PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND TRAINING FOR HUMANITIES SCHOLARS



PATHS Newsletter

This newsletter features career resources and upcoming professional development opportunities for Ph.D. students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences at the University of Chicago.

Building Your Academic Network



Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

A strong academic network can help you discover funding, publishing, and job opportunities; recruit outside readers; develop conference panels; trade teaching tips; and more. Cultivating this network can begin at any point in your graduate career--in fact, you may be surprised at the number of academic connections you already have. This workshop will help you make the most of these connections as well as help you to expand your academic network. RSVP in <u>GRAD Gargoyle (Events > GRAD Events)</u>.



Managing your Digital Files and Photographs

Tuesday, May 7, 12:30-1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ (3rd floor UChicago Bookstore)

Whether your data are digital photos of archival records or spreadsheets, this session will provide you with practical tips for naming, organizing, documenting, storing and preserving your data. Making a plan for managing your data and digital files can save you time and potential headaches in the long-run. In this

workshop, led by the UChicago Library's Nora Mattern, we'll begin creating data management plans for a current project and talk through challenges and lessons you've learned about effective strategies for managing your digital files. RSVP in <u>GRAD</u> <u>Gargoyle (Events > GRAD Events)</u>.

PATHS Career Exploration Trek to Chicago Cultural Institutions

Friday, May 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.



Are you a Ph.D. student or postdoc in the humanities or social sciences who is curious about career opportunities in museums and cultural institutions? If so, consider joining this day-long PATHS trek to several leading Chicago-area organizations:

National Public Housing Museum (Host: Lisa Yun Lee, Executive Director, Ph.D. German Studies, Duke)

The Art Institute of Chicago (Host: Alison Davis Ricketts, Assistant Director of Stewardship, Ph.D. Divinity School, UChicago)

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center (Host: Monica Felix, Director of Museum, Collections, and Development, Ph.D. Comparative Literature, UChicago)

You'll have opportunities to tour these workspaces and learn about the kinds of jobs that Ph.D. recipients hold at these institutions. You'll also meet our hosts and learn about their career paths. Space is limited to the first 15 people who RSVP in <u>GRAD</u> <u>Gargoyle (Events > GRAD Events)</u>. Lunch will be provided. Registrants will receive an itinerary prior to the visit.

Building a Writing Career that Pays: A Conversation with Author and Journalist Sarah Rose



Monday, May 13, 4:00-5:00 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ (3rd Floor, UChicago Bookstore)

Join UChicagoGRAD and alumna Sarah Rose for a conversation on how to turn your graduate skills into a commercial writing career. Sarah Rose is a journalist and author of D-Day Girls: The Spies Who Armed the Resistance, Sabotaged the Nazis and Helped Win World War II, and the critically acclaimed For All the Tea in China: How England Stole the World's Favorite Drink and Changed History. She was the Dynasties columnist at the Wall Street Journal, and her features have appeared in Outside, Departures, The New York Post, Travel + Leisure, Bon Appetit, The Saturday Evening Post, and Men's Journal. Sarah is a graduate of the M.A. Program in the Humanities. RSVP in GRAD Gargoyle (Events > GRAD Events)

Pathway to College Teaching Careers Mini-Conference



Friday, May 17, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ida Noyes Library and Library Lounge

Navigating from a graduate program or postdoc into a teaching position can be both an exciting professional and intellectual experience as well as a challenging, uncertain transition. After spending many years at one particular institution, how can you understand the teaching cultures at different institutions and how to demonstrate fit? And once in a new position, what do teaching and other professional responsibilities look like and how do they compare to your experience at UChicago?

This event will provide graduate students and postdocs the opportunity to explore what it means topursue a teaching career at a diverse group of institutions. In panels and small group lunch discussions, alumni from Chicago-area institutions and faculty from several liberal arts colleges will provide insight into the relevant skills and experiences that University of Chicago graduate students and postdocs might cultivate to prepare for successful teaching careers at a variety of institution types. They will also discuss how best to demonstrate and communicate these skills and experiences to hiring committees.

Light breakfast and lunch will be served. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED via <u>GRAD</u> <u>Gargoyle</u>.

Save the Date: Academic Job Market Summer Camp

July 15-19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. -12:00/1:30 p.m., UChicagoGRAD HQ



Are you planning to apply for academic jobs this fall? Put your best foot forward by attending UChicagoGRAD's Academic Job Market Summer Camp. You'll receive advice from UChicagoGRAD and CCT advisors as well as faculty from UChicago and other area institutions. You'll also have opportunities to hone your documents and interview skills. RSVP for each session in GRAD Gargoyle (gradgargoyle.uchicago.edu).

