

## SML Exhibition Committee

The Sterling Memorial Library (SML) Exhibition Committee provides oversight and support for the exhibition program that provides content for the Student Exhibition Corridor in Sterling Memorial Library. The membership comes from across the Yale University Library (YUL) system and is led by the Exhibition Production Program Manager. The membership rotates annually, with members serving staggered two year terms. Additionally, the Library's Director of Development, Director of Undergraduate Research Education and Outreach, and Communications Manager for Public Relations/Writing are permanent committee members.

The Committee performs these tasks:

- Increases use of SML exhibit venues by YUL staff, Yale faculty and students, and Yale-affiliated groups
- Coordinates communication about the programming and use of the SML exhibit corridor
- Reviews exhibition proposals to ensure that programming reflects and supports teaching and research at Yale
- Establishes and maintains appropriate guidelines for the use of exhibition venues and the handling of objects on display in SML
- Supports the Library Exhibits Advisor as needed

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### Yale University Library Exhibitions Mission/Vision

The Yale University Library's Exhibitions Program will support and enhance research, teaching, and learning at Yale and for the world-wide scholarly community. Library exhibits:

- Highlight YUL expertise, collections, and services
- Contribute to making the Library the physical destination of choice for the Yale community
- Encourage collaboration among Library staff, researchers, faculty, students
- Offer opportunities for Library staff professional development
- Present a "borderless" view of the Library and its collections
- Uphold the highest standards for the care of collections on display and encourage good handling and preservation practices

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### Learn more about exhibitions in Sterling Library

[Current News](#) [1]

[Past Exhibitions](#) [2]

## For Students

### Student-Curated Exhibits at Yale Library in the Sterling Memorial Library Exhibition Corridor

Learn how to present your research using the unique narrative form of an exhibit. The library's exhibit staff will assist you to choose, describe, sequence, and arrange objects from the library's diverse collections.

Our primary student-curated exhibit opportunities are:

- [Senior Exhibit Fellowship at Yale Library](#) [3]
  - ?Open to Yale College Class of '25.

- [Student Research at Yale Library](#) [4]
  - ?Check back at the beginning of the fall 2024 semester for updated information

## Senior Exhibit Fellowship at Yale Library

### [Senior Exhibit Fellowship at Yale Library - Proposal deadline March 8, 2024](#)

This fellowship provides one rising senior with training in curatorial skills and culminating in the production of a library exhibition based on the student's senior essay topic using materials from the Yale Library collections.

One Yale College junior will be selected to receive library funding, mentoring, and exhibit production support over the course of nine months to research, create and curate a professional-quality exhibit opening in spring of their senior year.

The selected student will be awarded a \$4,200 stipend to subsidize a five-week summer research fellowship to be completed the summer between their junior and senior years. This research, which must be completed on Yale campus using YUL collections, will become the foundation for the content of the exhibit.

Fellowship duration is from Summer 2024 (five-week research fellowship) through Spring 2025 (senior year research and production).

This opportunity is perfect for students who have experience researching with primary source materials, are curious about the curatorial process, enjoy working collaboratively, and whose senior essay subject can be strongly represented by physical objects from the YUL collections.

Learn more about this year's senior exhibit project [on the Yale Library's Website](#) [5]

[Review these guidelines](#) [6] to learn about the SML exhibit committee's proposal review criteria and get some tips for creating a strong proposal.

#### **Proposal submission:**

- Submit your proposal here: <https://bit.ly/3aCTHgg>

#### **Eligibility:**

- Yale College Class of '25.

#### **Timeline:**

- Proposals due: March 8, 2024
- Selected students notified late April 2024
- Summer internship: Curator selects five weeks between June and September
- Exhibition development and production: September – April of senior year
- Opening reception: April 2025. On view: April – October 2025

#### **If you are considering this opportunity:**

- Review fellowship recipient [roles and responsibilities](#) [7], as well as deadlines and workflows.
- Discuss the opportunity with a [Faculty Advisor](#) [8] and a [Librarian Exhibit Advisor](#) [9]. Your selected advisors must agree to work with and advise you throughout the year-long project.

