

Information Guide | New Haven

Welcome to Rare Book School!

FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, the bibliographical community has been supported and nourished by the work of Rare Book School (RBS). From its tentative beginnings at Columbia University, the School has educated two generations of librarians, collectors, academics, conservators, and booksellers, producing a network of loyal alumni, talented faculty, and dedicated friends around the globe. In the process, it has also earned a reputation as the world’s premier institution for the study of bibliography and book history. We are delighted that you will soon be a part of that distinguished tradition, and of our School’s promising future. We look forward to welcoming you to New Haven for your Rare Book School course.

This information guide should answer most of your questions about transportation, housing, and other practical matters. Upon arrival, you’ll also receive a copy of the *Student’s Vade Mecum* with additional information to ensure that your stay is as productive and enjoyable as possible. (N.B. Please bring the present guide with you when you come to RBS; it contains valuable information not repeated in the *Vade Mecum*.) In the meantime, we eagerly await your arrival, and look forward to another wonderful session!

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RBS in New Haven



NEW HAVEN was founded in 1638. Known as the Elm City, New Haven has grown in size and culture over the last three centuries becoming a perfect blend of urban sophistication and traditional New England charm. It is also home to one of the most prestigious universities in the United

States, Yale University. Yale was founded in 1701 and is home to a number of prominent libraries, including Sterling Memorial Library, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, and the Lillian Goldman Law Library. Other places to visit in New Haven include the New Haven Museum and the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History.

This year, New Haven will host two Rare Book School courses: “Law Books: History & Connoisseurship,” taught by Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian at the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale Law School; and “Advanced Seminar in Medieval Manuscript Studies,” taught by Barbara A. Shailor, Senior Research Scholar and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Classics at Yale University.

We’re excited that you’ve decided to join us in New Haven this summer, and we want to do all we can to deliver an exceptional educational experience. If you have any questions about the courses, or about RBS generally, please email us at rbsprograms@virginia.edu.

The RBS Week

All RBS students are expected to be in attendance and on time for all regularly scheduled classes, labs, and field trips. This is to ensure the quality and community of RBS as a School, and we insist that participants attend all sessions of their courses, unless presented with the most extraordinary of circumstances. Practically speaking, this involves a full-time commitment of 5–7 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM–5 PM Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 AM–4 PM Friday. Please make your travel plans accordingly!

SUNDAY, 5–7 pm **Opening Reception**

RBS students will convene for registration and refreshments BAR Nightclub (254 Crown Street).

Once there, all students will receive a copy of the *Student's Vade Mecum* and a name badge. N.B.—If you plan to attend this event, RSVP by email (rbsprograms@virginia.edu) no later than 20 May.

Late arrival: We strongly suggest attending the Sunday night registration, but if you are unable to make it, please email us (rbsprograms@virginia.edu) and let us know. If you do not attend, you will need to register at your course location at 8:15 AM sharp on Monday morning.

MONDAY through THURSDAY

8:15 am* **Final Registration (Monday Only)**

Registration for those not in attendance Sunday evening. If necessary, this is also the last good opportunity to obtain wireless connection information from the library staff.

C-85 students should meet at the entrance to the law school on Wall Street at 8:15 AM regardless of a need to register.

N.B.—Students who did not attend the Sunday Night Opening Reception *must* register before classes start at 8:30 AM.

8:30–10 am* **First Period**

Students attending C-85 will have class in Room 111, first floor, Lillian Goldman Law Library.

Students attending M-90 will have class in the Sterling Memorial Library.

10:00–10:30 am **Morning Break**

Coffee and tea to be served.

10:30 am–12 pm* **Second Period**

12–1:30 pm **Lunch**

Class breaks for lunch. There are several restaurants in the neighborhoods surrounding both locations; for ideas to get you started, consult the short list at the end of this guide (page 6).

1:30–3 pm* **Third Period**

3–3:30 pm **Afternoon Break**

Coffee and tea to be served.

3:30–5 pm* **Fourth Period**

MONDAY

5:30 pm **Evening Lecture**

Join your fellow students for “Bits and Pieces: Making the Parts Whole” a lecture by Ray Clemens, Curator for Early Books and Manuscripts, Beinecke Library, in the Sterling Memorial Lecture Hall. Reception to follow.

Please note: C-85 students will have homework. There will be time allocated for this homework in class Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Optional extra homework time will also be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings for students who feel they want more time. Students should consider this when making their evening plans.

* Required activities are noted by asterisk

The RBS Week (continued)

FRIDAY, 8:30-10 am* **First Period**

10-10:30 am **Morning Break**

Coffee and tea to be served.

10:30-12 pm* **Second Period**

12-2 pm* **Lunch**

Students traditionally treat their faculty to lunch.

2-3:30 pm* **Third Period**

3:30-4 pm* **Course Evaluations**

Students receive course completion certificates and fill out RBS course evaluations.

4-6 pm **Farewell Reception**

Students gather for hors d'oeuvres at The Mory's Association located at 306 York Street.

