Denis Family Graduate Student Curatorial Fellowship in Special Collections

The Winston Tabb Special Collections Research Center of the Sheridan Libraries invites JHU graduate students to apply for a Denis Family Graduate Student Curatorial Fellowship to organize and describe a remarkable collection of more than 1200 comedias sueltas that have recently been acquired by the University. Dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries, these plays represent rare ephemeral witnesses to the transmission of Spanish Golden Age drama and complement the existing holdings of the Gladstone R. Fluegge Collection of the George Peabody Library (link here). Together, JHU’s assembly of comedias sueltas is now among the largest of its kind in North America.

The successful applicant will assist the Librarian for Modern Languages and Literatures with the remediation of metadata for the sueltas on Catalyst (the JHU library catalog) and the Internet Archive (sample images may be found here). Once trained in the fundamentals of bibliographic description by the Librarian, the fellow will work to ensure that records are accurately described and can be retrieved by patrons at Johns Hopkins and around the world. If time permits, the fellow will also work with members of the Comedias Sueltas database to add JHU’s sueltas to their union catalog.

The expectation is that the fellow will work remotely from June 7th to August 27th and dedicate several hours each week to the project. The stipend for the position is $3500. The fellow will not have to be resident in Baltimore. If the fellow is already based in Baltimore, they may have the opportunity to examine materials on site (health and safety permitting).

Desired qualifications

- Proficiency in Spanish and broad familiarity with literature from the Spanish Golden Age
- Familiarity with MARC and non-MARC metadata (or a strong desire to learn)
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent communication skills

To apply, please submit the following by Friday, March 26th, 2021 at 5 pm EST:

- A brief letter of interest with a description of relevant experience
- A brief resume or CV of no more than three pages
- The names of two faculty referees who would be willing to speak on your behalf

The successful applicant will be notified by mid-April.

Applications and queries may be sent to:
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