Call for Proposals
Rothman Summer Fellowships in the Humanities (2012)

The Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere, with the support of the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, will continue for a third year its summer fellowship initiative for faculty in the humanities disciplines. We are soliciting proposals of existing creative/research projects, the completion of which will help faculty members advance their careers. Although the competition for these fellowships will be open to faculty of all ranks, special consideration will be given to those whose projects will directly support their bids for promotion to associate or full ranked status. The Center expects to be able to fund four or five awards.

We will use the definition given in the National Foundation for the Arts and 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."

Rothman Summer Fellowships in the Humanities will be awarded as a lump-sum payment of $2,000-$3,000 to be used in summer 2012 (no exceptions) in the form of salary or reimbursement for travel or research expenses. Faculty who received a 2009-2010, 2010-2011, or 2011-2012 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund award totaling more than $4,000 from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Scholarship Enhancement Awards from the College of Fine Arts in this same period totaling (cumulatively) more than $4,000, or a Rothman Humanities Summer Fellowship (2009-2010 or 2010-2011) from the Center are not eligible to participate in this competition.

Successful applicants will be required to write up a brief summary of their summer research by 1 September 2012 as well as apply within the next twelve months for at least one external fellowship (i.e., outside of the University of Florida) to support their research in this area. Proof of such an application will be required for any future funding from the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. In addition, those who accept fellowships will be asked to present their work-in-progress in a lunch-time series to be held over the course of the 2012-2013 academic year.

Proposal Format
The proposal should consist of no more than a three-page description of the project to be undertaken, how it will support the applicant’s professional development, and a one-page bibliography. Applicants should also submit a brief CV.

Proposal Due Date
The Center is soliciting proposals due Friday, 10 February 2012 by 5:00 PM. Please submit proposals by electronic attachment to the Center Director, Bonnie Effros, at humanities-center@ufl.edu. This address may also be used for queries regarding the grant process. Applicants will be notified in mid-March 2012 regarding the status of their applications.