

History of cartography (U Southern Maine)

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ANNOUNCEMENT -- FELLOWSHIP IN THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY

The University of Southern Maine announces a fellowship in the history of cartography at the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education for the 2001-2002 academic year. This opportunity is ideal for an advanced (ABD) or recently completed doctoral student who seeks to establish or to expand a rigorous foundation in cartographic history, even as s/he pursues a specific research agenda. The fellowship is open to researchers from all disciplines.

The Osher Map Library is a rare map library located on the Portland campus of USM. It contains some 60,000 maps, dating from 1475 to the present, together with a substantial collection of reference works to support cartographic research. The library's cartographic collections are varied, but emphasize the centuries before 1900 and have a particular focus on Maine, New England, and North America generally. It services not only the academic research community, but also the university community and, through an aggressive outreach program, K-12 educators and the general public. More information about the map library, its collections, and its programs can be found on its web site: <http://usm.maine.edu/maps>.

The successful fellow will have three areas of responsibility. (1) S/he will provide some interpretive support for the staff of the map library. (2) S/he will be responsible for special classes for university courses held within the map library; in the past, these courses have ranged from Art, to English, to History, to Modern Languages, but they would be tailored to the fellow's experience and expertise. (3) S/he will pursue a coherent research program in cartographic history, using the resources of the Osher Map Library and perhaps other archives in southern Maine; this research program can be either cartobibliographic or analytical in nature. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Osher Map Library's faculty scholar, Matthew H. Edney — edney@usm.maine.edu or (207) 780-4767 — to discuss the nature of the fellow's responsibilities and possible research programs.

The fellowship carries a stipend of \$25,000 with benefits.

Applications should include a current c.v., a single-page statement of the applicant's interests and experience in the history of cartography, and a single-page description of a research program to be completed while in residence. Review of applications will begin April 23. Completed applications should be sent to Stephen C. Bloom, Director of University Libraries, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME 04104-9301.

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