About

The Center for Heritage & Archaeological Studies

The Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies (CHAS) brings together scholarly research, education, and public outreach with a broad focus on heritage, identity, and community engagement. The work of CHAS ranges from archaeological investigation in the New York - New Jersey area, in the Caribbean, and in Italy, to public programs for students and community to collaboration with museums and historical societies. CHAS began the “Villa of the Antonines” Project in 2010 with the authorization of the Italian Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali and the cooperation of the Municipality of Genzano di Roma, Italy.

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Enrollment

➢ Academic Program Information

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Villa of the Antonines

Archeology Field School

Genzano di Roma, Italy

June 28th – July 25th, 2020
The Project

This archaeological field project is located in Genzano di Roma, Italy, at the 18th mile along the ancient Via Appia. Now entering its tenth season of excavation, the project concentrates on the investigation of the remains of a second century CE Roman imperial villa complex. Ancient literary references and the discovery in 1701 of marble busts of imperial figures suggest that this is the villa of the Antonine dynasty known to have stood near ancient Lanuvium. The busts recovered from the site now reside in Rome’s Capitoline Museums. In 2020, we will further investigate the area of the villa’s amphitheater in relationship to the adjacent baths, as well as probable residential quarters that were discovered in 2014. While working on-site, participants will receive hands-on experience in several aspects of field investigation, including photographic documentation, basic surveying, and the consolidation and restoration of excavated remains. Students will assist in cataloguing and studying the artifacts from the site, including mosaics as well as fragments of imported marble for intricately shaped opus sectile flooring and wall decoration. There will be field trips to museums— including the Museo delle Navi Romane, which was built to house the ships of the emperor Caligula— and archaeological sites in the Alban hills area. During their spare time, evenings and weekends, students will have the opportunity to explore the charming locale of Genzano, or make excursions to the neighboring metropolis of Rome.

Enrollment Information

Estimated program cost: **$4,000** (for undergraduate students; graduate students should consult the codirectors for details).

*Scholarships are available.*

The program cost includes:

- Transportation to/from meeting point in Rome and Genzano on June 28 and July 25. (Note: The program cost does not include travel between North America and Italy, for which participants must make their own arrangements. Participants must arrive in Rome no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 28)
- Shared occupancy room (June 28-July 25), including breakfast every day
- Lunches Monday-Friday (dinners not included)
- One weekend field trip
- 6 credit hours of undergraduate tuition

Required of All Students

- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- 1-2 page statement of your reasons for wanting to attend the program
- 1 page CV including descriptions of any relevant coursework or fieldwork experience
- 2 letters of recommendation (for MSU students: only one letter from a professor other than the faculty members leading the program)
- Interview with the program directors (for MSU students: in person, for others: via telephone or Skype)