And the Waldo W. Neikirk Professorship

Call for Proposals

2019 Summer Residency Program for Ph.D. Students in the Humanities

Pilot Program

Objects and Places in an Inquiry-Based Classroom: Teaching, Learning, and Research in the Humanities

July 15–26, 2019 at the National Humanities Center

Deadline: March 15, 2019

GUIDELINES

A. Residency Description

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere — with the support of the Director Barbara Mennel’s Waldo W. Neikirk Professorship — invites applications by Ph.D. students in UF’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for a residency at the National Humanities Center (NHC) for the period of July 15-26, 2019. One Ph.D. student will be selected. The residency will focus on a specific pedagogical theme paired with an emerging instructional technology tool. Participants are also introduced to learning science theory to better inform their instructional design and lesson writing. Students will work with a diverse team to identify and map solutions to an instructional challenge; identify a compelling topic from research and scholarship to develop instructional materials; develop classroom-ready materials for the university classroom; receive structured feedback on the practice and implementation of writing for a broader audience rather than solely an academic one; write, revise, and publish classroom-ready lessons in the Center’s digital repository; and develop skills that are marketable and valuable in the job search.

The NHC is a private, nonprofit organization located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. This residency is part of the education programs at the NHC, which builds bridges between the academic world and the working classroom, addressing both classic and contemporary aspects of the humanities.

Interested Ph.D. students will apply directly to the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. One graduate student will be selected by a committee for this summer residency. There is no additional competition or selection by the NHC. The CHPS award covers the cost of tuition and lodging. There is no honorarium or stipend attached to the residency. The residency offers regular breakfast and lunch during weekdays, and some group dinners during weekdays, materials for the teams to create instructional resources, transportation to and from NHC during their stay, and housing.

For more information, please visit:

https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/2019-summer-residency-phd/
B. Eligibility

In order to be eligible, UF Ph.D. students must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences because the pilot program is funded by Director Barbara Mennel’s Waldo W. Neikirk Professorship (2014-2020). Eligible Ph.D. students demonstrate a focus on humanities scholarship and have to be in good standing. Per NHC, MA students are not eligible; however, “direct admit” students in a Ph.D. program are eligible to apply.

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere uses a definition adapted from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 as the basis for determining the eligibility of proposed projects:

"The humanities include, but are not limited to, the following fields: history, philosophy, languages, literature, linguistics, archeology, jurisprudence, history and criticism of the arts, ethics, comparative religion, and those aspects of the social sciences employing historical or philosophical approaches. This last category includes social and cultural anthropology, sociology, political theory, international relations, and other subjects concerned with questions of value."

C. Activities

Geospatial literacy is a term that describes the ways in which a person views, understands, and interacts with the world. The geoliterate individual has an understanding of the dynamic physical and cultural forces that interact across the world. He or she has a spatial awareness of the world and is able to see and understand patterns, distributions, and interactions of the physical and human realms.

Teams will be trained in the use of geospatial technology to create inquiry-based maps. Scholars from Triangle-area universities, including Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State University, will mentor on how they add value to their research and teaching using these interactive methodologies. Each team and each individual participant will create and share an instructional resource that is ready for their own teaching in the fall.

D. Deliverables

The UF NHC summer resident will provide a written report in fall 2019 and present as part of the UF Humanities Center’s 2019-20 Synergies interdisciplinary research speaker series.

APPLICATION

Submit parts 1 - 3 as a single PDF to humanities-center@ufl.edu and ask that your letter of support be sent to Dr. Barbara Mennel at mennel@ufl.edu by March 15.

1. COVER SHEET with the following information:
   - Name
   - Department
   - Name of department chair and email address
   - Name of dissertation advisor, advisor, or graduate coordinator and email address
   - Year in program
2. NARRATIVE (max. 500 words for A-C) to include the following:

   A. Describe your research interest and demonstrate an understanding of the significance of your scholarship for the humanities.
   B. Clarify the particular benefit of this residency at the NHC for your immediate and/or future teaching interest in the humanities.
   C. Describe your experience and vision of working in a team.

3. CV (max. 2 pages)

4. Letter of support from a faculty member familiar with your work. This should be the director of the dissertation, if you have passed the qualifying exam. If you have not passed your qualifying exam, the unit’s graduate coordinator, a faculty mentor, or the Chair or Director could provide the letter. This letter should be sent to Dr. Barbara Mennel at mennel@ufl.edu by March 15, 2019.

5. CRITERIA OF EVALUATION

   The proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

   A. Suitability for the residency based on research interest’s significance for the humanities 
   B. Clarity of benefit for current teaching and future teaching in the humanities 
   C. Understanding and ability to reflect on team-work

The awardee will be informed by April 8, 2019 and the name forwarded to the NHC.

PROPOSAL ASSISTANCE

We invite applicants to write to the Director, Dr. Barbara Mennel, at mennel@ufl.edu in advance with queries about the summer residency or award process.