Teaching with University Collections: A Forum on Object Based Learning

Friday, April 22nd, 8:30am-1:15pm
Smart Museum of Art
Special Collections Research Center, Regenstein Library

Examining artwork, rare books, and manuscript materials opens up modes of student learning that are not available via a text or reproduced image. How can we make good pedagogical use of such activities? At this forum, UChicago faculty will share their approach to teaching with selected objects, discussing what kind of learning they aim for and how they design student assignments that build on the experience.

The event will take place at two venues for object-based teaching on campus: the Smart Museum of Art and the Special Collections Research Center at the Regenstein Library. By providing a forum for experienced faculty to present and discuss their approach to teaching with objects, the aim of the event is suggest models for others to do so, and to provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on how they might make use of these campus resources in their own teaching. This forum is open to all faculty, graduate students, and postdocs interested in teaching with objects, regardless of discipline. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please register here by Monday, April 18th. Space is limited.

Schedule
8:30-9:15am Light breakfast, coffee
Eunice Ratner Gallery, Smart Museum of Art

9:15-10:30am Up Close Engagement with Art and Artifacts
Education Study Room, Smart Museum of Art
Panelists: Martha Ward, Art History
James Ketelaar, History
Leora Auslander, History

10:30-11:00am Break

11:00am-12:15pm Hands-on Learning in the Archives
Special Collections Research Center, Regenstein Library
Panelists: Leora Auslander, History
Benjamin Morgan, English
Christina von Nolcken, English

12:15-1:15pm Lunch
Regenstein 122

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