

Application for the 2009 FMS Summer Seminar – July 27-August 7

“Queer Politics in Transnational Contexts”

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SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

What would it mean to think queer in transnational contexts at this historical moment? This seminar takes up this question by examining the geographic, epistemic, and metaphoric conditions in which a wide variety of queer practices become visible. We will problematize the term queer, tracking how, why, and where it travels; examine the methodologies that generate truly grounded and comparative analyses of the struggles it has enabled, the political and intellectual spaces it has opened up as well as spaces that challenge its entry; and consider why political and economic questions matter in how we think queer. Texts for study will be drawn from literature and culture, history, popular media, and social science research.

For a more detailed course description (and to download a 8 x 11 poster), visit www.fmsproject.cornell.edu

The seminar incorporates 2-3 workshops taught by visiting scholars and activists.

Seminar members will participate in the two-day colloquium on July 31st and August 1st.

ELIGIBILITY:

Doctoral students who have completed at least two years of their Ph.D. work, recent Ph.D.s, and junior faculty in temporary or tenure-track positions who are working on minority issues, are invited to apply to the 2009 FMS Summer Institute. Minority scholars and those who are at HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions are especially encouraged to apply. For the 12-14 scholars selected to participate in the summer institute, subsidy will be available to cover room, board, and (if needed) travel costs. FMS does not charge tuition or fees.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Application Form (2009ApplicationForm.pdf). All applicants must complete steps a. & b.

a. Complete the application form on Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat Professional. Print the form (File → Print, or click the “Print Form” button on the top right). Sign, date, and mail the form to the following address:

Alice Cho, Coordinator
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b. Click the “Submit by Email” button. Select your email option. You will then see an email message from you to fmsproject@cornell.edu, with your data attached in .xml format. Enter your last and first name in the subject heading of the email, and Send. Ignore the generic text that may show up in the body of your email.

* Please note that you cannot save a completed copy of the application form with Adobe Reader; you may only save your data from Acrobat Professional. If you complete the form on Acrobat Reader, you may want to print an extra copy for your records.

2. In addition, send **BY EMAIL (AS ATTACHMENTS)** to fmsproject@cornell.edu the documents listed below. To facilitate the collation of your materials, please include the following subject line in each email you send to us containing application materials: LAST NAME, First Name: Application for FMS Summer Institute.

Statement of interest: Attach a one to two-page double-spaced essay outlining your scholarly interests in minority studies and indicating how you would benefit from attending the FMS Summer Institute. Please be as specific as possible.

CV: Please attach a short curriculum vita (two-page maximum), listing relevant publications and teaching (if applicable).

Writing sample: Attach a writing sample that is indicative of your interest in minority studies and of your research and writing ability. Graduate students may send in papers written for a course they have taken. Recent PhDs and junior faculty should consider sending a 15-20 page section of a dissertation chapter or a pdf of a published article.

Letters of recommendation: We need two confidential letters of recommendation from faculty members who can speak knowledgeably about your scholarly abilities as well as your interests in minority studies. Indicate the names, institutions, and email addresses of your two recommenders on the application form. Please arrange to have the two letters sent directly by your recommenders via email to fmsproject@cornell.edu. Ask your recommenders to include the following subject line (with your name) in the email they send to us containing your letter of recommendation: LAST NAME, First Name: Application for FMS Summer Institute.

RECEIPT DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS NOTED ABOVE: JANUARY 15, 2009

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