About the Center for Heritage and 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.

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2014 ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDSCHOOL
VILLA OF THE ANTONINES
GENZANO di ROMA, ITALY

June 29 - July 26, 2014
The Project

This archaeological field project in Genzano di Roma, Italy, located along the ancient Via Appia, at the 18th mile from Rome, is now entering its fifth season of investigating the remains of a second century CE Roman Imperial villa complex. Ancient literary references and the discovery here in 1701 of fine marble busts of imperial figures (now in the Capitoline Museums) suggest that this is the villa of the Antonine dynasty known to have stood near ancient Lanuvium. In 2014 we will further investigate an amphitheater-like building, the existence of which was established in 2012. During this season we will also attempt to determine the relationship of the amphitheater to the adjacent bath complex. While working at the site, participants will receive hands-on experience in all aspects of recordkeeping, including photographic documentation and drafting. They will also become acquainted with the methods of mapping, field survey, and geophysical investigation. 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. Regular laboratory sessions will take place both on-site and at the Museo delle Navi Romane - built to house the famous ships of the emperor Caligula - in nearby Nemi, where participants will also learn about the practice of museum work. There will be a one-day weekend fieldtrip to historical and archaeological sites in the Alban Hills area. Students will have the opportunity, during their spare time and on weekends, to experience and explore the friendly town of Genzano (population ca. 22,000) or to make excursions into Rome.

Enrollment Information

The estimated program cost: $5,100 (for undergraduate students and volunteers; graduate students should consult the co-directors for details).

The program cost includes:

- Transfer from/to a meeting point and the hotel in Genzano (Note: Participants must make their own arrangements to travel to Rome and must arrive in Rome no later than 12:00 am on Sunday, June 29).
- Shared occupancy hotel rooms (June 29-July 26).
- 3 meals per day Monday-Friday, breakfast Saturday and Sunday.
- Transportation to/from the excavation and lab activities.
- One weekend field trip.
- 6 credit hours of undergraduate tuition.

The program cost does not include transportation to and from Italy.

Required Of All Students

- Minimum GPA 2.75.
- 1-2 page statement of your reasons for wanting to attend the program.
- One page CV including description of previous relevant coursework or fieldwork experience.
- Two letters of recommendation (for MSU students: only one letter from a professor other than the faculty members leading the program is required).
- Interview with the program directors (in person for MSU students, telephone/Skype for others).
- Medical clearance.