

Call for Proposals

The Center for Humanities & the Public Sphere, with support from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Research and Graduate Programs, is continuing its sponsorship of workshops during 2009-2010. This year will be the first that the Center draws its funding from the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities.

The theme of this year's sponsored events is "Humanity in Crisis". The Center solicits proposals from faculty and graduate students who wish to organize one-day events or longer-running programs that address a crisis, whether global or local, past or present. The goal of the events is to present scholarship, foster the exchange of interpretations and ideas, and move forward approaches toward current and/or historical crises. It is envisioned that organizers will tackle the complex issues related to crises from a variety of disciplinary perspectives within and, potentially, outside the humanities.

The format of programs is left open to the imagination of the organizers. Events should make use to as great an extent as possible local faculty resources but funds will be provided to bring in up to two external guests per proposal. Events that incorporate other media like film or creative performances are also encouraged. The Center asks organizers to schedule events during Fall 2009 and Spring 2010. They are encouraged to consider participants in disciplines and constituencies both within and outside of the Humanities. To the greatest extent possible, proposals should be developed so as to encourage student and community involvement.

Proposal Format

Proposals should be no more than five pages double-spaced (in addition to a budget page) providing a detailed rationale for the workshop, a description of the format of the event(s), and a sense of the projected audience. The proposal should include the following:

the date(s) proposed for the workshop;
the names of expected or committed local and off-campus participants;
whether preliminary contact has been with potential participants;
and the tentative budget, following guidelines sketched below.

Proposal Budget

The Center will provide a lump-sum stipend of \$1000, \$1200, or \$1500 for up to two external participants, depending upon travel costs. This stipend includes all expenses (travel and per diem) and an honorarium; this stipend is payable in a single lump-sum after the conference. Organizers of an individual workshop may spend as much as \$4500 (including the above-mentioned funds costs) to commission performances, films, or exhibitions with the event. An additional \$500 in endowment funds will be available for food and entertainment expenses. Following the funded event, organizers will supply a brief final report.

Proposal Due Date

Friday, 27 February 2009

Please submit proposals by electronic attachment to Jim Mueller at jmueller@ufl.edu. Applicants will be notified in mid-March regarding the status of their proposals.