

University of Hartford Humanities Center

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2022-23 Faculty Fellowship in Ethnic Studies

Thanks to a generous grant from the Cardin Fund through the A&S dean's office, the University of Hartford's Humanities Center is happy to announce that it can offer up to eight fellowships in Ethnic Studies for full-time faculty for the 2022-23 academic year. Each fellowship will come with \$5000, which includes both a course release and research funding.

Given the parameters of the Cardin Fund, fellows must be humanists in Art History (HAS) or A&S (scholars working in the fields of Literature, Writing, Modern Languages, History, Philosophy, Judaic Studies, Communication Studies, Cinema, or Art History). **Funding will also be available, through the Humanities Center, for up to two humanists in Hillyer College.**

Fellows must have a research agenda that focuses on an aspect of Ethnic Studies, i.e., the study of the intersection of race and culture in U.S. history and/or contemporary society with an emphasis on minoritized ethnic and racialized populations in the U.S. (Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic, Native American/Indigenous, and/or Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander).

In addition to a course release and research funding, fellows will be expected to present an aspect of their research in a 45-60 minute public talk as part of a Fall 2022 lecture series on Ethnic Studies organized by the Humanities Center.

The rationale behind these fellowships is as follows:

1. The fellowship and lecture series provide a way of "putting a spotlight" on faculty who work on issues related to Ethnic Studies, highlighting the work they do and having it recognized within the university community.
2. The fellowship recognizes that faculty research and teaching are linked, and that research and teaching work to strengthen each other. It also recognizes how research in the humanities, with its emphasis on language, narrative, meaning, and interpretation, is uniquely positioned to wrestle with issues of identity, empowerment/disempowerment, and social inequities, all of which find themselves at the heart of Ethnic Studies.
3. The fellowship and lecture series will provide an opportunity for ethnically and racially minoritized students at UHart to meet and engage with professors who work on and teach about issues that speak to their lived experiences. The fellowship and lecture series would therefore help to promote such professors and their classes in the humanities.
4. The hope here is that the fellowships and lecture series would not only bring together like-minded humanists, but that it would create a faculty cohort (with additional faculty from outside the

humanities) who could lay the groundwork for an eventual interdisciplinary Ethnic Studies program (with a major) at the University of Hartford.

5. The fellowship and lecture series will be part of a two-year focus by the Humanities Center (2022-24) on the topic of Ethnic Studies.

Applications should consist of the following:

1. A one-to-two page description of a research project (either new or ongoing) that focuses on an aspect of Ethnic Studies. Applicants should include as part of the proposal language stating how their research project is linked to their teaching (either currently or in future classes) and how it could contribute toward the curricular development of an Ethnic Studies program (either as an expansion or strengthening of topics already covered in their classes or as something put toward the creation of new classes). Applicants should also speak to how the research funded by this fellowship would be disseminated and/or published.

2. A projected budget of how the research funding (approximately \$1000-1250) would be used (materials, travel, conferences, etc.).

3. A current CV.

4. Since the fellowship includes a course release, include a note of support from your department chair.

Please send your applications to Nicholas Ealy, director of the Humanities Center, at ealy@hartford.edu by February 4, 2022. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.