Doctoral Fellowship in Southwestern History

The Center of Southwest Studies and the Department of History at Fort Lewis College are pleased to offer a doctoral fellowship with the opportunity to study and contribute to the mission of the Center in the field of Southwest history, broadly defined, and to serve as adjunct faculty in U.S. History. Doctoral candidates from research universities in the Four Corners states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah are eligible for this award. The fellow will ideally be at the writing stage of their doctoral dissertation and as such will be expected to dedicate some of the fellowship effort to completing chapters. Residence in Durango is required during the nine-month fellowship period.

The Center will require some collections support and reference assistance from the fellow as part of normal duties in exchange for office space and network support for the fellow’s use in completing the dissertation. The fellow will teach one lower-division U.S. History course per semester (two three-hour courses for the total of the fellowship period) in Fort Lewis College’s Department of History. In addition, the fellow is required to offer one public lecture or program per semester, with the preferred arrangement that one presentation address the fellow’s research and the other reviews the fellow’s contributions to the Center and the College’s History Department. Public lectures will be listed in the Center’s program schedule.

The fellowship offers a compensation package that includes a stipend, negotiated home institution tuition and insurance costs, and travel/research funds (not to exceed $800 per academic year). A stipend of $18,000 will be paid for the nine-month fellowship period beginning in mid-August 2016 and ending in mid-May 2017. The fellow will be expected to set up a third-party payment access for Fort Lewis College to pay applicable continuing doctoral program tuition and health insurance, which is to be negotiated by the selected fellow with his/her home institution.

Address applications to Dr. Shelby Tisdale, Director, Center of Southwest Studies and Dr. Michael Martin, Chair, Department of History, and include an application letter, a current CV, and a letter of recommendation from the doctoral candidate’s major advisor (two additional letters of recommendation will be required of the final candidates selected for further consideration). The letter of application should include a statement as to what you hope to accomplish at Fort Lewis College in terms of your research and writing for the dissertation, how you plan to utilize the Center’s collections and/or divisions, and what your teaching goals are.

Please submit all application materials electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. MST on April 15, 2016 to tapleybooth_j@fortlewis.edu. For questions about this opportunity, please contact the Center’s main office at 970-247-7456.