



2018 College Educators Research Fellowship

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is pleased to invite applications for the 2018 College Educators Research Fellowship. *The deadline for applications is Friday, February 23, 2018.*

Purpose. The UNC and Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, with funds from the U.S. Department of Education, provides college educators the opportunity to work as visiting research scholars with the Latin American and Caribbean library collections at Duke and UNC.

The project must have a clear focus on Latin America or the Caribbean. Priority will be given to proposals that create a new course or add substantial content to an existing course at the applicant's institution. Awardees will be assigned to one of the two campuses; however, Fellows will have access to both library systems: the campuses are only nine miles apart, and regular bus service joins the two.

About. The libraries of Duke and UNC rank among the top institutions in North America. Together, the two Latin American collections total more than 750,000 volumes. Our Latin American collections are designed to be complementary. Both libraries acquire materials needed for general instruction, and more specialized research resources are purchased cooperatively. UNC is primarily responsible for Argentina, Brazil (humanities), Chile, Cuba, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the Spanish- and French-speaking Caribbean; Duke covers the Andean countries, Mexico, Brazil (social sciences), Central America, and the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean. Numerous electronic resources on Latin America and the Caribbean are also available, and there are notable rare book and special collections: The Flatow Collection of Latin American *Cronistas*, George Stuart Maya Studies, and Latin Americanist Artists' Books Collections, as well as a special digitized collection of works by 19th century Colombian author José María Vargas Vila at UNC, the Pérez de Velasco (Peru) and the Leonardo Muñoz (Ecuador) collections at Duke. Duke has also expanded its print collections related to Luso-Brazilian Studies, Haitian Studies, and Latin American environmental studies. The Duke Archive for Human Rights also contains many Latin America-related collections including the Center for International Policy records (Colombia, Cuba, drug trafficking), the Coletta Youngers papers (Peru and the Andean region), the Marshall T. Meyer papers (Argentina), the Washington Office on Latin America records, 1962-2008, and several other collections related to Cuba and Haiti. Applicants are encouraged to visit <http://guides.library.duke.edu/latinamericanstudies>, http://guides.library.duke.edu/human_rights, and <http://www.lib.unc.edu/davis/gras/lair>.

Eligibility. Fellows will be chosen in a competition targeting regional faculty from institutions of higher education in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic, with preference for regular faculty from community colleges and HBCUs. Faculty at universities in Puerto Rico working on Latin America and Caribbean subjects beyond Puerto Rico are welcome to apply.

Duties and responsibilities. Recipients of the College Educators Research Fellowship will conduct research using the Latin American and Caribbean collections at the Duke and UNC libraries. Upon notification of award, Fellows must meet, either in person or via Skype, with the librarian at one of the two campuses prior to beginning their research. The librarians will provide guidance about the libraries' collections and resources. The Consortium staff will assist Fellows in identifying and networking with the Consortium's faculty and scholars in relevant fields. Fellows are expected to submit a brief 3-5 page summary of their research findings and any modifications made to their original proposal, as well as a copy of the new or revised curriculum unit, and to give a presentation at a symposium on curriculum development in higher education. Additionally, Fellows agree to complete evaluation surveys during and/or after their project.

Terms of the award. With funds provided by the U.S. Department of Education, the Consortium provides two awards, each up to \$1,500, to help defray travel and living expenses in Durham or Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as well as course development activities. A minimum of one week's stay is required (five days, which may be nonconsecutive). Fellows are welcome to return to the campuses throughout the summer and fall to continue their research and/or participate in other Consortium activities. Proposed research may be conducted any time between June 1 and December 7, 2018.

Award criteria. The Consortium's College Educators Research Fellowship Committee will award grants based on the relevance of the proposal to the unique holdings of the Duke and UNC Libraries, the merits and significance of the project, the extent to which the proposed project will contribute to the Latin American curriculum of their home institution, and the applicant's scholarly qualifications.

How to apply. Applicants must submit a complete application as an attachment (Word or PDF) via email as indicated below. Complete applications must include a cover letter explaining how this fellowship will further professional and institutional development, the attached application form, a two-page description of the project, current CV, and a letter from the applicant's dean or department chair endorsing the application and verifying employment. Previous Fellows may apply; however, preference will be given to first-time applicants.

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