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## HILL MUSEUM & MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY

### Resources

#### **SJU Campus**

The Hill Museum and Manuscript Library is located on the premises of the Saint John's University, a bucolic educational and research complex set in the heart of north-central Minnesota. Saint John's University and its partner, the College of Saint Benedict, are minutes away from the Saint Cloud metropolitan area, with a population of more than 100,000, while Minneapolis and Saint Paul are 70 miles southeast on I-94. The buildings at Saint John's date from the 1860s and are arranged in a series of quadrangles and courtyards. The Abbey Church, one of 10 campus buildings designed by Marcel Breuer, commands a central presence. With its towering bell banner and three-story wall of stained glass, the Abbey Church is among the most striking pieces of 20th-century architecture. Saint John's University and HMML are the home of *The Saint John's Bible*, the first handwritten, illuminated Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine Monastery in more than 500 years.

For more information about SJU please visit <https://www.csbsju.edu/about/saint-johns-university>

For a map of the SJU's premises please see <https://www.csbsju.edu/about/at-a-glance/sju-campus-map>

#### **Hill Museum and Manuscript Library**

The Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) is a global organization that advances manuscript research and scholarly inquiry by digitally preserving, providing access to, and interpreting manuscript collections from around the world. HMML places a special priority on manuscripts from regions endangered by war, political instability, or other threats. Since its founding in 1965, HMML has photographed more than 150,000 complete manuscripts from 580 partner libraries worldwide, totaling more than 50,000,000 handwritten pages. By far, HMML holds the world's largest collection of resources for the study of manuscript cultures both east and west.

HMML's Malta Study Center, containing materials from the Mediterranean-wide archive of the Knights Hospitallers, will be of particular use for participants with the relevant skills. HMML just launched its *vHMML Reading Room* digital application, a ground-breaking tool for scholars allowing online access to digitized full-size manuscripts.

For more information on HMML please visit [www.hmml.org](http://www.hmml.org)

#### **Library/ Academic Facilities**

Saint John's University main library, the Alcuin, houses a collection of books, which is the eleventh largest among liberal arts colleges in the nation. In addition to its substantial collection (including 3,600 rare books), the Library subscribes to 670 print journals. Public computers provide access to 20,000 electronically accessible periodical titles and to more than 15,000 electronic books. The Library boasts state-of-the-art meeting rooms with digital and presentation

facilities, and the Institute's meetings will be held in one of them, adjacent to HMML's own recently reconstructed conference and reading rooms. All of the resources of the HMML and the Alcuin Library will be at participants' disposal. Participants will also have the benefit of interacting with the HMML Summer Fellows, beginning and established scholars of Mediterranean cultures.

For more information on SJU's Alcuin Library and the Library of the College of Saint Benedict please visit <https://www.csbsju.edu/libraries/about>

### **Housing**

Participants will be lodged in single rooms in the Saint John's University residence halls, equipped with private bathrooms, internet connection, and common areas for relaxation.

### **Food**

Given the host institution's location and the Institute's schedule, off-campus dining on a daily basis is very difficult if not outright practically impossible. Therefore, participants and visiting faculty will take their meals in Saint John's University Refectory. The Refectory serves full all-you-care-to-eat meals on a daily basis including several entrees, vegetarian options, salad bars, desserts and of the famous Saint John's Bread. This wide choice of meals should meet most dietary preferences and requirements.

### **Supplies and Groceries**

Saint John's University Bookstore is a local bookstore serving the students, faculty and staff of St. John's University. Along with books, clothes and gift items, the Bookstore carries a supply of dry goods, toiletries, beverages, snack items and other daily necessities. The small town of Saint Joseph, Minnesota is five miles away and has several convenience stores and a major grocery store for other needs. Saint Cloud, Minnesota is twelve miles away, and has a large range of stores to suit any of your shopping needs.

### **Leisure**

You may wish to pack a swim suit and good hiking shoes to take advantage of the indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities on the campus. The Warner Palaestra on the SJU campus has a fitness center, indoor track, climbing wall and an Olympic-sized pool which all will be available to you during your stay. You will also find tennis courts, volley ball courts, hiking trails and paths through the woods and arboretum. Lake Sagatagan has a relaxing beach and swimming dock, and reservations may be made for canoes to enjoy on the lake. Please note that like most of Minnesota in summer, the area is not immune to mosquito presence and bringing along a supply of good insect repellent is recommended if you plan to engage in outdoors activities.