

The Center for the Humanities

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ANNOUNCING FELLOWSHIPS AT THE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES

The Center for the Humanities at the Graduate Center, CUNY invites applications for **two full-time residencies**, supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and **eight release-time fellowships for the 2008-2009 academic year**. Mellon Resident Humanities Fellows will receive full release from undergraduate teaching to spend the academic year at the Graduate Center, pursuing their research and helping to coordinate an interdisciplinary seminar comprised of the other Fellows.

Faculty who receive release-time fellowships will be relieved of their responsibilities to teach one course in both the fall, 2008 and the spring, 2009 semesters. Applicants must be faculty members of a CUNY college to be eligible for both the resident and the release-time fellowships. Two dissertation fellowships will also be offered to CUNY Ph.D. students. All fellows—resident, course-release, and dissertation—must attend the weekly seminar at the Graduate Center; the schedule for the seminar meetings will be determined once all of the fellows have been selected.

The theme for the 2008 Mellon Fellowships at the Center for the Humanities is “the sacred and the secular.”

We wish to explore the oppositional tensions in this pairing in an interdisciplinary fashion by bringing together scholars whose work is informed by and dedicated to elucidating the meaning, significance, and political and cultural consequences of these terms. What do we gain, and what might we lose -- in theory and practice -- by defining the terms in opposition to one another? How have the meaning and relationships of these terms changed over time? How might we profit from a cross-cultural comparative exploration? The Center for the Humanities invites applications from faculty members in the social sciences and humanities whose research and writing affords a fresh approach to the relationship between the sacred and the secular.

All faculty applicants will be considered for both the Mellon Residence Humanities fellowships and for the course-release fellowships. Preference will be given to junior faculty and to faculty who have not had a paid leave for the past three years. Mellon Resident Humanities Fellows are funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, with additional funding from the office of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Graduate Students should apply to the dissertation fellowship through the Provost's office.

Application forms are available from our website, at:
<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/Humanities/mellon.htm>

For additional information, please call Michael Washburn, Assistant Director, at 212/817.2007 or e-mail:
mwashburn@gc.cuny.edu.

Applications are due at the Center for the Humanities, Room 5103, The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, NY NY 10016 by 5pm on Tuesday, Jan. 16th.

APPLICATION for 2008-2009 Mellon Humanities Fellowships: "The Sacred and the Secular"

Last name: _____ First Name: _____

Department and home CUNY College: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address _____ Alternate E-mail Address: _____

Phone (area code first): _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Advanced Degree(s): _____ Institution: _____

First Recommender (name/institution): _____

1st recommender phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Second Recommender (name/institution): _____

2nd recommender phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

When was your last paid leave? _____

Please circle the fellowship you are applying for:

Full course-release fellowship One course-release Fellowship Both

Project Proposal Title: _____

Abstract (approximately 150 words):

Please include the following:

- Full Project Description
- Narrative Account of Career
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two Letters of Recommendation

Application form with above enclosed must arrive at the Center for the Humanities by 5pm on Tuesday, January 16th. If necessary, letters of recommendation may arrive under a separate cover.

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