

**Postdoctoral Fellowship
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

One Postdoctoral Fellowship will be awarded in the 2009-2010 academic year for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar “Diversity and Conformity in Muslim Societies: Historical Coexistence and Contemporary Struggles” at UNC- Chapel Hill. This interdisciplinary seminar will examine the tensions between diversity and conformity, between tolerance and orthodoxy, in Muslim societies. The seminars will include faculty and students from all of the Triangle Universities and other North Carolina schools, drawing from scholars who study history, geography, politics, music, art, architecture, religion, and law.

The Fellow will be expected to contribute to this seminar, working closely with Sarah Shields (History) and Banu Gokariksel (Geography and International Studies) and two dissertation fellows to plan, organize, and participate in twice-monthly seminar meetings and three conferences during the academic year. The Fellow is *not* expected to teach any courses and will have an office at the Center for Global Initiatives in the FedEx Global Education Center.

The appointment will be from 1 August 2009 to 30 June 2010. Appointment is for full time employment. Salary is \$ 45,000 and includes health insurance. Fellows will be responsible for relocation and housing expenses.

Eligibility: Applicants must have earned a doctoral degree no earlier than 2005. This degree could be from a Humanities or Social Science discipline or from an interdisciplinary program. Candidates who will have successfully defended their dissertations by May 1, 2009 will also be considered. There are *no* citizenship restrictions for applicants.

Application: Letters of application and supporting material should include the following: 1) A two-page cover letter stating your interest in the Postdoctoral Fellowship. Provide details on (i) how your research would benefit from and contribute to the Sawyer Seminar; (ii) your related research and organizing experience, (iii) your long-term goals; 2) A *curriculum vitae*; 3) Two letters of reference; 4) One writing sample (up to 25 pages).

Apply: Send all application materials by 5pm on February 23, 2009 to: sshields@email.unc.edu and banug@email.unc.edu. Recommendation letters should be emailed directly by the recommenders to these email addresses by the same deadline.

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