

2010-2011 TANNER VISITING TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS
OBERT C. AND GRACE A. TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

The Tanner Humanities Center's mission is to promote humanistic research and education at the University of Utah, in the state, and in the nation. The Center sponsors a competitive teaching fellowship program to promote innovative classroom instruction by visiting faculty and independent scholars. See <http://www.thc.utah.edu> for more information.

Eligibility

Applicants must have Ph.D.s in hand two years prior to August 1, 2010, or by **August 1, 2008**, to be eligible.

The Tanner Humanities Center will award two visiting teaching fellowships for the academic year 2010-2011. Fellows will be required to teach a semester-length undergraduate or graduate class relating to their area of expertise. Faculty who are independent scholars, as well as those affiliated with colleges and universities, interested in teaching humanistic subjects are eligible to apply. Classes in any of the following fields are eligible for support: anthropology and archaeology, communication, history, philosophy, religious studies, ethnic/gender/cultural studies, jurisprudence, history/theory/criticism of the arts, languages and linguistics, literature, creative writing, historical or philosophical issues in the social and natural sciences, or the professions.

The Center encourages classes that are interdisciplinary and that are likely to contribute to substantive intellectual exchange among a diverse group of students and scholars. Visiting fellows may hold other support (sabbatical or other funding) during their fellowship but should note such support in their proposal or cover letter.

What The Center Provides

The Center provides Visiting Fellows stipends of \$20,000 paid directly to the home institution of the fellow. Fellows will also receive use of an office space and a Macintosh or personal computer, and library privileges. The University of Utah does **not** provide Fellows with parking permits, physical fitness membership, nor health insurance. If you have your stipend paid to your home institution, this usually ensures continuation of your usual employment benefits, provided your institution agrees to this arrangement, or you may purchase health insurance on an individual basis through the U. Benefits Office.

Fellowship Activities

The Tanner Humanities Center is a 20-year-old intellectual community. In support of this, Fellows are required to remain teaching *in residence* at the Tanner Humanities Center for a four-month semester during the 2010-2011 academic year (**August 15 through December 15 or January 5 through May 5**), to participate in Center activities, and to contribute to the intellectual life of the University community. Fellows should notify Center staff of necessary short absences. Each fellow will present a talk about his/her classroom experience. The Center's Fellows meet regularly with center's director in informal weekly or bi-weekly sessions. Finally, by June 30, 2011 fellows will submit a written report summarizing their progress, findings, and fellowship experience to the director.

Selection Criteria

The Tanner Humanities Center fellowship review panel selects fellows. This group is comprised of a dozen faculty from NEH-defined humanities disciplines. The Center seeks Fellows whose teaching demonstrates excellence and reflects a variety of disciplines and methodologies without regard to senior or junior status, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, citizenship, or national or ethnic origin. The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities to people with disabilities.

Application Process

The review panel is composed of scholars from a wide range of disciplines who may not all possess specialized knowledge of the candidates' proposed field of study. The class description should, therefore, be clearly explained and justified, and **free from jargon**.

Please **label each section**, **paginate the Narrative Summary**, and **double-space** throughout in a typeface at least 12 pt in size. Applications should include, in THIS order:

- 1) **Cover Sheet:** An official cover sheet, required for all proposals, is attached.
- 2) **Narrative Summary:** Should total no longer than three pages plus (if necessary) one page of notes, and should contain:
 - A. Conception and Definition of the Class:** Describe the specific class planned for the fellowship period; explain the basic humanistic ideas, problems, or questions to be explored. Clearly explain the relationship of the class to your research and teaching experience
 - B. Class Syllabus:** Syllabus should include a detailed class schedule for the semester, goals and objectives for the class, and materials to be covered
- 3) **Personal Information:** Attach a *curriculum vitae* (**not longer than five pages; abbreviate if necessary**) to the proposal. The *curriculum vitae* should include a record of:
 - A. the applicant's education, including title of dissertation;
 - B. academic honors or awards received;
 - C. employment history and teaching scope;
 - D. scholarly work (publications, exhibitions, performances, papers delivered at professional meetings)

WE DO NOT REQUIRE AND WE DO NOT ACCEPT UNSOLICITED WRITING SAMPLES, BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS, REPRINTS, CDs SLIDES, DVD_s OR VIDEO TAPES. IF YOU SEND THEM WE WILL RETURN THEM AT YOUR EXPENSE. SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ONLY UNLESS THE CENTER ASKS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

- 4) **Two** scholars qualified to assess your abilities and the value of the proposed class should forward to the Tanner Humanities Center letters of reference. Do not arrange for more than two letters of reference to be sent.

POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE January 1, 2010 submit **the original copy** of the complete proposal to Fellowship Program, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building, 215 S. Central Campus Drive Room 110, Salt Lake City, UT 84112

POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE January 1, 2010 we must separately receive your letters of reference. If your file is incomplete (lacking letters, mainly) we will notify you. The Center will also notify you of the Faculty Advisory Board's decision by March 20, 2010. If we offer you a fellowship, you must accept it or decline it by April 10, 2010 so that we may contact those whom the reviewers selected as ranked alternates to give them an opportunity to respond.

QUESTIONS? E-mail beth.tracy@mail.hum.utah.edu, or call Beth Tracy, Administrative Officer, (801) 581-8473.

As with most fellowship programs, all of the visiting fellows' normal contract provisions between themselves and their home institutions continue to be in force. All visiting fellows remain employees of their home institutions while on leave at the Tanner Humanities Center. The visiting fellows at the Tanner Humanities Center are not employees of the University of Utah. The Tanner Humanities Center is not responsible for visiting fellows' payroll taxes or insurance. The Internal Revenue Service does consider fellows' research stipend remuneration to be ordinary income subject to income taxes; fellows retain responsibility for proper W4-form withholding arrangements and all income tax liabilities. The Tanner Humanities Center is happy to arrange payment of fellows' research stipend through the fellows' home institutions for fellows' convenience.

TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
2009-2010 TANNER VISITING FACULTY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Your Address: _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (office) _____

Month & Year Ph.D. received (on or before August 1, 2008) _____

Awarding Institution _____

Present Academic Affiliation: _____ Independent Scholar? _____

Dept./Program: _____ Since (year): _____

Academic Rank: _____ Tenured: YES NO

Title of Your Proposed Class: _____

To the best of my knowledge, this class proposal meets the objectives, restrictions, conditions, and guidelines of the 2010-2011 Tanner Humanities Center Visiting Teaching Fellowship Program.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of **ONLY two references** familiar with your work (including the present proposal), whom you have asked to send recommendations directly to Tanner Humanities Center:

1. _____

2. _____

I waive (), do not waive (), my right to have access to these letters of reference.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Send original proposal, organized as the guidelines require, to **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, TANNER HUMANITIES CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, CAROLYN TANNER IRISH HUMANITIES BUILDING, 215 S. CENTRAL CAMPUS DRIVE RM 110, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84112.**
Application packet must be postmarked before or on JANUARY 1, 2010.

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Instructions for Referees of Visiting Fellowship Applicants

In writing your letter of reference for a Tanner Humanities Center Fellowship candidate, it would be helpful to the Center's review panel if you commented specifically on the applicant's record and proposed class while keeping in mind the following selection criteria:

- the conception and definition of the class and its objectives;
- the class's contribution to the field in specific terms of its significance and originality;
- the teaching capabilities of this candidate, based on past performance;
- potential contributions to the University of Utah faculty, students, and community of this applicant and this class.

The Center strives to create an environment for positive intellectual and humanistic exchange. Please comment on the candidate's collegiality and ability to work and interact effectively with fellows, faculty, staff and students.

Please send your letter of reference directly to:

Fellowship Program; Tanner Humanities Center
Carolyn Tanner Irish Humanities Building
215 S. Central Campus Drive, Room 110
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

The postmark deadline for receipt of reference letters is January 1, 2010. You may submit letters directly via e-mail to beth.tracy@thc.utah.edu.