Monday, July 15: Introduction, Hiring Committee Panel, CV Best Practices, International Academe

Tuesday, July 16: Cover Letters, Research Statements (STEM and HUM/SS), Getting a Postdoc

Wednesday, July 17: Teaching Statements and Portfolios, Diversity Statements, Navigating Identity

Thursday, July 18: Interview Best Practices, Campus Visits, Creating a Scholarly Website

Friday, July 19: Job Document Working Groups and Lunch Discussion

The Archive: Theory, Form, Practice



THE NEWBERRY Chicago's Independent Research Library Since 1887

Fridays, October 4 - December 6, 2019

The Newberry Library invites graduate students in the humanities to apply for a seminar that will explore the theoretical, critical, and practical methods necessary to negotiate historical and literary archives. The seminar will be held on eight Fridays from October 4 - December 6, 2019 (with no meeting on November 8 & 29). The course will be led by Liesl Olson (Director of Chicago Studies, Newberry Library) and a team of Newberry archivists and curators, including Alison Hinderliter and Catherine Grandgeorge. The seminar will include guest presentations by Brent Edwards (Columbia University) and Matt Kirschenbaum (University of Maryland).

The course is ideal for PhD candidates in or beyond their third year of doctoral studies. A cohort of 15 graduate students will be selected to participate. Each participant will receive a \$500 award, and lunch will be provided each session. Travel funding for students outside of the Chicago area is also available.

Applications are due May 28, and applicants will be notified on June 7th. For more information, including how to apply, click <u>here</u>.

Job and Internship Opportunities

Court Theatre Summer Programming Internship

Application window extended. Are you interested in learning more about what makes a professional theatre tick? UChicago's Court Theatre is hiring a programming intern to provide essential support to the Court's artistic and administrative departments, with a particular focus on producing supplemental events and encouraging student attendance at performances. Interested candidates should apply via the <u>GRAD</u> <u>Gargoyle</u> job board. Search "Court Theatre or posting #64788.

Humanities Administrator

National Endowment for the Humanities - Washington, DC

The Division of Research Programs provides leadership and support for original research in the several disciplines of the humanities through grants to individuals, teams of scholars, and academic institutions. Under the supervision of the Deputy Director, the incumbent works with potential applicants in the development of proposals, helps to carry out the evaluation of applications, and participates in administrative, financial, program policy, and other matters for the division. Full-time. Must be a US Citizen to apply. For more information and to apply, click <u>here</u>.

Writing Specialist

University of Chicago Writing Program, Job ID: JR04738

UChicago's Writing Program is launching <u>four</u> new 12-month, benefitseligible Writing Specialist positions, with a start date of June 24, 2019.

The majority of the work will be teaching writing to first year undergrads in the HUMA Core. The position will be a 4/4/4 teaching load. Similar to the Writing Intern position, the Writing Specialist will sit in on the content courses, and will teach 3 writing workshop sets per quarter for a total of 9, 80-minute workshops over the quarter for each section in which the Writing Specialist will be teaching; a total of 36 workshops per quarter. In the first Summer of the position, the Writing Specialist will assist in the teaching of HUMA 50000. Like all of our positions, this position is open to scholars in all fields (not just Humanities!). We will give preference to applicants who have previous teaching experience in our program. Because this position is FT, it is only open to non students. Apply <u>here</u>.

Instructional Designer

UChicago Booth School of Business, Job ID: JR04679

The job uses expertise in writing to incorporate new practices into current teaching materials and courses. Designs and teaches free-standing writing courses and workshops on special topics to advance writing skills, for students and instructors. Creates specific writing materials upon request from different people in the University. Leads the Writing Program in meetings with faculty, divisional, and University administrators and maintains writing program publications. The incumbent will be joining the Instructional Design team in Faculty Services. For more information and to apply, click <u>here</u>.



Did You Know...

- you could become a foreign policy expert at a think tank like this <u>UChicago SALC Ph.D.</u>
- you could work as a learning design consultant like <u>this</u> <u>UChicago Comp. Lit. Ph.D.</u>
- you could build a career as an educational content writer for Google like <u>this UChicago English Ph.D.</u>

Reading List

- <u>Worried About the Future of the Monograph?</u> from The Chronicle of Higher Education
- <u>Digital Dissertations and the Changing Nature of Doctoral Work</u> from the AHA's Perspectives
- Demand for New Faculty Members, 1995-2016 from MLA Profession

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