PERRY WORLD HOUSE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

BORDERS & BOUNDARIES

The Project on Borders and Boundaries in World Politics has two openings for post-doctoral research fellows for one year, renewable, full-time appointments. Fellows will split their time between their own research and work with a team led by Professor Beth Simmons, Andrea Mitchell University Professor in Law, Political Science, and Business Ethics. The Project is concerned with boundaries between organized human communities, broadly understood. International borders, border regions and border crossings have multiple significance as designations of state authority, security buffers, expressions of social meaning and opportunities for economic integration. Border regions and activities speak to national and local encounters with neighbors and the rest of the world. This project is concerned with how humans demarcate the space between “us” and “them.” It contextualizes border architecture, infrastructure and institutions as expressions of various social, political and economic anxieties associated with globalization. This research team will concern itself with a broad range of questions relating to “bordering” in world politics. Applicants with an interest in territorial politics; migration and movement across borders; development in and across border regions; border crossing regimes, architectures and institutions; transnational migration; transnational crime, human trafficking and law enforcement across borders; and related issues are welcome to apply. Skills in empirical spatial analysis, GIS technologies, mapping technologies, experimental analyses, computerized textual and imaging analyses, and similar technologies are highly desirable, as are computer programming skills and experience using large computer databases and statistical software.

Requirements and Application Information

There are no mandatory reaching responsibilities. Postdoctoral fellows will be expected to give a presentation during the academic year in the Perry World House Seminar Series, engage with Perry World House’s Undergraduate Student Fellows, and attend regularly scheduled seminars. Perry World House will also introduce each postdoctoral fellow to related faculty and leaders of centers and institutes at the University of Pennsylvania.

Postdocs will be housed with the Global Innovation Program in Perry World House.

Applications are welcome from scholars who have received their Ph.D. or equivalent degrees in the last two years (not earlier than 2015), or who expect to complete their degree by June 2018. Applications will be reviewed starting January 12, 2018. To receive full consideration, applications and letters of recommendation should be received by that date.

To apply, please go to https://apply.interfolio.com/47129. Applicants will be asked to complete a short form as well as upload a cover letter, CV/resume, one page research statement, writing sample, and unofficial PhD transcript (only required for current graduate students). We will also ask for the name and email address of a letter writer who can submit a letter of recommendation.

General Information

All postdoctoral fellow positions pay a stipend of $50,000 plus relevant fees and health insurance. The position also provides $2,000 in research support.
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