Listen to past Senior Exhibit curators:

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**If you are just getting started...**

Learning how to do research in the collections is the first step toward any exhibit opportunity.

- Start by getting to know your [Personal Librarian](#) [10] or [subject specialist](#) [11], as well as archivists and collection specialists.
- Explore and discover the collections at [Archives at Yale](#) [12].
- Get ideas by looking at previous years' exhibits via the [SML Exhibits LibGuide](#). [2]
- Learn about opportunities to create [online exhibits at Yale University Library](#) [13].

Send questions to [kerri.sancomb@yale.edu](mailto:kerri.sancomb@yale.edu) [14].

## **Student Research at Yale Library**

### **[Student Research at Yale Library - Proposals portal opens in October 2024](#)**

Through this opportunity two students are selected to curate two exhibit cases each, based on a completed paper or research project, using materials from the Yale Libraries. The selected students will learn how to transform their completed paper or research project into a physical exhibit utilizing production tools, templates, technical expertise, and guidance from Yale Library's exhibit professionals.

The majority of the curatorial work occurs in the spring semester with an exhibition opening the following fall. Exhibit staff coordinate schedules, deadlines, and management of collections materials.

#### **Proposal submission:**

- Check back in October 2024 for link to proposal form.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Yale College sophomores, juniors, graduate and professional students.

#### **Timeline:**

- Proposals due: November 2024
- Selected students notified December 2024
- Exhibition development and production: January – May 2025
- Opening reception and exhibit tour: October 2025
- Exhibition on view: October 2025 through April 2026

#### **If you are considering this opportunity:**

- Review the [guide for submitting proposals for the Student Research at YUL exhibit](#) [15] and production deadlines.
- Select a librarian or faculty member who has reviewed the [Exhibit Advisor responsibilities](#) [16] and has

agreed to work with you to review your item selection and final exhibit text. If you don't already have a faculty member or librarian you are currently working with, the exhibit committee can help you connect with one.

To learn more about this opportunity, visit the [past exhibit Web page](#). [2]

Listen to past Student Research at YUL curators:

## For Faculty

### Ways faculty can get involved with exhibits at Sterling Memorial Library (SML):

- Encourage highly motivated and committed students in their junior year to [submit a proposal](#) [17] for the Yale Library Senior Exhibit Fellowship.
- Encourage a student to submit a proposal for the [Student Research at Yale University Library Exhibit](#) [18] in the Student Exhibit Corridor.
- Be a faculty advisor for a [Senior Exhibit Fellowship](#) [19] or a [Student Research at Yale University Library exhibit](#) [18]. Review responsibilities for each project here: [Senior Exhibit Fellowship Advisor](#) [8], [Student Research at YUL Exhibit Advisor](#) [16]
- Spread the word about new exhibit opportunities in SML to colleagues across campus.
- Attend an [information session](#) [20].
- Learn about [online exhibits at Yale University Library](#) [13]

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### Ways students can benefit from curating exhibits in the library:

Academic/research skills:

- Provides a cohesive picture for the student of their academic support network: academic advisor, library specialists, IT specialists
- Develops a familiarity with physical library collections and spaces
- Provides experience researching with primary source materials
- Facilitates interactions with Yale University Library (YUL) staff
- Supports use of online resources to enhance research skills
- Encourages cross-disciplinary and cross-collection research and investigation
- Supplements traditional research outputs such as papers, essays, blogs, or web sites

Life skills:

- Accountability and self confidence
- Project management and organizational skills
- Communication skills and experience

## For Library Staff

### Ways library staff can get involved with exhibits at SML:

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- Encourage a student to submit a proposal for the [Student Research at Yale University Library](#) [18] exhibit in the Student Exhibit Corridor.
- Encourage highly motivated and committed students in their junior year to submit a proposal for the [Yale Library Senior Exhibit Fellowship](#) [18].
- Volunteer to be a Librarian Exhibit Advisor and mentor a student curator through the research and object selection of an exhibit.
- Spread the word about new exhibit opportunities in SML to our colleagues across campus.
- Talk to your department head about serving on the exhibits committee in the future.
- Learn about [online exhibits at Yale University Library](#) [13]

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### Librarian Exhibit Advisor

Open to all professional library staff with supervisor's approval, the Librarian Exhibit Advisor is a rotating volunteer support role for exhibit production in the [Sterling Memorial Library venues](#) [21]. This person will offer guidance in content development to student curators and exhibit curators with little or no experience with SML exhibitions.

