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Emory University Mellon Sawyer Postdoctoral Fellowship

Emory University (Atlanta, GA), invites applications for a one-year postdoctoral fellowship to support an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar entitled “Visions of Slavery: Histories, Memories, and Mobilizations of Unfreedom in the Black Atlantic” scheduled for the 2022-23 academic year.

The seminar working group will be led by Professors Mariana Candido (History), Adriana Chira (History), Bayo Halsey (Anthropology), Walter C. Rucker (African American Studies & History), Dianne Stewart (Religion & African American Studies), and Meina Yates-Richard (African American Studies & English) and they will facilitate periodic research workshops, public lectures and symposia, and other events exploring the manifold ways slavery in the Black Atlantic has been archived, interpreted, memorialized, mobilized, and resisted. Through comparative and interdisciplinary lenses, they will seek to assess historical and contemporary forms of “unfreedom”—the various modes of forced labor inclusive of, and extending beyond, chattel slavery, such as peonage, indentured and debt servitude, convict leasing and prison labor, child labor, and sexual exploitation.

The Mellon Sawyer fellowship is a nine-month appointment from September 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 and includes stipend, health benefits, moving expenses, and a research budget. The fellow is expected to be in residence at Emory University and will be hosted by the Department of African American Studies. The range of duties for the successful candidate will include:

- engaging, as an active discussion participant and interlocutor, in all seminar workshops, the two public-facing events, and related activities during the 2022-23 academic year
- conducting research on a topic related to the seminar’s theme
- workshopping an article or book chapter in progress for one of the seminar sessions
- coordinating Sawyer Seminar events
- assisting with curating the seminar website and composing social media content

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Qualifications

- Ph.D. in the humanities or humanistic social sciences received no earlier than 2017.
- evidence of current or future scholarly productivity and evidence of research that connects to the themes of the Sawyer Seminar

Application Instructions

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2021. At this stage, we ask applicants to submit a CV; a cover letter; a statement of research describing how the current project connects to histories, memories, or mobilizations of slavery in the Black Atlantic; a 20–25-page writing sample; and the names and contact information of two references. All application materials should be submitted via Interfolio: <http://apply.interfolio.com/95981>. Inquiries can be directed to: Professor Walter C. Rucker, wrucker@emory.edu.

Emory University is committed to student and faculty diversity, equity, and inclusion and is an equal employment opportunity and affirmative action employer. We welcome nominations of, and applications from, women, members of under-represented groups, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities, as well as others who would bring additional diversity to the university's endeavors.



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