

Graduate Assistants
Art Conservation Department
2008 Fall Semester and 2009 Spring Semester

Two 2008-09 one-semester Graduate Assistant positions are available in the Art Conservation Department, one in the fall semester and the other in the spring semester.

The Department offers a three-year M.A. program in the conservation of art and other objects of cultural significance. Students spend their first two academic years in residence at the college and their third year on a 12-month internship at another site. Department graduates either hold positions as conservators in major museums or are in private practices that provide conservation services to museums and/or individuals.

The department has its own small library for the specialized books, journals and other reference materials used by department students in their studies and by department faculty in their teaching and research. Library holdings include rare and out-of-print books. It also contains several computers for word processing and Internet access. The library sees heavy use by all members of the department. A department professor serves as the Librarian on a volunteer basis and is responsible for all library operations and the supervision of the Graduate Assistant. The Assistant's responsibilities include: reshelving of books, cataloging and shelving of new acquisitions, assisting in library reorganizations and inventories of holdings, and assisting the Librarian on various library projects, including the repair and/or preservation of damaged volumes.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree. Matriculated full-time graduate student in good academic standing at Buffalo State College or any other SUNY institution. Availability for the full employment period. A knowledge of conservation and of the conservation literature. Ability and willingness to physically handle books properly. Sufficient familiarity with computers and to maintain and update the department's computer-based catalog of library holdings. Preference will be given to applicants who evidence an ability and willingness to learn and carry out basic book repair.

Salary and Benefits: Each one-semester position pays a \$2,500 stipend.

Interested persons should provide the following: a statement of interest in the position noting her or his relevant qualifications for it, and (if not presently on file in the department) a transcript, a resume, and the names of two persons who may be contacted as professional references. These should be sent to Dr. Gregory D. Smith, Chair, Search Committee, Art Conservation Department, RH 230, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222-1095; fax (716) 878-5039.

Review of applications will begin April 7th and will continue until the positions are filled, with the goal of filling them by August 25, 2008.

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