



Call for Summer 2021 Reading Group Leaders

Position Description:

SASA seeks Ancient Studies PhD Students or Early Career Scholars for the role of Reading Group Leader or Master Class Leader for Summer 2021.

SASA's Text-in-Translation Reading Groups:

SASA's Text-in-Translation Reading Groups are small, informal discussion groups, centered on ancient texts. Groups are free and open to all, often including a wide range of participants in age (high school and up), background, and nationality. Each Reading Group is designed by its Group Leader. The general format of a Reading Group is that the participants prepare part of a text for discussion. At the weekly sessions, the Group Leader leads the discussion and may also spend some time explaining various points related to the text to provide context for the discussion. Feedback from our Reading Groups last summer was incredible, as both Group Leaders and participants loved the experience. See below for more details on group formats.

Responsibilities:

SASA Reading Group Leaders design a course of study for a number of weeks, send preparation materials to participants each week, and lead the weekly discussion.

- Design group theme
- Create and curate Live Syllabus
- Send preparation materials to students in advance of each session
- Lead the discussion sessions

SASA loves to host groups on relatively niche topics and areas of study, please check out the list of our [past Reading Groups and Master Classes](#) to get an idea of what kind of topic you could choose for your own Group. Click on each group there to see its Live Syllabus. Reading Groups are an excellent opportunity to discuss topics you are interested in but might not have had the opportunity to teach about before. SASA will work with you on choosing a topic, and we take care of running the admin and advertising for all Groups. Reading Group Leaders should have a love for teaching and come to groups prepared to engage participants in meaningful conversations.

Additionally, SASA is hoping to offer Reading Groups/Master Classes in a variety of languages this Summer. If you are fluent in a language other than English and would like to hone your skills

that you might not normally be able to while teaching in a traditional setting, this is the perfect opportunity to do so.

Reading Group Timelines & Structures:

Please see below for information on the options for structure and time frame of the Summer 2021 Groups:

Structure Options:

- 1 time Master Class - 2 hour session
- 3 week - 1.5 hour sessions
- 6 week - 1 hour sessions
- 8 week - 1 hour sessions

Starting Date Options:

- Starting the week of May 15th, and bi weekly-going forward (ei. Groups can start the 1st or 3rd week of a month) through the week of July 15th.
- August 1st - only for 3 week Groups - dates/times can not coincide with the Virtual Conference August 15 & 16, 2021.
- Master Classes can occur anytime between May 15th- August 10th.
- Any Group can be held on any day of the week.

Required skills:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ancient Studies knowledge

Preferred skills:

- Teaching experience (not required)

All meetings take place via video call and all work is done remotely.

Expected hours: 2-3 per week.

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to lkubosch@saveancientstudies.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning 4/10/2021. We aim to have these positions filled no later than 5/15/2021.

About SASA

SASA is a non-profit organization, tax exempt under IRS code 501(c)(3). SASA's mission is to counter the downward trend in Ancient Studies fields in higher education, by (1) uniting graduate students and scholars to (2) expose and engage students to Ancient Studies, to (3) facilitate ease of access to studying the ancient world, and to (4) support and reimagine scholarship as a lifelong pursuit for those who work as professionals in other areas after receiving their PhDs.

At this time, all positions with SASA are unpaid, including management, volunteers, and interns. Since work for SASA is all done remotely, we take a proactive approach to supporting our volunteers and interns. Our goal is that internships with SASA are mutually beneficial, such that volunteers help work on various SASA projects and gain experience in multiple areas, learn skills, gain knowledge, and build connections with numerous people in Ancient Studies and the nonprofit world. Interns work alongside volunteers with more experience and under the guidance of our Team Leaders and the Director. Our work atmosphere is exploratory and collaborative. We all enjoy the company of people who have varied backgrounds and interests of all ages, and who are passionate in their pursuits.