

Call for Symposia and Colloquia Proposals

Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection invites proposals for scholarly conferences in the three programs of study that we support: Byzantine Studies, Pre-Columbian Studies, and Garden and Landscape Studies. Our traditional formats for conferences are symposia (two days) and colloquia (one day). Dumbarton Oaks will cover travel, accommodations, and specified meeting expenses for participants in symposia and colloquia. We are looking for proposals that focus on innovative topics, make a clear contribution to scholarship, and have the potential to bring to Dumbarton Oaks both established and earlier-career scholars of distinction.

Maximum Provision for Events:

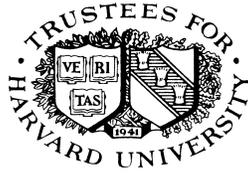
Symposium: Dumbarton Oaks will fund economy roundtrip travel for up to 12 speakers (for a total of 12 presentations), who present papers over two days (Friday and Saturday), and 2 organizers. No more than half of the funded travel can be international; at least half of the participants must be based in North America. Accommodations may be offered to speakers for up to four nights. We also cover a dinner for speakers the evening preceding the symposium, and a reception for all attendees. The full template for a symposium can be found [here](#). Our symposia venues (Music Room or Oak Room) can accommodate an audience of up to 110. The template schedule for a symposium can be found below on page 3.

Colloquium: Dumbarton Oaks will fund economy roundtrip travel for up to 8 speakers (for a total of 8 presentations), who present papers over one day on a Friday, and 2 organizers. No more than half of the funded travel can be international; at least half of the participants must be based in North America. Accommodations may be offered to speakers for up to three nights. Dumbarton Oaks also covers a dinner for speakers the evening preceding the colloquium, and a reception for all attendees. Our colloquia venue (Oak Room) can accommodate between 40 and 110 attendees. A template schedule for a colloquium can be found below on page 4, but other formats are accepted.

Eligibility: Dumbarton Oaks encourages proposals for symposia or colloquia by scholars, who are affiliated with a university or research institution and hold a PhD or other terminal degree as appropriate to the discipline. Proposals from both United States citizens and non-US citizens are welcome.

The proposed event must take place onsite at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, DC, on a date to be determined by the hosting program of study.

The topic specified in the proposal must relate to at least one of the three programs of study supported by Dumbarton Oaks: Byzantine Studies, including related aspects of late Roman, early Christian, western Medieval, Slavic, and Near Eastern Studies; Pre-Columbian Studies of Mesoamerica, Central America, and Andean South America; and Garden and Landscape Studies, including garden and landscape history, landscape architecture, urban history, and related disciplines. Comparative proposals that focus on two or perhaps all three areas of study will also be accepted.



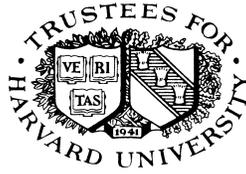
Selection criteria: Dumbarton Oaks will evaluate proposals based on the coherence and appeal of the proposed topic, the significance of the topic to one of Dumbarton Oaks' three areas of study, its broad intellectual interest, the possibility for interdisciplinary collaboration, potential benefit to the field, and overall quality of the proposal.

The hope is for symposia to result in a scholarly publication and preference will be given to proposals that include a plan for an edited volume. Dumbarton Oaks reserves the right of first refusal for all publications resulting from our conferences.

Decisions on proposals are usually made during the senior fellow meetings of the hosting program of study, usually 2–3 years in advance of the proposed event; exact deadlines may vary in each field.

Proposal submission: For instructions on how to submit a proposal, please contact the program director of the specific field of study:

- Byzantine Studies Byzantine@doaks.org
- Pre-Columbian Studies Pre-Columbian@doaks.org
- Garden and Landscape Studies Landscape@doaks.org



General Outline for Symposia

Twelve papers (35 minutes each), one speakers' dinner, one reception, two lunches, four coffee breaks (or 15-minute "short breaks")

Venues: Oak Room, Music Room, Music Room Terrace (for coffee breaks), Orangery, Orangery Terrace

Thursday

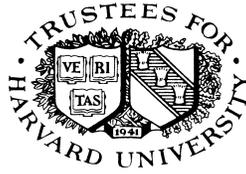
- 6:00–6:45 p.m. Cocktails in the Orangery
6:45–9:00 p.m. Speakers' Dinner in the Orangery

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Morning registration and coffee
 Six papers
 One coffee break in the morning and one coffee break in the afternoon
 One lunch with guests
5:00 p.m. End of day Friday papers
5:30–7:30 p.m. Reception in the Orangery

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Morning registration and coffee
 Six papers
 One coffee break in the morning and one coffee break in the afternoon
 One lunch with guests
5:30 p.m. End of program



General Outline for Colloquia

Eight papers, one speakers' dinner, one reception, one speakers' lunch, two coffee breaks

Venues: Oak Room, Refectory, Refectory Study

Thursday

6:00–6:45 p.m. Cocktails in the Refectory Study
6:45–9:00 p.m. Speakers' Dinner in the Refectory

Friday

8:30–9:00 a.m. Morning registration and coffee
9:00 a.m. Introductions
 Two papers
 Coffee break
 Two papers
 Lunch (for speakers only)
 Two papers
 Coffee break
 Two papers
 Concluding discussion
5:30 p.m. End of program