditional approaches to conducting research in the collections.

GPE Fellow Responsibilities:

As the Beinecke Library Fellowship Program approaches its fortieth anniversary in 2027, we seek a Fellowship Alumni Engagement GPE Fellow to assist program staff with the development and implementation of a fellowship alumni engagement initiative, culminating in the launch of the Beinecke Fellowship Alumni Association in Summer 2026.

Fellow responsibilities may include:

- Assess, organize, and update information on fellowship program alumni (1987-present)
- Collect, analyze, and report out on data retrieved from annual Beinecke Fellow exit surveys (2023-present)
- In collaboration with fellowship program staff, conceptualize an outreach strategy to engage fellowship program alumni and gauge their interest in future alumni activities/publications
- Research best practices and possible platforms for soliciting, collecting, archiving, and publicizing updates from former fellows on the outcomes of their research
- Participate in conversations with BRBL Website Redesign Task Force and/or web designers within Yale about alumni information/ resources on Beinecke Fellowship Program webpage.
- Collaborate with the Woodbridge Fellow in Community Engagement about promoting recent alum outputs on Beinecke Library social media platforms
- In collaboration with Fellowship and Internship Program Director, draft a report including a history of the Beinecke Library Fellowship Program, including qualitative and quantitative data about past fellows, their projects, and major collections they consulted.

Desired GPE Fellow Qualifications:

A strong candidate for this position would be a graduate student in the humanities or social sciences with an interest in special collections and program administration. They should possess excellent written and oral communication skills, and they should have the ability to work independently on assigned tasks and to meet agreed-upon deadlines. Familiarity with the conventions of collections research and/or research experience working with rare books, manuscripts, or archival materials preferred.

GPE Fellow Learning Objectives:

This position offers an opportunity for those curious about career opportunities in libraries, museums, and other special collections spaces to gain a basic understanding of some of the fundamentals of program administration. In this role, the fellow will learn about how to plan and implement program improvements, how to communicate with internal and external stakeholders, how to draft project plans and policy documents, and how to prepare program reports and presentations as well as promotional materials.

Number of Available Positions: 1