

## Mellon Sawyer Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

### **B/ORDERING VIOLENCE: Boundaries, Indigeneity, and Gender in the Americas**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies/Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race,  
and Sexuality/Simpson Center for the Humanities

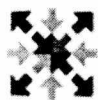
We invite current UW PhD students who have completed all the requirement of their degree except for the dissertation (ABD students) in the humanities or the social sciences to apply for an Andrew W. Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for the 2012-13 academic year. The Fellow will be involved in the scholarly activities of the Sawyer Seminar, "B/ordering Violence: Boundaries, Indigeneity and Gender in the Americas." The seminar sees borderlands not as fixed but constantly (re)produced between and within national states. Accordingly, the seminar will convoke a set of distinguished internationally recognized scholars whose work considers the complexities of *external* national borders in the Americas as well as the multiple *internal* borders that characterize the politics of belonging for diasporic and Indigenous communities in South, Central and North America. The seminar will also explore the dynamics of migration and the social and political implications of migration across the Americas.

At the University of Washington, a growing number of scholars in the humanities and social sciences are working toward an innovative research agenda that incorporates three themes that will guide our exploration of the borderlands in the Americas: (1) the discourses and practices of border-making; (2) Indigenous perspectives on political boundaries; and (3) gender and violence in the borderlands. The post-doctoral fellow is expected to be writing a dissertation in the social sciences or humanities that engages at least one of the three main themes of the seminar. The Fellow will be expected to help coordinate and participate actively in the seminar activities. Fellows will also be required to work with the Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow in the organization of one Sawyer Seminar event to be held during spring quarter 2013.

This appointment is for one academic year beginning in September 2012. Candidates must have already completed their exams and advanced to PhD candidacy by the time of application. The fellowship covers the cost of tuition, includes a waiver of all components of tuition and mandatory fees, excluding the UPASS, and provides a \$15,849 stipend. The fellowship also provides health insurance coverage (medical, dental and vision) under the Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP). Full-time registration (10 credits) in each quarter of the award is required.

**Application Materials:** In one pdf file, applicants should send the following materials to the following Catalyst drop box (<https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/mbarreto/21417>): 1) A two-page cover letter stating your interest in the Pre-doctoral Fellowship, providing details on your current research and how it would benefit from and contribute to the Sawyer Seminar; 2) A curriculum vitae; 3) One writing sample (20 pages maximum); 4) A brief 250 word proposal for an event (invited lecture, panel, cultural activity etc.) that the applicant would like to organize as part of the Sawyer Seminar program for Spring 2013. Additionally, one letter of recommendation from one of the applicant's faculty advisors must also be submitted to (<https://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/mbarreto/21418>). **Deadline: May 4, 2012.**

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## WALTER CHAPIN SIMPSON CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

### Graduate Research Fellowship (Society of Scholars)

**3 awards granted/year. Fall applications only**

**Eligibility:** UW doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy by submittal date. Residency during fellowship term required for participation in the Society of Scholars.

**Description /Purpose of the Award:**

Graduate Research Fellowships support dissertating doctoral students in writing up and sharing their individual research in the multidisciplinary, bi-weekly forum of the Society of Scholars.

**Defining or Preferred Criteria:**

Awards will be based on the scholarly merit of the individual applications. Scholarship likely to contribute to intellectual exchange among a diverse group of colleagues especially encouraged.

**Terms of the Award:**

Graduate research fellows of the Society of Scholars receive **two quarters** of support, including benefits and tuition waivers.

### Application Materials

- **Proposal Narrative.** Limit: 1750 words (approximately six double-spaced pages). Proposal narratives should describe the research project in language clear to non-specialists in the field. Please refer to the National Endowment for the Humanities' guidelines. Narratives should address:
  - a. Objectives
  - b. Significance (to the scholarship in and outside the field)
  - c. Methodology
  - d. Timeline (progress to date; what will be accomplished in the fellowship year)
- **Bibliography.** Limit 550 words. Select primary and secondary sources directly related to the project.
- **CV.** Please limit to 5 pages.
- **Letter of Support:** Request a letter of support from your dissertation advisor. The letter must address your eligibility for the award and the feasibility of your proposal's timeline.

Learn more about Society of Scholars.

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## **RANKING SYSTEM**

### **Some Criteria for Evaluation of Proposals**

Because we entertain different kinds of proposals, criteria vary from category to category. Nonetheless, below are some general guidelines (modified from NEH standards):

1. The intellectual significance of the project, including its potential contribution to the humanities; the likelihood that it will stimulate work in a new direction or productive area of teaching, research and/or engagement with the community; its relationship to larger themes or issues in the humanities; and the significance of the material on which the project is based.
2. The pertinence of the questions posed in the project; the appropriateness of the methods, critical apparatus or conference design; the feasibility of the plan.
3. The qualifications, expertise, and level of commitment of the project directors and others involved.
4. The promise of the quality of the project outcomes—publications, syllabi, websites, etc.
5. The potential for success, including the likelihood that the project will be successfully completed within the projected time frame; the suitability of the budget in relation to its likely results.

Please also keep in mind that a proposal integrating research, teaching, and engagement with the community provides a model of the work we would like the Simpson Center to foster. We want to encourage cross-disciplinary research that draws people together across departmental units. Finally, if the opportunity exists to take advantage of a convergence of interests—that is, proposals in one category which resonate in meaningful ways with proposals in another—please consider doing so.

### **Ranking Proposals**

Proposals should be ranked according to the following criteria:

5 = Superior, definitely recommended for funding

4 = Excellent

3 = Good

2 = Some merit, not recommended for funding

1 = Inappropriate

Please enter your rankings into your downloaded copy of the Proposal Rankings Sheet. When complete, and no later than **9:00 am Monday, December 12, 2011**, upload your copy of the Proposal Rankings Sheet to the Ranking dropbox on the left sidebar of the [workspace](#). Once submitted, please print a copy for your records and delete your file.

For difficulties negotiating the Catalyst workspace: Matthew Nichols ([schadmin@uw.edu](mailto:schadmin@uw.edu) or 543-3920).

For questions regarding the proposals or ranking process: Miriam Bartha (543-3920).