Zemurray-Stone Post-Doctoral Fellow in Latin American Studies

The Zemurray-Stone Post-Doctoral Fellows in Latin American Studies are intended to foster the professional development of gifted scholars and specialists in media to enrich the Stone Center for Latin American Studies’ vigorous research environment, and to foster creative exchange across the Center’s research community. We seek candidates engaged in scholarly or creative work on topics related to existing areas of institutional strength. Fellows are expected to participate in the full intellectual life of the Center and to contribute to the conceptualization and development of innovative digital media platforms during their residency. Fellows sometimes also offer an advanced interdisciplinary seminar on a subject of their choice during the spring of the fellowship year.

The Stone Center, which includes a core community of 70+ faculty across a broad spectrum of disciplinary and professional fields, invites applications for a one-year post-doctoral fellowship for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Stone Center solicits scholars with a strong grounding in research methodologies and interdisciplinary curriculum and program development. In addition to the outlined teaching requirement, the successful candidate will also work jointly with the Stone Center administrative and leadership team on other projects that develop and enhance the Stone Center’s programmatic and curricular goals.

Fellows will be selected following two criteria: (1) intellectual and creative merit and (2) the potential impact that their research, teaching, and experience would have on the strategic advancement of Latin American Studies at Tulane. The ideal candidate’s research will complement areas of strength represented by current Tulane faculty. Successful candidates should also have strong organizational and interpersonal abilities, excellent written, oral and audio-visual communication skills, a demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively, and experience in managing multiple projects.

The Stone Center will celebrate 100 years of research and teaching in the field of Latin American Studies at Tulane University in 2024. In preparation, we are in the process of assembling documentation of the history of this undertaking at the university. Such histories are typically presented and published in books and critical essays, but the recent and rapid development of media technology offers many new possibilities for presenting these histories in new electronic audiovisual and rhetorical forms.

To support this initiative, the Stone Center seeks applications from scholars engaged in media studies and digital humanities whose creative and professional advancement would benefit from collaborating in the development of a series of experimental prototypes that explore the future of new digital forms of communication and aesthetic expression to convey the impacts—past and present—of Latin American Studies on Tulane students and the field at large.

During their residency, the Zemurray-Stone Fellow might help us explore new concepts for interviews, conversations, debates, forums, presentations, and documentation, both in sound and moving images, to represent in new and expressive ways the work of our faculty and students. Central is a commitment to the production of digital content that might capture
the imagination of students, parents, and potential employers by conveying to them the promise of area studies as an interdisciplinary field of study that prepares students for lives and careers that are enriched by a deep familiarity and respect for cultural difference.

We encourage applications from a broad range of disciplines and professional training who have a deep interest in Latin American and area studies as an interdisciplinary field of study. Applicants must be familiar with the software platforms used to produce their digital scholarship and have basic skills in video editing software.

Fellowships are one-year, residential, full-time appointments with a stipend of $48,450 plus benefits. Travel and moving expenses are not supported. Applicants who are ABD must complete their Ph.D. by May 2021. Preference will be given to those who have not had recent access to Tulane University’s resources and whose research would benefit from such access.

Application must be submitted via Interfolio by visiting apply.interfolio.com/82861 and must include (1) a curriculum vitae; (2) a cover letter describing research interests, teaching and administrative experience, and your particular capacity to contribute to the Center’s interdisciplinary mission; (3) a graduate transcript; (4) two recommendation letters; (5) a writing sample or media essay; (6) a detailed proposal for at least one content course or seminar; and (7) teaching evaluations, if available. For additional information on the Stone Center and its programs, please visit our website: http://stonecenter.tulane.edu. For more information on the Post-Doctoral Fellowship program, please contact James D. Huck, Jr., Assistant Director and Graduate Advisor, Stone Center for Latin American Studies at 504-865-5164 or jhuck@tulane.edu. The application deadline is March 15, 2021.

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