

2005 OAH HORACE SAMUEL & MARION GALBRAITH MERRILL TRAVEL GRANTS IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY

Throughout his forty-year career as a professor of history at the University of Maryland, Horace Samuel Merrill earned the high regard of colleagues and students as a committed teacher, productive scholar, and caring mentor. An outstanding American political historian of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era periods, with interests extending through the New Deal, Professor Merrill took particular delight in assisting the younger scholars he met while conducting manuscript research at the Library of Congress. With the assistance of Marion Galbraith Merrill, his wife and scholarly collaborator, Professor Merrill fostered and provided hospitality to several generations of younger historians, even beyond those who formally studied under his guidance. Many went on to their own productive and fulfilling careers with a deep appreciation of the Merrills for the intellectual and social sustenance that made a difference in the early years of their professional lives.

The Horace Samuel & Marion Galbraith Merrill Travel Grants in Twentieth-Century American Political History were first given in 1998 to promote access of younger (i.e., relatively new to the profession) scholars to the Washington, D.C., region's rich primary-source collections in late nineteenth and twentieth-century American political history. The grants, which range from \$500 to \$3,000, also provide the opportunity for scholars to interview former and current public figures residing in the metropolitan Washington area. This program offers stipends to underwrite travel and lodging expenses for members of the Organization of American Historians who are working toward completion of a dissertation or first book. Applicants must be current members of the OAH.

Requirements

The application requirements are listed below and should not exceed ten pages.

Cover sheet: Include name, address, email address, phone number(s), institutional affiliation when appropriate, project title, a project abstract not to exceed one hundred words, and total amount requested.

Project description: In one thousand words or less, describe the project's goals, methods, and intended results.

Vita: Submit a standard résumé of academic experience and achievements.

Budget: Indicate how the requested funds will be spent and the extent of matching funds available.

References: Graduate students must include two letters of reference from individuals familiar with their academic work.

Selection process: A committee of three judges will consider the significance of the research project; the project's design, plan of work, and dissemination; its contribution to American political history; its relationship to current scholarship; and appropriateness of the budget request.

Submission

One complete copy of application materials, clearly labeled "2005 Merrill Travel Grants," must be received by each committee member by December 1, 2004. No late submissions will be accepted. Please mail directly to:

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