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NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH RESIDENCY AWARDS PROGRAM

(NOTE: THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SUPERSEDES THE PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT DATED MAY 1988)

A program to encourage advanced research. The New York State Archives and Records Administration announces the availability of awards for qualified researchers to pursue research in its holdings. The Research Residency Program, initiated in April 1987, is intended to support advanced research in New York State History. During its first year of operation, the Program made awards for research on female sex offenders in New York, 1910-1935; the social history of epilepsy during the post-1870 period; Afro-Americans in New York, 1799 - 1865; and the Thomas Indian School.

During its second year of operation, State Fiscal Year 1988 - 1989, awards have been recommended to Nicole Hahn Rafter, Northeastern University, for research on the "defective delinquency movement" during the Progressive period; Lawrence Kohl, University of Alabama, to study the Irish Brigade in the American Civil War; Alexander W. Pisciotta, Kutztown University, for research on the nation's first reformatory for young male adults, which was in Elmira, New York; Dennis Muniak, University of Maryland, for research on public policy innovation during the Rockefeller administration; Bruce J. Dierenfield of Canisius College to study religion in New York's public schools since 1950; Vivian Bruce Conger, Cornell University, to research widowhood during the colonial period; and Mary Margaret Stolberg, University of Virginia, to study crime in New York in the 1930's. Two smaller awards were made to researchers for orientation visits to review material for proposed studies on Afro-Americans in New York City, 1664 - 1804, and epidemic disease and public health education in New York State, 1900 - 1920.

The Program is expected to continue next year, contingent on funding in the State Fiscal Year 1989-1990 budget.

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May 13, 1988

Mr. Gordon McLester
266 Reformatory Road
Oneida, WI 54155

Dear Gordy,

Just a brief note to confirm our conversation on May 4, 1988 regarding the Oneida Dancers. We are planning on having the group perform in a banquet room at approximately 8 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 1988. They will be performing for Consolidated Tours.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Gordy, thank you again for your help with this group. I know they will enjoy seeing the dancers and this performance will benefit all of us in the future.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Timm
Sales Director

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Eligibility. Researchers working on doctoral dissertations and those at the post-doctoral level are preferred, but any proposal for advanced research will be considered. Any topic or area that can draw on the Archives' holdings is eligible for consideration. Preference will be given to research that has application to enduring public policy issues, particularly in New York State, and to projects which have high probability for publication. In addition, preference will be given to research in Archives' holdings that have been underutilized or recently made available for research for the first time. Information on these materials is available from the State Archives and Records Administration.

Types of grants. The program's main purpose is to support research, and therefore most of the funds are allocated for research project awards to actually carry out research in the holdings of the State Archives and Records Administration. These awards may support travel and living costs and other expenses related to research; funding is not available for copying of materials. Requests for awards of up to \$3,000 will be considered in the research project award category. Support may also be provided for a small number of initial orientation awards for preliminary review of materials to determine whether their information is sufficient and relevant for a proposed research project. The upper limit on these awards is \$500.

Application process. Application forms are available from the New York State Archives and Records Administration at the address noted below. The next application deadline is March 1, 1989. Research proposals are reviewed by a committee of scholars and archivists familiar with the holdings of the State Archives and Records Administration. It is anticipated that this Committee will meet in mid-April, 1989 and that successful applicants will be notified and can begin their research work by early May 1989.

If all of the available funding is not allocated at this meeting, a second deadline will be established, and applications filed by that deadline will be reviewed and considered later in the year; contact the State Archives and Records Administration for more information.

Because of State fiscal requirements, all research work supported by the Research Residencies Awards must be completed before the end of the State Fiscal Year, that is, March 31, 1990.

Requirements. At the end of the Residency, researchers are expected to submit a written report on their research or a draft of their paper and publication plans, and to make a brief public presentation at the State Archives and Records Administration. They must also deposit a copy of the final paper, book, or other product that results from their research.

More information. It is strongly recommended that interested researchers contact the Reference Services Unit to discuss their research topic and the materials at the Archives that they propose to use. Contact William A. Evans, Chief of Reference Services, New York State Archives and Records Administration, 11D40 Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York, 12230, 518-474-8955.

Additional information about the Research Residencies Awards Program, and application forms, are available from Ms. Terri Sewell, Education Program Aide, New York State Archives and Records Administration, 10A46 Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York, 12230, 518-473-8037.

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