

Mellon Sawyer Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), the Washington Institute for the Study of
Ethnicity, Race, and Sexuality (WISER), and the Simpson Center for the Humanities
University of Washington, Seattle

**B/ORDERING VIOLENCE:
BOUNDARIES, INDIGENEITY, AND GENDER IN THE AMERICAS**

We invite recent PhDs from the humanities or the social sciences to apply for an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for the 2012-13 academic year. The Fellow will be involved in the scholarly activities of the Sawyer Seminar, "B/ordering Violence: Boundaries, Indigeneity and Gender in the Americas." The seminar, organized by LACS, WISER, and the Simpson Center, sees borderlands not as fixed but as constantly (re)produced between and within national states. Accordingly, the seminar will convoke a set of distinguished, internationally-recognized scholars whose work considers the complexities of *external* national borders in the Americas as well as the multiple *internal* borders that characterize the politics of belonging for diasporic and Indigenous communities in South, Central and North America. The seminar will also explore the dynamics of migration and the social and political implications of migration across the Americas.

At the University of Washington, a growing number of scholars in the humanities and social sciences are working toward an innovative research agenda that incorporates three themes that will guide our exploration of the borderlands in the Americas: (1) the discourses and practices of border-making; (2) Indigenous perspectives on political boundaries; and (3) gender and violence in the borderlands. The post-doctoral Fellow will have recently completed a PhD in the social sciences or humanities and his or her work should engage with at least one of the three main themes of the seminar. The Fellow will be expected to participate actively in seminar activities and pursue her/his research agenda. In addition, the Fellow will teach one five credit interdisciplinary graduate seminar on a borderlands theme of her or his choosing, and contribute to an edited volume expected to be among the products of the seminar.

The appointment will be for one academic year, September 2012-June 2013, in the Jackson School of International Studies. Candidates must have their Ph.D. degree in hand by the time of application, and must have received their Ph.D. within the last six years. The fellowship carries a salary of \$40,000 a year (plus benefits and a \$2,000 moving allowance).

Application Materials: In one pdf file, applicants should send the following materials to lasuw@u.washington.edu: 1) A two-page cover letter stating your interest in the Postdoctoral Fellowship and providing details on your current research and how it would benefit from and contribute to the Sawyer Seminar; 2) A curriculum vitae; 3) One writing sample (20 pages maximum); 4) A brief course proposal for a one-quarter course on the borderlands. Two letters of reference should be sent separately to lasuw@u.washington.edu. The **deadline** for applications is **February 15, 2012**.

The University of Washington is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The University is building a culturally diverse faculty and staff and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and covered veterans. There is no citizenship requirement or restriction for this fellowship. Non-U.S. nationals are welcome to apply.

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