



UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Dean's Fellowship in the History of Home Economics

Dean Alan Mathios of the College of Human Ecology invites applications from Cornell University undergraduate students for a summer Fellowship in the History of Home Economics and Human Nutrition.

The Fellowship will be awarded to a Cornell University undergraduate student and a faculty advisor for a "research-based" project using published and unpublished materials on the history of home economics and nutrition (broadly construed) to be carried out in Kroch and/or Mann Libraries. Graduate students are not eligible to apply.

The amount of the 2009 summer stipend for the undergraduate student Fellow is \$2,500 for an eight-week summer research position on the Cornell campus.

The Fellow's project must be directed by a Cornell University faculty member, although the project need not be associated with any particular course.

The research can be conducted in the summer between either, the sophomore and junior year, or between the junior and senior year. Students are not eligible the summer following graduation.

The project can be an independent study (credit hours to be established with faculty member) in any college of the university.

The Fellow must meet at least weekly with her/his faculty research advisor throughout the period of the Fellowship.

Before applying, applicants must consult initially with Eileen Keating (eek2@cornell.edu), the Records Manager for the University and College, to determine whether the project is appropriate.

The Records Manager will be the Archival Director for the Fellowship. When a Fellow is selected, s/he will meet with the Records Manager on a regular basis to set out and implement a plan of work.

The final product that results from the research may include, but not be limited to one or more of the following:

- [1] a research paper,
- [2] a real or "virtual" exhibit,
- [3] journalistic columns or articles,
- [4] teaching modules for use in classroom or museum education, film or video, or web sites.

Documentation, such as photographs, must be submitted for products that cannot be archived.

In all projects, after completion the Fellow will give a seminar or public lecture about his/her findings and their implications. In addition, the Fellow must submit a written report of the research.

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Applicants must submit:

- A short 2-3 page proposal that includes:
 - Statement of objectives and significance of the study
 - Methodology
 - Time frame and schedule of work
 - Statement of career objectives and their relationship to this research experience
- Cover page with:
 - Title of the study
 - Student's name and signature
 - Faculty advisor's name and signature
- Faculty endorsement letter of no more than 250 words

All applications are due by February 27, 2009 (or until awarded) to Brenda Bricker in MVR 160.

The Committee for the Fellowship in the History of Home Economics and Human Nutrition will choose the Fellow. Notification of award will be made in late March.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HOME ECONOMICS HISTORY

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<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/homeec/default.html>

COLLECTIONS AT CORNELL

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Mann Library

Mann Library has a proud heritage among the land-grant libraries of the United States with a collection of over 750,000 volumes, including more than 5,000 journal subscriptions. The combined strengths of Mann's printed books and journals and its state-of-the-art electronic library make it one of the nation's premier information resources for researchers, educators, and students in human ecology and nutrition. Mann's holdings are especially strong in the areas of nutrition, family studies, and early childhood education. Other areas important to home economics study throughout the century are also well represented.



Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections

One of the largest university archives programs in the country, the Cornell University Archives holds extensive collections of archival records, personal papers, oral histories, rare books, and photographic images about the evolution of studies associated with home economics, human ecology in the United States and at Cornell University. Part of the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of the Cornell University Library, this major repository, located in the Carl A. Kroch Library, provides on-line access through Voyager, RLIN, and through individual guides to its 7,000 manuscript and archival collections and 300,000 printed volumes.

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/>

Conducted in 1963-1964, the New York State College of Home Economics Oral History project included many of the early figures in Home Economics, including deans, faculty, and staff. There were 26 interviews, with 4 additional interviews conducted in 1988. Available in the online catalog (do a "Title" search on [New York State College of Home Economics Project](#)).



AAFCS Collection

In 2004, the American Home Economics Association—now the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)—gave its papers and records to Cornell University. This is a uniquely important resource for the study of American women's history, the history of higher education, the history of science, the sociology of higher education, and the study of material culture and consumption in the 20th century.

The AHEA was a significant women's organization for over fifty years, and its formation and activities were a major indicator of the professionalization of home economists. For the 20th century, its importance may well rank with the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the 19th century.

Because of its scholarly importance, Cornell was fortunate to become the home/repository for this material. The gift reflects well on Cornell's leadership, for almost two decades now, in recovering the history of women in this long neglected and badly maligned professional field.

DIGITAL RESOURCES ORIGINATED AT CORNELL

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Hearth: Home Economics Archive

Mann Library is the creator of HEARTH: Home Economics Archive: Research, Tradition and History <http://hearth.library.cornell.edu>, a digital archive of historical texts in home economics. <http://www.mannlib.cornell.edu/>

HEARTH is a core electronic collection of books and journals in Home Economics and related disciplines. Titles published between 1850 and 1950 were selected and ranked by teams of scholars for their great historical importance. The first phase of this project focused on books published between 1850 and 1925 and a small number of journals. Future phases of the project will include books published between 1926 and 1950, as well as additional journals. The full text of these materials, as well as bibliographies and essays on the wide array of subjects relating to Home Economics, are all freely accessible on this site. This is the first time a collection of this scale and scope has been made available.



From Domesticity to Modernity: What Was Home Economics?

In 2001 in celebration of the centennial of the College of Human Ecology, the exhibition "From Domesticity to Modernity: What Was Home Economics?" opened in the Hirshland Gallery in Kroch Library. The exhibition was the result of a collaborative effort between Cornell's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections and the students in the human development course Archival Research: Exploring the History of Home Economics, taught by Professor Joan Jacobs Brumberg. The students examined the historical roots of Cornell's College of Home Economics, did extensive hands-on research in the university archives and provided the text for the exhibit. Their reports and recommendations on visual material were instrumental in generating the exhibition web site, <http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/homeEc/>.

The web site received several awards including a "Blue Web'n!" for the best on-line lessons, activities, projects, resources, references and tools by Pacific Bell; it was commended by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries; and it was selected by the Internet Scout Project, an NSF-sponsored organization based in the Department of Computer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for inclusion in their Scout Report.



Early Photographs of the Home Economics Program

Many of the early photographs of the home economics program at Cornell may be viewed on the web at: <http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/eDB-HEphotos/>. They are in a searchable format and organized into various categories, such as Resident Teaching, Departments and Divisions, Extension and Outreach. This collection also includes photographs of non-Cornell Home Economics programs.