

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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CENTER FOR HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES

VILLA OF THE ANTONINES

2023 Archaeological Field School

Genzano di Roma, Italy



July 2th – July 29th, 2023

The Project

The Villa of the Antonines Project, now entering its eleventh season of excavation, will continue its multi-year project of exploring and documenting the remains of a second century CE Roman imperial villa in Genzano di Roma, between the Via Appia and Lanuvio in the Alban Hills region, 18 miles from the center of Rome. Ancient literary references and the discovery in 1701 of marble busts of imperial figures (now in Rome's Capitoline Museums) suggest that this is the villa of the Antonine dynasty near ancient Lanuvium where Commodus was killing beasts in his private amphitheater and where we discovered rooms decorated with mosaics in the probable residential area of the villa. During the four-week program participants, while working on-site or at the museum, will receive hands-on experience in all components of archaeological practice. These include not only notions of excavation techniques, archaeological drafting, photographic and airborne documentation with drones, field survey, and mapping, but also laboratory activities where students will clean, catalogue, and analyze the many artifacts also with the help of graphic and photographic documentation, digital data processing and rendering. Participants will additionally get exposed to conservation and cultural management practices during field trips to museums and archaeological sites in the surrounding 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 cost:

program cost \$3,800 + approx. \$2,250 tuition fee for 6 undergraduate credit hours (graduate students should consult the codirectors for details).

****Undergraduate participants who demonstrate need are eligible for Scholarships.****

The program cost includes:

- Transportation to/from meeting point in Rome and Genzano on July 2 and July 29. (Note: The program cost does not include tuition and fees or travel between North America and Ital (for which participants must make their own arrangements). Participants must arrive in Rome no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 2.
- Shared occupancy room (July 2-29), including breakfast every day.
- Welcome and farewell dinner.
- Lunches Monday-Friday (dinners not included).
- One weekend field trip and fieldtrips to local museums and archaeological sites in the Alban Hills.



Required of All Students



- Minimum GPA: 2.50
- 1-2 page statement of your reasons for wanting to attend the program
- 1 page Resume 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 zoom)

