

Freedman Center Fellow Program 2008

The Kelvin Smith Library is pleased to announce the 2008 Freedman Fellows Program for fulltime faculty. The Freedman Fellows Program is sponsored by the Freedman Center, which is a partnership between the Kelvin Smith Library (KSL) and the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

The Freedman Center Fellows Program:

- Supports research in the area of Digital Humanities by encouraging the use of new technologies in faculty research—specifically, providing immersive instruction to faculty in the rapidly emerging tools that will benefit their scholarly pursuits;
- Supports new approaches to scholarly endeavors using information technology such as the use of text-analytic techniques, GIS, and multimedia in research and teaching;
- Supports Digital Case in experimenting with digital tools for storing, preserving, analyzing and making accessible digital resources;
- Facilitates the use of emerging technologies for dissemination and publication of scholarship;
- Provides research design and visualization strategies in data archiving and retrieval.

Six Freedman Fellows (fulltime faculty members) will be named in 2008 and each will receive a stipend of \$3000 to be spent on innovative scholarly or creative projects that meet the Freedman Fellows 2008 criteria guidelines (to be distributed at a meeting on Friday, April 4th, at 12:00pm, in the Kelvin Smith Library's Dampeer Room). In addition, Fellows will receive full access to Freedman Center/Digital Library Program services and guidance will be provided (digitization, project management, Digital Case ingestion, new media, scholarly communications, and web development) as will the services of other departments in KSL (copyright, GIS, metadata); this includes Freedman Center Premium Services. The award may be used to supplement salary. The Freedman Fellows program requires attendance at a week-long seminar which includes a 'crash course' in digital media concepts, research design and investigative skill sets, synthesis, and presentation of knowledge in a digital environment. As well, it is the intent of the Freedman Fellows Program that materials created as a direct result of participation in the Program will be included in Digital Case: Case Western Reserve University's digital library, institutional repository and digital archive.

It is the intent of the Freedman Fellows Program to showcase both the Freedman Center's potential and that of Digital Case. In 2008, the Freedman Fellows Program will encourage the production of scholarly communication that utilizes digital technologies during the research process as well as in teaching and during the final 'publishing' phases: including document creation, multimedia asset creation, metadata application, and presentation in dynamic/interactive environments.

For those interested in the Freedman Fellows Program, an information meeting will be held on Friday, April 4th, 2008, from 12:00-1:30pm in the Kelvin Smith Library's Dampeer Room. Interested fulltime faculty applicants must attend this meeting to be considered, and application instructions will be distributed at that time. A general overview of the program will be given along with answers to any questions interested faculty may have. Additionally, Stone Oven lunches will be provided; sandwich choices include: Smoked Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Tuna, and Vegetable.

The Freedman Fellow's Seminar week will be June 16th-June 20th, 2008, in the Kelvin Smith Library.

For more information or to RSVP for this event, please call Tom Hayes at 216-368-6513 or email Thomas.Hayes@case.edu; if an RSVP, be sure to include your lunch preference.