

Graduate Fellowship 2009 - 2010

Department of Legal Studies

The Legal Studies Department at UMass Amherst announces a new opportunity for graduate students to develop and teach interdisciplinary courses in law and society for the 2009 - 2010 academic year, to participate in the intellectual life of the department and in the university-wide Law and Society Initiative.

Eligibility: We invite applications from advanced graduate students with scholarly interests in theoretical and empirical studies of law, from all disciplines. Each Graduate Fellow will develop one course to be taught once per semester for the 2009 -2010 year, participate in departmental scholarship, and contribute to ongoing multidisciplinary engagements in the Law and Society Initiative.

About the Department: The Legal Studies Department is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary in its critical approach to law, and consists of faculty trained in law, history, education, anthropology, political science, and sociology. The Department serves a large number of undergraduate students and has an active group of Law and Society Graduate Fellows who work closely with faculty. It is a center for the campus-wide Law and Society Initiative, home to the National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution, and hosts the Law and Society Association. Building on its established strengths, the department is in an exciting stage of transition to a more widely interdisciplinary curriculum and further opportunities for graduate study. Please see the department website (<http://www.umass.edu/legal/>) for a complete list of current and recent courses and activities.

Fellowship Description: Each Graduate Fellow will propose and develop one course, to be taught in both Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters. Each class will consist of 40 students and will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. In addition to the monetary fellowship, fellows will have access to office space in the department and will be supported in developing their courses and research projects while participating in the intellectual life of the Legal Studies Department and strengthening collaboration with other departments. The Department offers varied opportunities for scholarly engagement and support, including the Faculty and Fellows Colloquia, a graduate writing and research workshop, and mentoring relationships with individual faculty.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2009

Application Procedure: Please submit one hard copy of the of the following:

- The attached cover sheet

- 1 page statement of interest, including how your research interests intersect with interdisciplinary legal studies
- 1-2 page description of the course you propose to teach: include the level of the course (introductory/mixed/advanced undergraduate), potential readings and materials, and teaching approaches
- Curriculum vitae
- Name and email address of one UMass referee

Please submit all applications in hard copy (no email please) to Professor Nina Siulc, Department of Legal Studies, Gordon Hall, University of Massachusetts, 418 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01002. Questions about the graduate student teaching opportunity should be directed to Professor Siulc at nsiulc@legal.umass.edu.

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Application Coversheet

Name: _____

Contact Information (please circle preferred method of contact):

- Email: _____
- Telephone: _____
- Local mailing address (campus address is fine):

UMass department: _____

Status in graduate program: _____

Projected Ph.D. completion date: _____

Chair of Ph.D. committee: _____

Name of person at UMass who can be asked to submit a letter of reference:

Email address of referee: _____

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