The Newberry Library’s Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography is now accepting applications for its 2014 NEH summer seminar for college and university faculty and up to three graduate students, “Mapping Nature across the Americas.” The four-week seminar will be led by James Akerman (Director of the Smith Center) and Kathleen Brosnan (Travis Chair of Modern American History at the University of Oklahoma). Participants will explore the interplay between mapping and environmental knowledge across the Americas from the transatlantic encounter into the 21st century. By bringing together environmental history and the history of cartography, this institute will illuminate their essential relationship, broadening participating summer scholars’ understanding of how maps and depictions of nature shaped and were shaped by diverse cultural and historical contexts. In addition to reading and discussing recent scholarship, participating summer scholars will study a wide range of original maps in group settings. They will enhance their research skills by pursuing individual projects making use of the Newberry’s rich holdings of cartography, history, geography, art, literature, and the history of printing from the 15th to the 21st centuries.

Applications are encouraged from college and university faculty teaching a broad range of courses and involved in a diversity of research topics. Qualified independent scholars and scholars engaged in museum work are also eligible to apply. A limited number of spaces are also available for full-time graduate students in the humanities. Successful applicants will receive a stipend of $3900 to help defray travel and housing expenses.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 4, 2014.

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