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Before you arrive

Reading Lists

All RBS courses have advance reading lists or assignments that RBS instructors expect their students to complete before they arrive. These are outlined at www.rarebookschool.org/reading.

Students should come to class prepared. Those who have trouble locating required readings might try obtaining them through interlibrary loan (ILL), from used or antiquarian booksellers through the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America (ABAA), or online via sites such as www.bookfinder.com or www.vialibri.net.

Arrival & Departure Logistics

When thinking about your transportation arrangements, please remember that staying over Friday night after the last day of class can be an excellent idea, if you can swing it. Early-evening ground and air travel is seldom much fun anywhere, but it can be especially difficult on a Friday on the East Coast. Arriving a day early may also be a good idea, as it can provide an opportunity to settle in, overcome jet lag, &c. RBS first-timers are often surprised by the intensity of the experience, so be sure to get some sleep before classes start!

Problems

Please let us know if you encounter any problems on any front. If such problems occur before you arrive, email (rbsprograms@virginia.edu) or telephone us (434-924-8851, 8:30 AM-5 PM; voicemail after hours). If you encounter issues with tuition payments, contact RBS Accounting Specialist Michael Taylor at 434-243-2920, or by email (michael.taylor@virginia.edu).

Should any difficulties arise during the course, please bring your concerns to a faculty member, a course follower, or contact us at Rare Book School.

Transportation

Air Travel

The closest airport to Yale is Tweed New Haven Regional Airport (HVN; 203-466-8833). The trip from Yale to Tweed Airport takes around ten minutes by car but can also be made using public transportation.

Driving to New Haven

The main north-south route into New Haven is Interstate 95, one of the nation's busiest, and potentially most frustrating highways. Coming from points to the west of the city will usually involve a combination of either I-80 E and I-95 or I-84 E. No matter what route you take, know that rush-hour traffic can be intense.

Taking the Train

If your place of embarkation is on the Northeast corridor it may be more convenient and affordable to use Amtrak (www.amtrak.com; 1-800-872-7245) as your means of travel. New Haven-Union Station NHV (50 Union Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519) is the closest station to Yale University. From there you can easily catch the Shore Line East Rail to New Haven-State Street to get closer to the university itself.

Accommodations

The most economical option for students is to stay with Yale Conference Services in the dorms. RBS has arranged for a small number of rooms in Baker Hall, an air-conditioned complex with single rooms that run for \$92 per night (tax and registration fee not included). Each suite contains two single bedrooms, a furnished living room, a full bathroom, and a kitchenette including a two-burner range, refrigerator, microwave, and sink. Sheets, blankets, pillows and bath towels are provided. Trash removal is performed daily. Also in the building are several activity spaces, including lounges, a formal common room, computer rooms, seminar rooms, a TV room and laundry facilities.

If you are looking to stay in a hotel near Yale, RBS suggests choosing The Omni (155 Temple Street, New Haven, CT 06510; 203-772-6662). By mentioning you are going to a Yale-related event you should secure a discounted rate. Please be advised that there are other events happening the same week so hotels may fill rather quickly.

Security

Students will have to pass through security when entering Yale Law School. Please show your photo ID to the guard on duty and state you are there for an RBS course. Classrooms will be locked during breaks.

Students at Sterling Memorial Library will also have to pass through security at the Wall Street and High Street entrance so please be sure to have your ID on you at all times.

Advance Advices

What to Bring

At RBS, dress is business casual for all events. June in New Haven is typically rather pleasant with highs around 77 degrees and lows around 56 degrees. With these temperatures and classroom comfort in mind, sweaters are recommended. In general, bringing comfortable shoes and an umbrella is also a good idea.

RBS participants are encouraged to come to class prepared, and are required to be on time. Bring a watch. If you wish to take notes, plan accordingly. Pencils, paper, and other supplies are available at nearby convenience stores. Before leaving home, check the course description and the reading list on the RBS website for specific instructions on what to bring. (It is not, for instance, always necessary to bring copies of your advance reading.) Other inside tips on what to bring can be found in the previous year's course evaluations, also available on the course webpage.

Pharmacies & Medical Facilities

There are three pharmacies near Yale University. The nearest pharmacy to the west of campus is Chapel Street Pharmacy (1291 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511; 203-777-2227). There is also a nearby Walgreens (88 York Street, New Haven, CT 06511; 203-752-9893) and a Rite Aid (66 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510; 203-777-7248).

The closest hospital to Yale University is Yale-New Haven Hospital (20 York Street, New Haven, CT 06510; 203-688-4242). As always, if you need immediate help, dial 911.

Guests

The evening lecture is open to RBS students and their guests.

Lost & Found

Lost and found items are turned into the Bass Security Desk and the Security Office in Sterling Memorial Library. To locate a lost item, please contact the Building Operations and Security Office Assistant (203-432-1830).

The lost and found at Yale Law School is located in Building Services near the Yale Law School entrance.

