FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY
FOR FACULTY

TO DEVELOP LESSON PLANS in MUSEUM ANTHROPOLOGY
at the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The Smithsonian’s Summer Institute in Museum Anthropology (SIMA), a training program focused on “putting theory and things together,” is pleased to announce a new opportunity for faculty interested in developing anthropology courses on collections-based research methods. Building on six years of experience in training graduate students in the use of museum collections, SIMA is now adding a new component – faculty fellowships for course development. With support from the Cultural Anthropology Program of the National Science Foundation, we will accept a few faculty members each year who are positioned to offer courses on museum research methods, and who would like to use SIMA as an opportunity to observe, learn, and share lesson planning. Fellows will be in residence in Washington, DC during the four weeks of the program and will participate and observe classroom activities, using the remainder of their time to draft and refine their own syllabus and lesson plans. Courses to be developed can be for either graduate or undergraduate instruction, but must be listed or cross-listed for credit in the field of Anthropology at a US institution.

What does SIMA do?
- teaches methods to use collections to address questions in cultural anthropology
- fills a gap in training in museum anthropology
- seeks to supplement and broaden existing university programs

Explore our website to learn more: http://anthropology.si.edu/summerinstitute

What will faculty fellows do?
- observe lessons of various types
- consult with other faculty
- develop course materials to suit their own teaching

What will SIMA provide?
- housing
- the chance to observe collections-based lessons of various types
- an opportunity to be part of a community of scholars with common teaching interests
- time to focus on course development in a supportive setting

When is SIMA?:
Summers of 2015, 2016, 2017, thanks to new NSF funding
Typically the last week of June and first 3 weeks of July
**How to apply:**
Applications are accepted at any time and those who are considering applying are encouraged to get in touch early to discuss their interests. Selections will be made early in the fall semester each year.
A complete application should include:
- a statement of your interest and engagement with the field of museum anthropology, plus a CV
- a 1-2 page proposal of the course(s) you would like to develop, including how you expect to incorporate museum collections into the course and what museum resources are available
- a message from the chairman of the department indicating that the course will be approved for offer
- a message from the appropriate museum staff member indicating that they will provide the access necessary for your course

**How to learn more:**
Contact us: SIMA@si.edu to start a conversation.
We’d love to talk with you!