Undergraduate and Graduate Student Funded Research Opportunity in the Study of Diversity and Religion for Spring Quarter 2015

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

“The Public Practice of Immigrant and Minority Religions in Southern California”

Deadline for Submissions: January 31, 2015

PARTICIPANTS:
Funded by the Mellon Advancing Intercultural Studies grant through the Center for Ideas and Society, this research seminar will include 4 faculty members, 4 graduate students and 4 undergraduate students to meet weekly during the Spring quarter.

DESCRIPTION:
This seminar examines the way that diverse minority and immigrant communities in the multi-ethnic urban context of Southern California inhabit, claim, and contest sacred and cultural spaces. This seminar begins with the presumption that its subjects inhabit multiple cultural and religious contexts and that the recognition of this multiplicity is absolutely paramount to the study of religion and culture in our modern age of globalization. It focuses on how immigrant and communities of color publically define themselves in the political and social sector. It aims to identify the salient qualities of post- 9/11 religious multiculturalism in the United States today.

REQUIREMENTS:
Each participant in the seminar is expected to produce and share a research paper, constructed in dialogue with fellow seminar members. The faculty members of the seminar will present relevant readings for discussion for weekly meetings throughout the Spring quarter.

FUNDING: Undergrads will receive $500 toward research expenses and course credit through a 190 series course. Graduate students will have most GSHIP fees will be covered and receive a $5500 stipend in order to release them from TA duties for Spring 2015.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
To apply, please send a 1-page (single-spaced) letter of interest that includes the following information: your name, department (major), your GPA, your previous research experience, your interest and background in the research topic (courses you have taken, papers you have written), and the proposed (tentative) subject of the research paper you will compete during the quarter. Please also attach your CV with the names of at least one faculty reference. Submissions should be emailed to all four faculty coordinators by January 30th via email cc’d to: Dr. Jennifer Hughes (jennifer.hughes@ucr.edu); Dr. Amanda Lucia (amanda.lucia@ucr.edu); Dr. Matthew King (matthewking@ucr.edu); and Dr. Ashon Crawley (ashon.crawley@ucr.edu)