

# The Center for the Humanities

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## **ANNOUNCING NEW FELLOWSHIPS AT THE CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES: The 2008-09 Great Issues Forum: Power in the Contemporary World**

Commencing in September 2008, The Center for the Humanities will begin hosting The Great Issues Forum, sponsored jointly by the Chancellor's Office and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Each year the Forum will explore a critical issue of our time, chosen by distinguished Graduate Center faculty, through a series of public events, seminars, and workshops. The public events will bring together prominent civic leaders, journalists and intellectuals both inside and outside the academy; concurrent faculty seminars may include visits by the guest speakers for the public events.

The Forum's inaugural theme will be Power in the Contemporary World. It will examine the ways in which various categories of power -- military, economic, and cultural -- work in a globalized world. What for instance, if any, is the responsibility of US military and political power and what are its limits? In a world where geographical boundaries matter less than ever, where, if anywhere, is cultural power located and what individuals or institutions are positioned to control culture change? Who will exercise control and stewardship over the world's natural resources in the twenty-first century?

As part of this ambitious new programming initiative, The Center for the Humanities at the Graduate Center, CUNY invites applications for six dissertation fellowships. Dissertation fellows will receive stipends of \$5,000 to participate in a bi-weekly interdisciplinary faculty seminar where they will have the opportunity to present chapters or excerpts from their dissertation, engage in discussion of readings relevant to their work and the issues raised in the public events, and meet with guest speakers, prominent journalists and intellectuals from outside the academy.

All CUNY PhD students who have advanced to candidacy and whose current work sheds new light on the topic of power in the world of the 21st century are invited to apply. The schedule for the seminar meetings will be determined once all of the faculty and student fellows have been selected.

Application forms are attached below and available on our website:

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/Humanities/index.html>. For additional information, please call Michael Washburn, Assistant Director, at 212/817.2007 or e-mail: [mwashburn@gc.cuny.edu](mailto: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 Monday, March 24th.

APPLICATION for 2008-2009 Great Issues Forum Fellowship – Power in the Contemporary World

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PhD Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code first): \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

First reference/advisor (name/department): \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> reference phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Second reference/advisor (name/department): \_\_\_\_\_

2nd reference phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Abstract (approximately 150 words):

Please include the following:

- Statement of applicability of dissertation project to theme of “Power in a Globalized World” (no more than 250 words)
- Full description of dissertation (no more 10 pages in length)
- 2 page Curriculum Vitae

Application form with above enclosed must be sent to the below address by 5pm on Monday, March 24.

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