This opportunity has numerous benefits both for individual professional growth and in support of the library's mission to support and enhance research, teaching, and learning at Yale. The Exhibits Production Coordinator will provide training for each new librarian exhibit advisor, and when necessary connect new exhibit advisors with other library staff who have prior exhibit experience.

Review exhibit advisor responsibilities for each project here: [Senior Exhibit Fellowship Advisor](#) [9], [Student Research at YUL Exhibit Advisor](#) [16]

If you have specific questions about being a librarian exhibit advisor please contact [Kerri Sancomb](#) [22], Exhibits Program Manager.

## Sterling Memorial Library Exhibition Corridor

Sterling Memorial Library Exhibition Corridor hosts two exhibit opportunities each year supporting student research and Yale library collections. Topics and curators are selected by the [Sterling Memorial Library Exhibition Committee](#) [23] from proposals submitted by prospective curators.

Exhibits may feature materials from any Yale University Library collection. The library provides funding and staff support for production. Materials requiring special display conditions or security may be presented in facsimile.

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### Sterling Library Exhibition Corridor

Exhibits in the Exhibition Corridor are curated by students, based on their own research with materials from any Yale library collection.

- In the fall, the Student Research at Yale University Library Exhibit features research by two student-curators (Yale undergraduate, graduate, or professional students) based on already completed research papers.
- In the spring, the Yale Library Senior Exhibition Fellowship is curated by one senior using all five exhibition cases to present a capstone project.

[See examples of past exhibits in the Exhibition Corridor.](#) [2]

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## Forms

Use the following online forms to submit proposals for:

- [Student Research at Yale Library Proposal](#) [24]
- Senior Exhibit Fellowship at Yale Library Proposal (check back in early 2024 for active proposal link)

For questions contact any member of the [SML Exhibits Committee](#) [25].

## SML Exhibition Committee Membership

Name, Job Title	Term and role (if applicable)
<a href="#">Anna Arays, Librarian for Slavic &amp; East European Studies</a> [26]	Two-year term
<a href="#">Deborah Cannarella, Writer/Public Relations Manager</a> [27]	Permanent Member
<a href="#">Tess Colwell, Arts Librarian for Research Services</a> [28]	Two-year term
<a href="#">Basie Gitlin, Director of Development</a> [29]	Permanent Member
<a href="#">Emily Horning, Director of Undergraduate Research Education and Outreach</a> [30]	Permanent Member
<a href="#">Jeanne Lowrey, Archivist, Office of the President</a> [31]	Two-year term
<a href="#">Miriam Olivares, GIS Librarian, Marx Science &amp; Social Science Library</a> [32]	Two-year term
<a href="#">Kerri Sancomb, Exhibits Production Program Manager, Conservation and Exhibit Strategies</a> [33]	<i>Committee Chair, Permanent</i>

## Information Sessions

Sign up for one of these sessions to learn about the Yale Library student exhibition program, tips for creating a successful proposal, review past exhibitions for inspiration, and ask questions to librarians and exhibit staff.

**Online | Wednesday, February 7th at 4:00**

<https://schedule.yale.edu/event/12001471> [34]

**Online | Friday, February 9th at noon**

<https://schedule.yale.edu/event/12001643> [35]

**Online | Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00**

<https://schedule.yale.edu/event/12001673> [36]

Online | Thursday, February 22nd at noon

<https://schedule.yale.edu/event/12001682> [37]

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**Source URL:** <https://web.library.yale.edu/sml-exhibition-committee>

### Links

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