Privacy

RBS publishes a list of its participating students in the *Student's Vade Mecum*. If you do not want your work-place/school information or email address to appear there, please indicate this in your myRBS profile.

Incoming Phone Messages and Mail

Phone messages can be left for you most easily at your hotel or bed-and-breakfast.

Connecting to the Internet

Information on Wi-Fi access on the Yale campus will be available at the time of the courses.

New Haven Restaurant Guide

Thanks to the presence of such a long standing university, New Haven has a varied and highly praised restaurant culture. Such variety also extends to its food truck vendors. Some reliable options in the area may be found at <https://www.foodtrucksin.com>. The list of restaurants below are all reasonably priced options around Yale and should give you a good start.

Near Yale

Atticus Bookstore-Cafe. Yale University 1082 Chapel Street (203-776-4040). American fare. Open Tue-Sat, 7 AM-9 PM; Sun, 8 AM-8 PM; Mon, 7 AM-8 PM. Under \$10.

August. 3 Edwards Street (203-745-4531). Wine bar. Open Tue-Sat, 5 PM-12 AM; Closed Sun-Mon. \$10-\$30.

Barracuda Bistro & Bar. 1180 Chapel Street (203-691-5696). Latin American fare. Open Mon-Thu, 4 PM-1 AM; Fri, 4 PM-2 AM; Sat, 11 AM-2 AM; Sun, 11 AM-1 AM. Entrees \$10-20.

Book Trader Cafe. 1140 Chapel Street (203-787-6147). Coffee shop. Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM-9 PM; Sat, 9 AM-9 PM; Sun, 9 AM-7 PM. Under \$10.

**Caseus.* 93 Whitney Avenue (203-624-3373). French influenced eclectic fare. Open Mon-Tue, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM; Wed-Thu, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, 5:30 PM-9 PM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, 5:30 PM-9:45 PM. Entrees \$10-\$20.

Cedarhurst Cafe. 44 Crown Street (203-773-0590). Cafe. Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM-6 PM; Sat, 8 AM-5 PM; Sun, 9 AM-5 PM. Under \$10.

Da Legna. 858 State Street (203-495-9999). Small plates and artisan pizza. Open Sun-Wed, 11 AM-11 PM; Thu-Fri, 11 AM-12 AM. Entrees \$10-\$25.

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana. 157 Wooster Street (203-865-5762). Pizzeria. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM. \$10-\$30.

Junzi Kitchen. 21 Broadway. Quick serve Chinese fare. Open Sun-Fri, 11 AM-9 PM; Sat, 11 AM-9 PM, 10:30 PM-1 AM. Entrees \$5-\$10.

Pitaziki Mediterranean Grill. 170 Temple Street (203-773-5000). Mediterranean fare. Open Mon-Thu, 11 AM-11 PM; Fri-Sat, 11 AM-2 AM; Sun, 11 AM-10 PM. Under \$10.

Prime 16. 172 Temple Street (203-782-1616). Tap house and burger joint. Open Mon-Thu, 11:30 AM-11 PM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-12 AM; Sun, 11:30 AM-10 PM. Entrees \$10-\$20.

Sababa Falafel. 21 Whitney Avenue (203-776-7482). Falafel. Open Mon-Fri, 11 AM-3 PM; Closed Sat-Sun. Under \$10.

Sandra's Next Generation. 636 Congress Avenue (203-787-4123). Southern fare. Open Wed-Fri, 11:30 AM-9 PM; Sat, 1 PM-9 PM; Sun, 1 PM-7 PM; Closed Mon-Tue. Entrees \$10-15.

Skappo Italia Wine Bar. 59 Crown Street (203-773-1394). Italian fare. Open Wed-Thu, 4:30 PM-10:30 PM; Fri-Sat, 4:30 PM-11 PM; Sun, 5:30 PM-9:30 PM; Closed Mon-Tue. Entrees \$10-20.

Soul de Cuba Cafe. 283 Crown Street (203-498-2822). Cuban fare. Open Sun-Thu, 11:30 AM-10 PM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-11 PM. Entrees \$20-\$30.

Tikkaway Grill. 135 Orange Street (203-562-1299). Indian fare. Open Mon-Fri, 11:30 AM-10 PM; Sat-Sun, 12 PM-8 PM. Under \$10.

Viva Zapata. 161 Park Street (203-562-2499). Mexican fare. Open Tue-Thu, 11:30 AM-1 AM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-2 AM; Sun, 11:30 AM-1 AM; Mon, 4 PM-1 AM. Entrees \$10-\$20.

Zaroka Bar and Restaurant. 148 York Street (203-776-8644). Indian fare. Open Sun-Thu, 11:30 AM-10:30 PM; Fri-Sat, 11:30 AM-11 PM. Entrees \$10-\$25.

**Zoi's On Orange.* 338 Orange Street (203-777-6736). Breakfast and lunch cafe. Open Mon-Fri, 7 AM-3 PM; Sat, 7:30 AM-1:30 PM. Under \$10.

* Closed Sunday evenings