

Jacob Leisler Institute
Seeking Student Interns

The Jacob Leisler Institute for the Study of Early New York History is seeking student interns to aid in historical research, documentary editing, and archival-library work. Internships are unpaid and offered as a for credit field work opportunity through the school. A student's work will be directed and evaluated. The Jacob Leisler Institute is a 501c3 nonprofit organization overseen by a board of trustees and open to researchers and the general public by appointment.

The Jacob Leisler Institute focuses on seventeenth- and eighteenth-century New York and New Jersey under English rule. The Institute's holdings include the Jacob Leisler Papers (1500?1800), a National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) project consisting of over 4,000 materials relating to Jacob Leisler and his 1689–1691 administration of New York, the Eric Nooter collection, focusing on late seventeenth-century western Long Island, the Kees-Jan Waterman collection, focusing on European-Indian trade in the colonial Hudson River Valley, and numerous local historical, archeological, and genealogical files, as well as an extensive library devoted to the period. The Institute also offers an annual lecture series by top scholars in the field in partnership with the Hudson Area Library and Gotham History Center.

The internship provides a great learning opportunity for anyone interested in early modern New York and Atlantic World history, in acquiring documentary editing skills in transcribing and translating early modern manuscripts, and in learning archival and library skills.

List of duties according to the student's study requirements include

assisting in data entry and data compilation.

Learning how to transcribe seventeenth- and eighteenth-century documents (for foreign language students, it also provides an excellent opportunity to work in early modern Dutch, French, and German, as well as Latin, languages).

Archival and on-line historical research.

Indexing and filing of Institute books, manuscript, graphic works, and audio-visual materials.

Assisting in updating the Institute's social media pages.

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