Call for Graduate Student Applications
Andrew W. Mellon Research Seminars, 2014-15

Deadline: FEBRUARY 14, 2014

About Time: A Mellon Seminar on the Meaning of the Passage of Time

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Few topics have captured the imagination of philosophers, theologians, authors and scientists alike in the same way as time has. And yet, for those who have taken up Augustine’s challenge to try and explain exactly what time is, the notion of time has proven frustratingly elusive and difficult to grasp. Not surprisingly, over the last two and a half millennia, thinkers have proposed radically different views about time. The primary focus of this seminar will be on the diverse attempts to give meaning to the passage of time, with an emphasis on late antiquity.

These two-semester seminars promote research collaboration at the highest level between faculty and doctoral students. Starting with a core of well-developed research, the seminars invite students from across the humanities to become fellow researchers and collaborators. The seminars support innovative graduate level training and research in the humanities and social sciences. To date, the HRC has offered fifteen Mellon Graduate Research Seminars.

Eligibility
Graduate students who will be in their 3rd or 4th year of study (with some exceptions made for students in their 2nd or 5th year) during academic year 2014-15 are eligible to apply. Students must commit to enrolling in both semesters.

Funding
The seminars provide graduate students with a $6900 stipend in 2014-15 and eligibility for competitively funded conference travel in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years.

Application
Please send a statement of interest (700 words or less) in the seminar to Matthias Henze (henze@rice.edu) and Lauren Kleinschmidt (laurenk@rice.edu) by 5:00pm on February 14, 2014. Visit http://hrc.rice.edu/mellonseminars.aspx for additional information on the Mellon seminar program.