

SABBATICAL LEAVE PROPOSAL

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1. Briefly state the purpose of your sabbatical leave.

The purpose of my sabbatical leave is to spend the 2013-14 academic year

- a. Reading recently published academic journal articles and monographs and,
- b. Conducting research within my field of American history.

These are the core activities of a professional academic historian and require constant attention in order to stay current within the field of history. In addition, reading widely and conducting historical research are crucial activities as a classroom teacher so that I can engage my students in lively discussions on the most recent publications and can give lecture presentations based on cutting edge ideas.

2. Give all pertinent details of your proposed plan. This should include all activities, projects, research, itinerary, study, employment, expected outcomes, relationships with current coursework, etc. connected with your proposed leave.

My sabbatical plan is two-fold: a. I plan to spend the majority of my time reading and taking notes, and creating an annotated bibliography of the articles and monographs I read. b. I plan to conduct research at the Huntington Library.

a. Over my sabbatical year I plan to read a variety of academic journal articles and historical monographs within the field of American history. I teach both early and recent U.S. history as well as courses on race and ethnicity, California history and environmental history (His

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4. Describe how the proposed leave will contribute to your professional development, including how it relates to your current assignment.

7. Describe how you will share the outcomes of your proposed leave with other interested parties upon your return.

I will submit a sabbatical report that accounts for all that I have done during my ten months of leave. Included in the report will be the annotated bibliography with summaries of each book and article I have read, and the article abstract based on my research at the Huntington. I will be happy to share my findings with my colleagues, the board of trustees, my students, and any other audience that the college might like me to address. I will also be happy to share my findings at a Faculty Brown Bag lunch should others be interested in hearing about it. I believe faculty would be most interested in my research findings at the Huntington Library as it is a fantastic local resource for academics and independent scholars in the L.A. region.

8. If applicable, please disclose any additional sources of employment earnings during the proposed leave.

None anticipated.

Signature of Applicant

Date Originally Submitted