MULTI-YEAR DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP
Indigeneity in an Expanded Field:
Transnationality, Migration, and Human/Nonhuman Belonging

Application Deadline: March 14, 2014

The Center for 21st Century Studies (C21) invites applications for multi-year dissertation fellowships beginning August 2014. C21 will select two dissertators from UW-Milwaukee to participate in a three-year pilot program for an innovative international model in Integrative Graduate Humanities Education and Research Training (IGHERT), in collaboration with the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI) and three other participating universities. Funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, this program will bring together graduate students, postdocs, and faculty from humanities centers at UW-Milwaukee, the University of California-Santa Cruz, the Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany, and the Australian National University in Canberra.

The IGHERT program seeks to bring an interdisciplinary, problem-based approach to graduate training, in which mentors and students, working across diverse fields and geographies, may develop innovative research projects and habits of internationalized, collaborative inquiry. The fellowship will support students pursuing their doctoral studies at their home institutions while also providing them opportunities to participate with one another in doctoral symposia, workshops, master classes, and graduate conferences to be held at each of the partner humanities centers.

The theme for the pilot—“Indigeneity in an Expanded Field”—embraces four topical foci that will organize discussions and facilitate communication across disciplines and geographical locations: 1) Memories / Objects / Stories; 2) Territories / Spaces / Environments; 3) Peoples / Migrations / Claims; 4) Human and Nonhuman Belonging. For detailed descriptions of the foci, see our website at c21.uwm.edu.

The fellowships are three-year awards: two years of twelve-month dissertation support, which includes $24,500 annually plus benefits and tuition for the first two years of the program, as well as travel and associated expenses for participating in colloquia and conferences at each of the four member institutes over the entire three-year period. We welcome applications from UWM graduate students working across the humanities whose research addresses the problem of indigeneity across one or more of the foci outlined above. In order to be eligible for the fellowship, applicants must have completed all of the requirements necessary for dissertator status, including an approved dissertation proposal, by the program start date (August 2014).

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter outlining their interest in the program and how their research relates to indigeneity and one or more of the four foci, current CV, dissertation proposal, and a writing sample. Please email application materials as a single .pdf attachment to C21 director Richard Grusin’s attention at c21@uwm.edu. Two letters of reference, one of which must be from the applicant’s dissertation director, should be emailed directly to C21 director Richard Grusin’s attention at c21@uwm.edu. If the applicant has not yet reached dissertator status, the director’s letter should affirm the applicant’s ability to reach said status by August 2014.