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The New England Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians invites applications for the Robert Rettig Student Annual Meeting Fellowship.

The Rettig Fellowship provides financial assistance for graduate students or emerging professionals attending the Annual International Conference of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH). This year's annual meeting will be held in Montréal, Canada between April 14 and April 18, 2021.

The Rettig Fellowship honors Robert B. Rettig, the founding president of the New England Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians and an advocate for student travel to the national SAH annual meeting. Robert Rettig studied the history of art and architecture at Harvard (A.B. 1961, A.M. 1963). From 1964 to 1971 he worked for the Cambridge Historical Commission, where he served as co-author and/or editor of the first three volumes of the Commission's *Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge* and as author of *Guide to Cambridge Architecture: Ten Walking Tours* (MIT Press, 1969). From his work in Cambridge, Rettig went on to leadership positions at the Boston Landmarks Commission, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and the National Register of Historic Places. He is an SAH Fellow and a benefactor of national SAH.

Eligibility is limited to graduate students in architectural history or a related field at a New England college or university, or recent graduates now living in New England and working in a related field. Applicants not currently enrolled as students must have received their degree within the last five years. The Rettig Fellowship includes support of up to \$500, plus a registration fee waiver. The financial support is to be used for covering expenses related to attending the annual meeting such as transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals (with the exception of alcohol). In the event that travel is restricted due to Covid, the Rettig Fellowship will still cover registration and any other discrete conference-related expenses up to the award amount.

Applicants should submit a letter (not to exceed two pages, typed and double-spaced) explaining how their studies or work will be enhanced by attendance at the upcoming SAH annual meeting and indicating the source[s] and amount[s] of any other funding the applicant may receive. A current curriculum vitae should accompany this letter. All files should be submitted electronically as one .pdf file.

In order to receive the financial support, the recipient must complete a reimbursement document and submit it, along with copies of receipts, to the chapter president, in addition to a brief report (about 500 words) discussing how the annual meeting was beneficial to the recipient. This report may be used by NESAH in a newsletter or other document shared with the membership.

All application materials are to be addressed to Elizabeth W. Rochefort, Chapter President, and sent to nesah.president@gmail.com. All materials, including reference letter, must be received by February 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

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Recent recipients and their projects include:

2020: Willie Granston and C. Ian Stevenson (Boston University/Independent Scholar), “Reconsidering the Architecture of the Vacation, 1865-1945”*

2019: no recipient*

2018: Peter Michael Levins (Brown University), “British Antillean Architecture in the 19th Century”

2017: William Skinner (Brown University), “Building, the Caribbean and the 19th Century”

2016: no recipient*

2015: Erin McKellar (Boston University), “Tomorrow on Display: American and British Housing Exhibitions, 1940-1955”

*In rare instances, the Rettig Fellowship has not been awarded, or has been awarded to more than one recipient.