The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere announces a one-month 2018 Summer Fellowship at the National Humanities Center June 4-29, 2018

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere (CHPS) — with the support of the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the College of the Arts (COTA) — invites applications for the award of one residential fellowship at the National Humanities Center (NHC) for the period of June 4-29, 2018. Interested faculty members will apply directly to the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. One faculty member from CLAS or COTA will be selected by the CHPS Advisory Board for this fellowship. There is no additional competition or selection by the NHC.

Description of Award:

The NHC is a private, nonprofit organization located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. The NCH is the only independent institute dedicated exclusively to the advanced study in all areas of the humanities. Through its residential fellowship program, the NHC provides scholars with the space necessary to generate new knowledge and to further the understanding of all forms of cultural expression, social interaction, and human thought. The NHC will make available its unique facilities, which have proven conducive to scholarly productivity in a supportive intellectual community, to assist one scholar selected from UF by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere in jump-starting, making substantial progress on, or completing a current project. The program consists of a residency for June 4-29, 2018 to facilitate progress on a research project for one UF faculty member in the humanities from CLAS or COTA.

The residency includes the use of an individual office in the NHC’s quiet, light-filled glass building in the woods of Research Triangle Park with access to the office 24/7 during the month-long stay. The fellow would be assisted by library staff procuring the books needed for research by the time of arrival and any digital requests during the stay. The fellow will be housed comfortably within easy driving distance to the NHC and would be provided with continental breakfast and a full lunch from the in-house chef and baker Monday through Friday. Lunch in the NHC Commons offers vibrant exchange of ideas and synergistic discussions that inevitably lead to a better scholarly product.

In sum, the one-time singular fellowship at the NHC includes suitable lodging, a standard study, books requested by May 1, 2018, all digital library requests during the month of June 2018, breakfast and lunch on weekdays, and IT support during residency. Residential fellows are responsible for their own transportation to North Carolina and their own transportation while at the NHC, as well as evening and weekend meals. There is no honorarium or stipend attached to the fellowship.
Deadline: February 5, 2018 by 5:00pm

Eligibility:
Applicants must be tenured or tenure-track UF faculty in CLAS or COTA proposing a humanities* project.

Application process:
Submit the following as a single PDF to humanities-center@ufl.edu:

1. Cover sheet with the following information:
   Name
   Department
   Rank
   Project title
   Abstract of project (max 250 words)

2. Project narrative (max 1000 words)
   Please include the following:
   A. Explain the larger project to which your research and/or writing at the NHC will contribute. Describe the significance of your proposed project for the humanities. What is the status of the larger project? How much have you completed?
   B. Outline your specific goals for the NHC month-long residency. What research and/or writing do you intend to complete? Provide a precise work-plan for the one-month residency.
   C. Clarify the particular benefit of working at the NHC for what you intend to achieve in the one-month residency. How will researching and/or writing at the NHC advance your project?

3. CV (max 5 pages)

4. If the goal for the residency is to complete a project, include a list of funding received for this research project to date. If the goal for this residency is to begin or advance a project, include plans for applying for future funding.

We invite applicants to write to the Interim Director, Dr. Barbara Mennel, at mennel@ufl.edu in advance with queries about the residential fellowship or award process.

Review process:
The Advisory Board of the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere will review applications and select the awardee based on the quality of the proposal, significance of the project, detail of the proposed work plan, and justified benefit of working at the NHC. There is no additional review process beyond UF. The awardee will be informed by March 2018 and the name forwarded to the NHC.
*The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere uses a definition adapted from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 as the basis for determining the eligibility of proposed projects:

"The humanities include, but are not limited to, the following fields: history, philosophy, languages, literature, linguistics, archeology, jurisprudence, history and criticism of the arts, ethics, comparative religion, and those aspects of the social sciences employing historical or philosophical approaches. This last category includes social and cultural anthropology, sociology, political theory, international relations, and other subjects concerned with questions of value."