

SHANLEY SUMMER FUNDING FOR PRE-DISSERTATION TRAVEL AND RESEARCH

The Shanley Fund was created for the purpose of allowing students to research archives and collections *in situ*. The Shanley Fund presents graduate students with the opportunity to travel for dissertation research, as early as the summer prior to the year in which they take qualifying exams. Students are eligible to receive Shanley Funds any time after what is normally the second year of coursework.*

In order to qualify, students must be in good standing. All applications are due in the department by Friday, April 11, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

Proposals of no more than 5 double-spaced pages should do the following:

- * present the topic of your proposed dissertation, by way of a one-page description of the materials and potential theses
- * provide a brief overview of existing literature that identifies fertile lacunae;
- * clearly delineate the scope of the project and its potential impact on the relevant subfield;
- * specify collections and objects it is necessary to visit in order to determine the viability of the topic;
- * list the addresses of and names of contacts at collections and, where applicable, include correspondence and exchange with curators and scholars;
- * include an itemized budget.

N.B.-The funds available are modest; awards typically fall into the \$750-\$1000 range. Indicate cost saving measures (dorm residency, train travel, etc).

Students should email their proposals via attachment to r-bland@northwestern.edu for faculty to review.

* You may well wonder: why the convoluted phrasing? As per the new TGS funding allowances, all students entering in fall 2008 and beyond receive a guarantee of five years of funding, which will permit those who enter with an MA to elect to complete coursework and qualifying exams within two or three years. Students who enter with an MA and elect to complete pre-candidacy requirements by the end of their second year are eligible to apply for Shanley funds as soon as the end of their first year in the program, to be spent during the summer between their first and second years.