

Confirmation of Research Fellowship

Institution : The British Museum

Dates : 2008-2012

Letter of Appointment

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Date: 01 October 2008

Ref: BM/RF/2008-112

To whom it may concern,

This letter confirms that Dr Kaelan Rhys Thorne was appointed as a Research Fellow (Visiting) in the Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan at the British Museum for the period 01 October 2008 to 30 September 2012.

The fellowship granted supervised access to comparative collections, archives, and analytical resources to support Dr Thorne's independent research in undeciphered inscriptions, comparative epigraphy, and calendrical iconography. Access was governed by departmental protocols, conservation handling standards, and the Museum's Collections Access Policy.

Appointment details:

- Name: Dr Kaelan Rhys Thorne
- Role: Research Fellow (Visiting)
- Department: Ancient Egypt and Sudan (Research Collections)
- Term: 01 October 2008 – 30 September 2012
- Supervisor: Dr Helena Ward, Senior Curator (Egypt & Sudan)
- Location: The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

Signed on behalf of the British Museum by
Dr Helena Ward
Senior Curator, Department of Ancient Egypt and Sudan
The British Museum

HR/Access Contact: Marcus Ellery, Collections Services

Seal/Stamp: BM Departmental Stamp — Ancient Egypt and Sudan

Responsibilities and Scope of Work

1. Conduct comparative analysis of Near Eastern and Mediterranean artifacts relevant to symbol systems and calendrical iconography.
2. Coordinate archive requests, photography permissions, and study-room access; ensure compliance with copyright and reproduction guidelines.
3. Prepare internal memoranda and short technical notes for collection records and curatorial review.

4. Participate in handling briefings; adhere strictly to conservation protocols for fragile objects.
5. Liaise with external laboratories regarding non-destructive analyses (e.g., portable XRF), subject to curatorial approval.

Fellowship Timeline (Milestones)

- Q4 2008: Onboarding; collections orientation; initial archive surveys.
- 2009: Catalog correlation studies; epigraphic motif indexing; preliminary comparative tables.
- 2010: Expanded iconographic analysis; draft internal reports; photography requests.
- 2011: Cross-collection comparative synthesis; preparation of external conference abstract.
- 2012: Finalization of internal notes; handover of compiled indices and references.

Collections & Archives Access Log (Excerpt)

Date	Location	Purpose	Permit/Ref
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2009-02-18	Study Room AE&S	Review seal impressions; motif indexing	AE&S-SR-2009-41
2010-06-07	Photo Archive	Repro. requests for comparative plates	PH-REQ-2010-118
2011-11-03	Object Handling Briefing	Handling refresher for fragile bronzes	CONS-HB-2011-09

Verification and Contact

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Annex A — Conditions of Access

- All study requests subject to curatorial approval and availability.
 - Non-destructive analysis only unless explicitly authorized.
 - Photography and reproduction governed by the Museum's policy; credit lines required.

Annex B — Statement on Deliverables

- Internal memos (indexed by department ref).
 - Comparative motif index (Egypto-Levantine corpus cross-refs).
 - Bibliography of relevant inscriptions consulted on-site.