Dietrich School Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship: Cultural Anthropology of the African Diaspora within North America

The University of Pittsburgh’s Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences invites applications for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Anthropology beginning August 1, 2019. We seek a cultural anthropologist specializing in the African Diaspora within North America whose research and teaching centers on social, historical, or cultural dimensions of inequality. Topics might relate, for example, to inequalities of race/ethnicity, class, gender, health, migration, citizenship and/or sexuality among African-descended peoples in North America. Special consideration will be given to researchers conducting work in the American “rust belt” Midwest or Northeast. The ideal candidate’s area(s) of specialty will also relate broadly to one or more of the cultural anthropology clusters, especially Medicine/Health, Labor and Politics, or Migration & Citizenship.

Recognizing that intellectual vitality and diversity are inseparable, the university has embarked on significant initiatives to diversify its faculty, student body, and curriculum. We encourage applications from creative and dedicated scholars, teachers, and mentors eager to contribute to this mission, including those who have spent some time outside academia (e.g., in policy, business, nonprofit, advocacy, or health fields).

The successful applicant will add new intellectual and/or regional trajectories to our course offerings and teach one course per term. Departmental funding will be provided to the postdoctoral fellow in the amount of $5,000 each year to organize a spring workshop that will focus on the fellow’s research interests. Secondary affiliation and cross-teaching with the dynamic programs in Africana Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, Urban Studies, Public Health, or other relevant programs will be enthusiastically supported.

Applicants must have satisfactorily completed all requirements for the Ph.D. degree, including any oral defense, by March 1, 2019. Individuals who completed all such requirements before January 1, 2017 are ineligible. For more information about the fellowship program and to apply, click here.

To be considered, please submit by February 22, 2019 via https://pats.as.pitt.edu/apply/index/MTMz: curriculum vitae; dissertation table of contents; two-page statement of research interests outlining the goals of the research you will undertake during the term of the fellowship; two-page statement of teaching interests and philosophy; one-to-two-page diversity statement, discussing how your past, planned, or potential contributions or experiences relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion will advance the University of Pittsburgh’s commitment to inclusive excellence; one writing sample or excerpt of no more than 20 pages including references and appendices; one course proposal and syllabus for a 15-week course directed towards advanced undergraduate or graduate students; and email contacts for three recommenders. For each reference, you will have the opportunity to input a personal email address or an email address generated through Interfolio’s Online Application Delivery. In either case, an email notification will be sent to the designated address with instructions for uploading letters to our system by March 1, 2019.

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